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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: To seek input and feedback from interested parties on working group recommendations to meet mandated Federal energy management goals.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include discussions on the following topics:

- Update on FEMAC working group activities;
- Discussion on FEMAC priorities;
- Open public discussion.

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Federal Energy Management Advisory Committee. If you would like to file a written statement with the committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of these items on the agenda, you should contact Rick Klimkos at (202) 586-8287 or rick.klimkos@ee.doe.gov (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The chair of the committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. The chair will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; Room 1E-190; Forrestal Building; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC on September 21, 2006.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL05-74-003]

American Electric Power Service Corporation, Behalf of: Appalachian Power Company, Columbus Southern Power Company, Indiana Michigan Power Company, Kentucky Power Company, Kingsport Power Company, Ohio Power Company, Wheeling Power Company, Commonwealth Edison Company, and Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana, Inc., Dayton Power and Light Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

September 20, 2006.

Take notice on September 14, 2006, PJM Interconnection filed a refund report, showing refunds that were implemented in its June billings to its members and settled on July 20, 2006, pursuant to the Commission's order issued May 30, 2006.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant and all the parties in this proceeding.

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Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on October 5, 2006.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EF06-2011-000]

United States Department of Energy—Bonneville Power Administration; Order Approving Rates on an Interim Basis and Providing Opportunity for Additional Comments

Issued September 21, 2006.

Before Commissioners: Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman; Suede G. Kelly, Marc Spitzer, Philip D. Moeller, and Jon Wellinghoff.

1. In this order, we approve the Bonneville Power Administration's (Bonneville) proposed wholesale power rates¹ on an interim basis, pending our full review for final approval. We also provide an additional period of time for parties to file comments. The proposed wholesale power rates are intended to allow Bonneville to recover its costs and repay the Federal investment in the Federal Columbia River Power System.

Background

2. On July 28, 2006, Bonneville filed a request for interim and final approval of its wholesale power rates in accordance with the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act (Northwest Power Act)² and subpart B of part 300 of the Commission's regulations.³

Interventions and Comments

3. Notice of Bonneville's July 28, 2006 wholesale power rates filing was published in the **Federal Register**, 71 FR 45,801 (2006), with protests or interventions due on or before August 28, 2006. Avista Corporation, Portland General Electric Company, Idaho Power Company, PacifiCorp, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., Northwest Requirements

¹ The proposed wholesale power rates for which Bonneville seeks approval for the period October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2009, include: PF-07 Priority Firm Power Rate, NR-07 New Resource Firm Power Rate, IP-07 Industrial Firm Power Rate, FPS-07 Firm Power Products and Services Energy Rate, and GTA General Transfer Agreement Delivery Charge in addition to related General Rates Schedule Provisions (GRSPs).

² 16 U.S.C. 839e(a)(2), 839e(i)(6) (2000).

³ 18 CFR part 300 (2006).

Utilities,⁴ and the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities filed timely motions to intervene, raising no substantive issues.

4. In addition, the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, the Nez Perce Tribe, and the Yakama Nation (collectively, Tribes), LS Power Associates, LLC (LS Power), and PPM Energy, Inc., Northwest Independent Power Producers Coalition, TransAlta Centralia Generation, LLC, and Calpine Corporation (collectively, Generators) filed timely motions to intervene and protests. Bonneville filed an answer in response to Generators protest. Additionally, Bonneville filed an answer in opposition to LS Power's intervention and protest.

Discussion

Procedural Matters

5. Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214 (2006), the timely, unopposed motions to intervene serve to make the entities that filed them parties to this proceeding. Notwithstanding Bonneville's opposition, we will grant LS Power's motion to intervene given its interest in this proceeding, the early stage of this proceeding, and the absence of undue prejudice or delay.

Standard of Review

6. Under the Northwest Power Act, the Commission's review of Bonneville's regional power and transmission rates is limited to determining whether Bonneville's proposed rates meet the three specific requirements of section 7(a)(2) of the Northwest Power Act.⁵

(A) They must be sufficient to assure repayment of the Federal investment in the Federal Columbia River Power System over a reasonable number of years after first meeting Bonneville's other costs;

(B) They must be based upon Bonneville's total system costs; and

(C) Insofar as transmission rates are concerned, they must equitably allocate the costs of the Federal transmission system between Federal and non-Federal power.

7. Commission review of Bonneville's non-regional, non-firm rates also is limited. Review is restricted to determining whether such rates meet the requirements of section 7(k) of the

Northwest Power Act,⁶ which requires that they comply with the Bonneville Project Act, the Flood Control Act of 1944, and the Federal Columbia River Transmission System Act (Transmission System Act). Taken together, those statutes require Bonneville to design its non-regional, non-firm rates:

(A) To recover the cost of generation and transmission of such electric energy, including the amortization of investments in the power projects within a reasonable period;

(B) To encourage the most widespread use of Bonneville power; and

(C) To provide the lowest possible rates to consumers consistent with sound business principles.

