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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 26th, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, the Equity and Excellence Commission will hold an open meeting in Washington, DC in room 1W105/108 at the U.S. Department of Education's main building at 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202.

The purpose of the Commission is to collect information, analyze issues, and obtain broad public input regarding how the Federal government can increase educational opportunity by improving school funding equity. The Commission will also make recommendations for restructuring school finance systems to achieve equity in the distribution of educational resources and further student performance, especially for the students at the lower end of the achievement gap. The Commission will examine the disparities in meaningful educational opportunities that give rise to the achievement gap, with a focus on systems of finance, and recommend appropriate ways in which Federal policies could address such disparities.

The agenda for the Commission's October 26 meeting will include discussion of particular language for certain portions of the report and reaching consensus on particular recommendations. Due to time constraints, there will not be a public comment period, but, individuals wishing to provide comments may contact the Equity Commission via e-mail at equitycommission@ed.gov. For comments related to the upcoming meeting, please submit comments no later than October 19, 2011.

Individuals interested in attending the meeting must register in advance because seating may be limited. Please contact Jim Eichner at (202) 453-5945 or by e-mail at equitycommission@ed.gov. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or materials in alternative format) should notify Jim Eichner at (202) 245-5945 no later than October 19, 2011. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Records are kept of all Commission proceedings and are available for public inspection at the Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW.,

Washington, DC 20202 from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Sandra Battle,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, Office for Civil Rights.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on DOE's request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend for three years the emergency Information Collection Request Title: OE Recovery Act Financial Assistance Grants, OMB Control No. 1910-5149 that DOE is submitting to OMB pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before November 7, 2011. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to:

Matthew Grosso, Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Energy, OE/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585 or by fax at 202-586-5860, or by e-mail at matthew.grosso@hq.doe.gov; and DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Matthew Grosso at matthew.grosso@hq.doe.gov, or <http://energy.gov/oe/technology-development/smart-grid/recovery-act-smart-grid-investment-grants/smart-grid-investment>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No.: 1910-5149; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* OE Recovery Act Financial Assistance Grants; (3) *Type of Request:* Three-year extension of a prior request; (4) *Purpose:* To collect information on the status of grantee activities, expenditures, and results, to ensure that program funds are being used appropriately, effectively and expeditiously (especially important for Recovery Act funds); (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 138; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 1,656; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 26,496; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$483,000 for the first year, \$138,000 each subsequent year.

Authority: Title V, Subtitle E of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA), Pub. L. 110-140.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 3, 2011.

Terri T. Lee,

Chief Operating Officer, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-547-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on September 20, 2011, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC (Natural), 3250 Lacey Road, 7th Floor, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515-7918, filed in Docket Number CP11-547-000, pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), an application to abandon and construct certain facilities located in Washington County, Iowa; Effingham, Clinton, and Piatt Counties, Illinois; and Harrison County, Texas. Natural's proposal is referred to as the 2012 NGPL Storage Optimization Project. The project has a total cost \$57,585,839 plus \$6,292,904 for the proposed

abandonment, and Natural proposes rolled-in treatment for the costs of the project. This filing 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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

The 2012 NGPL Storage Optimization Project includes the following:

(1) In Washington County, Iowa, at its Compressor Station No. 205 (CS 205), Natural proposes to construct a new 3,550 horsepower (hp) gas fired compressor unit, abandon dual 6-inch meter runs, and install new dual 10-inch meter runs. At its Keota St. Peter Reservoir, Natural proposes to increase the peak day withdrawal at full inventory by 35 MMcf/d for a total peak day withdrawal rate of 100 MMcf/d.

(2) In Effingham County, Illinois, Natural proposes to construct a new "greenfield" compressor station (CS 206A) consisting of a 22,000 hp electric motor driven centrifugal compressor unit, and associated facilities.

(3) In Clinton County, Illinois, Natural proposes to abandon in place two 2,800 hp gas fired compressor units at CS 310.

(4) In Piatt County, Illinois, Natural proposes to abandon in place three 2,800 hp gas fired compressor units at CS 311; and

(5) In Harrison County, Texas, Natural proposes to reduce the cushion gas inventory by 5 Bcf at its North Lansing Storage Field and retain the 5 Bcf of cushion gas capacity for operational needs, without changing the certificated total capacity, certificated working gas capacity, or certificated cushion gas capacity of the field.

Any questions regarding this Application should be directed to Bruce H. Newsome, Vice President, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC, 3250 Lacey Road, 7th Floor, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515-7918, phone (630) 725-3070 or bruce_newsome@kindermorgan.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is

issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify Federal and State agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all Federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the below listed comment date, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents,

and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

Motions to intervene, protests and 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: October 21, 2011.

Dated: September 30, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL11-66-000]

Martha Coakley, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, et al. v. Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Central Maine Power Company, et al.; Notice of Complaint

Martha Coakley, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, George Jepsen, Attorney General of the State of Connecticut, Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel, Maine Office of the Public Advocate, New Hampshire Office of the Consumer Advocate, Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, Vermont Department of Public Service, Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, The Energy Consortium, Power Options, Inc., Industrial Energy Consumer Group v. Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Central Maine Power Company, New England Power Company, New Hampshire Transmission LLC, Northeast Utilities Service Company, on behalf of its operating company affiliates: The Connecticut Light and Power Company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, NSTAR Electric & Gas Corporation, The United Illuminating Company, Unitil Energy