applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

o. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representative.

#### Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Project No. 13234-001

City and Borough of Sitka; Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Alternative Licensing Procedures

April 29, 2009.

- a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Alternative Licensing Procedures.
  - b. Project No.: 13234-001.
  - c. Date Filed: March 20, 2009.
- d. Submitted By: City and Borough of Sitka.
- e. *Name of Project:* Takatz Lake Hydroelectric Project.
- f. Location: On the Takatz Lake and Takatz Creek, approximately 20 miles east of the City of Sitka, Alaska, on the east side of Baranof Island. The project would occupy federal lands within the Tongass National Forest, administered by the U.S. Forest Service.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR section 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.
- h. Applicant Contact: Christopher Brewton, Utility Manager, City and Borough of Sitka, Electric Department, 105 Jarvis Street, Sitka, Alaska 99835; (907) 747–1870; e-mail at chrisb@cityofsitka.com.
- i. FERC Contact: Joseph Adamson at (202) 502–8085; or e-mail at joseph.adamson@ferc.gov.
- j. The City and Borough of Sitka filed its request to use the Alternative Licensing Procedures on March 20,

- 2009. The City and Borough of Sitka stated it provided public notice of its request on March 20, 2008. In a letter dated April 28, 2009, the Director, Division of Hydropower Licensing approved the City and Borough of Sitka's request to use the Alternative Licensing Procedures.
- k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR Part 402; (b) NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR section 600.920; and (c) the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR section 800.2.
- l. With this notice, we are designating the City and Borough of Sitka as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, section 305 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- m. The City and Borough of Sitka filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR section 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.
- n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at

FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h.

o. Register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

## Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER09-1025-000]

New England Gas & Electric, Inc.; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

April 29, 2009.

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of New England Gas & Electric, Inc.'s application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR Part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR Part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is May 19, 2009.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at http://www.ferc.gov. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St. NE., Washington, DC, 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a

document is added to a subscribed dockets(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. or call

(866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

#### Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

# **Notice of Filings**

April 29, 2009.

Take notice that PJM Interconnection, LLC, New York Independent System Operator, Inc. and ISO New England, Inc. have posted on their Internet Web sites information updating their progress on the resolution of Regional Transmission Operator seams.

Any person desiring to file comments on this information should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such comments should be filed on or before the comment date. Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Comment Date: May 21, 2009.

# Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

# Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee under Section 9008(d) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation. This notice announces the meeting of the Biomass

Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee.

Dates and Times: June 2, 2009 at 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm; June 3, 2009 at 8 am to 3 pm.

**ADDRESSES:** Four Points by Sheraton—Franklin Room CD, 1201 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Valri Lightner, Designated Federal Official for the Committee, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586–0937 or T.J. Heibel at (410) 997–7778 ext. 223; E-mail: theibel@bcs-hq.com.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

*Tentative Agenda:* Agenda will include the following:

- Update on USDA Biomass R&D Activities;
- Update on DOE Biomass R&D Activities;
  - DOE Budget Overview;
  - USDA Budget Overview;
- Presentation on the Knowledge Discovery Framework (KDF) from Oak Ridge National Laboratory;
- Presentation on the Biomass Crop Assistance Program from the USDA;
- Presentation from the California Air Resources Board (CARB);
  - Subcommittee Report-Outs;
  - Annual Ethics Training;
- Update on National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NAREEE) Committee Activities.

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Valri Lightner at 202–586–0937; E-mail:

valri.lightner@ee.doe.gov or T.J. Heibel at (410) 997-7778 ext. 223; E-mail: theibel@bcs-hq.com. 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. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. 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 at http://www.brdisolutions.com/publications/default.aspx# meetings.

Issued at Washington, DC on April 30, 2009.

### Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer. [FR Doc. E9–10470 Filed 5–5–09; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6450-01-P

# ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2002-0262; FRL-8411-1]

EPA Impact Assessments on Endosulfan; Request for Comments and Additional Information on Importance of Use

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice requests public comment on the Agency's endosulfan impact assessments for eight crops (potato, tomato, cotton, apple, cucumber, squash, pumpkin and melons) and additional information on the importance of endosulfan use in agriculture.