8. Unlike the Commission's statutory authority under the Federal Power Act, the Commission's authority under sections 7(a) and 7(k) of the Northwest Power Act does not include the power to modify the rates. The responsibility for developing rates in the first instance is vested with Bonneville's Administrator. The rates are then submitted to the Commission for approval or disapproval. In this regard, the Commission's role can be viewed as an appellate one: To affirm or remand the rates submitted to it for review.⁷

9. Moreover, review at this interim stage is further limited. In view of the volume and complexity of a Bonneville rate application, such as the one now before the Commission in this filing, and the limited period in advance of the requested effective date in which to review the application,⁸ the Commission generally defers resolution of issues on the merits of Bonneville's application until the order on final confirmation. Thus, the proposed rates, if not patently deficient, generally are approved on an interim basis and the parties are afforded an additional opportunity in which to raise issues with regard to Bonneville's filing.⁹

Interim Approval

10. The Tribes argue that Bonneville's proposed rates are not sufficient to assure repayment of the Federal investment in the Federal Columbia River Power System, particularly given Bonneville's fish and wildlife

obligations. Generators and LS Power challenge Bonneville's plan to deny compensation to unaffiliated generators within its control area for generation-supplied reactive power service as unduly discriminatory and in violation of Commission policy.

11. The Commission declines at this time to grant final confirmation and approval of Bonneville's proposed wholesale power rates. The Commission's preliminary review nevertheless indicates that Bonneville's wholesale power rates filing appears to meet the statutory standards and the minimum threshold filing requirements of part 300 of the Commission's regulations.¹⁰ Moreover, the Commission's preliminary review of Bonneville's submittal indicates that it does not contain any patent deficiencies. The proposed rates therefore will be approved on an interim basis pending our full review for final approval. We note, as well, that no one will be harmed by this decision because interim approval allows Bonneville's rates to go into effect subject to refund with interest; the Commission may order refunds with interest if the Commission later determines in its final decision not to approve the rates.¹¹

12. In addition, we will provide an additional period of time for parties to file comments and reply comments on issues related to final confirmation and approval of Bonneville's proposed rates. This will ensure that the record in this proceeding is complete and fully developed.

The Commission orders:

(A) Interim approval of Bonneville's proposed wholesale power rates is hereby granted, to become effective on October 1, 2006, subject to refund with interest as set forth in section 300.20(c) of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR § 300.20(c) (2006), pending final action and either their approval or disapproval.

(B) Within thirty (30) days of the date of this order, parties who wish to do so may file additional comments regarding final confirmation and approval of Bonneville's proposed rates. Parties who wish to do so may file reply comments within twenty (20) days thereafter.

(C) The Secretary shall promptly publish this order in the **Federal Register**.

⁶ 16 U.S.C. 839e(k) (2000).

⁷ E.g., United States Department of Energy—Bonneville Power Administration, 67 FERC ¶ 61,351 at 62,216–17 (1994); see also, e.g., *Aluminum Co. of America v. Bonneville Power Administration*, 903 F.2d 585, 592–93 (9th Cir. 1989).

⁸ See 18 CFR § 300.10(a)(3)(ii) (2006).

⁹ See, e.g., United States Department of Energy—Bonneville Power Administration, 64 FERC ¶ 61,375 at 63,606 (1993); United States Department of Energy—Bonneville Power Administration, 40 FERC ¶ 61,351 at 62,059–60 (1987).

¹⁰ See, e.g., United States Department of Energy—Bonneville Power Administration, 105 FERC ¶ 61,006 at P13–14 (2003); United States Department of Energy—Bonneville Power Administration, 96 FERC ¶ 61,360 at 62,358 (2001).

¹¹ 18 CFR 300.20(c) (2006).

⁴ They are comprised of various municipalities, public utility districts, cooperatives, etc., and they seek to intervene jointly and also individually.

⁵ 16 U.S.C. 839e(a)(2) (2000). Bonneville also must comply with the financial, accounting, and ratemaking requirements in Department of Energy Order No. RA 6120.2.

By the Commission.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP06-596-000]

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 21, 2006.

Take notice that on September 19, 2006, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, bearing a proposed effective date of October 19, 2006.

Columbia Gulf states that it is making this filing to incorporate the policies stated in the Commission's June 16, 2005, Policy Statement on Creditworthiness Issues for Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines and Order Withdrawing Rulemaking Proceeding in Docket Nos. PL05-8-000 and RM04-4-000.

Columbia Gulf states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all firm customers, interruptible customers, and affected state commissions.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP06-595-000]

Discovery Gas Transmission LLC; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 21, 2006.

Take notice that on September 15, 2006, Discovery Gas Transmission LLC (Discovery) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective October 15, 2006:

First Revised Sheet No. 22.
Original Sheet No. 23.
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 108.
First Revised Sheet No. 199.
Original Sheet No. 199A.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or

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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP06-597-000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 21, 2006.

Take notice that on September 19, 2006 Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (Eastern Shore) tendered for filing its Annual Charge Adjustment (ACA) filing proposed to be effective October 1, 2006.

Eastern Shore states that copies of its filing have been mailed to its customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR