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| C-6 | CP04-365-001 | Dominion Transmission, Inc. |
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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12533-001]

Christopher James Phil; Notice of Surrender of Preliminary Permit

October 12, 2005.

Take notice that Christopher James Phil, permittee for the proposed May Creek Project, has requested that its preliminary permit be terminated. The permit was issued on March 8, 2005, and would have expired on February 29, 2008.¹ The project would have been located on May Creek and Lake Isabel in Snohomish County, Washington.

The permittee filed the request on September 26, 2005, and the preliminary permit for Project No. 12533 shall remain in effect through the thirtieth day after issuance of this notice unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday, part-day holiday that affects the Commission, or legal holiday as described in section 18 CFR 385.2007,

in which case the effective date is the first business day following that day. New applications involving this project site, to the extent provided for under 18 CFR Part 4, may be filed on the next business day.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD05-17-000]

Electric Energy Market Competition Task Force; Notice Requesting Comments on Wholesale and Retail Electricity Competition

October 13, 2005.

Overview

Section 1815 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 requires the Electric Energy Market Competition Task Force to conduct a study of competition in wholesale and retail markets for electric energy in the United States. Over the past several years, wholesale competition has developed unevenly in many regions of the country. Moreover, fewer than 20 States have adopted retail choice programs that allow some electricity consumers to choose their retail electric generation supplier. The purpose of this study is to analyze and report to Congress on the critical elements for effective wholesale and retail competition, the status of each element, impediments to realizing each element, and suggestions for overcoming these impediments.

In recent years, some states and the Federal government have taken steps to encourage competition in the electric power industry. In the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Congress established an inter-agency task force, known as the "Electric Energy Market Competition Task Force" (the Task Force), to conduct a study and analysis of competition within the wholesale markets and retail markets for electric energy in the United States. The Task Force consists of 5 members:

(1) 1 employee of the Department of Justice, appointed by the Attorney General of the United States—J. Bruce McDonald, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division; (2) 514-1157, bruce.mcdonald@usdoj.gov.

(2) 1 employee of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, appointed by the Chairperson of that Commission—Michael Bardee, Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel—Markets, Tariffs, and Rates; (2) 502-8068, michael.bardee@ferc.gov.

(3) 1 employee of the Federal Trade Commission, appointed by the Chairperson of that Commission—Michael Wroblewski, Assistant General Counsel for Policy Studies; (2) 326-2166, mwroblewski@ftc.gov.

(4) 1 employee of the Department of Energy, appointed by the Secretary of Energy—David Meyer, Deputy Director, Division of Permitting, Siting, and Analysis, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; (2) 586-1411, David.Meyer@hq.doe.gov.

(5) 1 employee of the Rural Utilities Service, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture—Karen Larsen, Office of Assistant Administrator, Electric Programs (202) 720-9545, Karen.Larsen@usda.gov.

Section 1815(c) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 requires the Task Force to "consult with and solicit comments from any advisory entity of the task force, the States, representatives of the electric power industry, and the public." This Notice begins this process. The Task Force also will publish a draft final report for public comment, before submitting the final version to Congress as required by Section 1815(b)(2)(B).

Listed below is a series of questions for which the Task Force seeks public comment. For both wholesale and retail competition for electric power, we focus on the current state of competition and on factors that help support competition, or that otherwise may limit competition, among suppliers and buyers in regional wholesale markets and retail markets at the state level. The questions listed below are by no means exhaustive. The Task Force encourages commentators to raise any other additional factors that affect competition in wholesale and retail electric power markets. It is not necessary to respond to each question. Rather, it would be helpful for

¹ 110 FERC ¶ 62,227 (2005).