

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. RP08-401-000; RP08-403-000]

Notice of Technical Conference

July 14, 2008.

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, Docket No. RP08-401-000, Atmos Energy Marketing, LLC, Docket No. RP08-403-000, BP Energy Company, Delta Energy, LLC, Direct Energy, Hess Corporation, Honda of America Mfg., Inc., Integrys Energy Services, Inc., Interstate Gas Supply, Inc., National Energy Marketers Association, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Sequent Energy Management, L.P., Complainants v. Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, Respondent.

The Commission's July 2, 2008 Order,¹ in the above-captioned proceeding, directed that a technical conference be held to address issues raised by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's (Columbia) Natural Gas Act (NGA) section 4 filing to clarify the nature of the Master List of Interconnect points and their use as identifiers of virtual scheduling points in Columbia's tariff and the complaint filed by Atmos Energy Marketing, LLC, *et al.*, pursuant to section 5 of the NGA.

Take notice that a technical conference will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 and Wednesday August 6, 2008. The conference will begin at 10 a.m. on both days in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Participants are directed to make available persons familiar with contracting, nominating, scheduling and related practices on Columbia's system.

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All interested persons and staff are permitted to attend. For further procedural information please contact Robert Mclean at (202) 502-8156.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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Western Area Power Administration

Washoe Project-Rate Order No.
WAPA-136AGENCY: Western Area Power
Administration, DOE.ACTION: Notice of Order Concerning
Non-Firm Power Formula Rate.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Secretary of Energy confirmed and approved Rate Order No. WAPA-136 and Rate Schedule SNF-7, placing a non-firm power formula rate from the Stampede Powerplant (Stampede) of the Washoe Project of the Western Area Power Administration (Western) into effect on an interim basis. The provisional rate will be in effect until the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirms, approves, and places it into effect on a final basis or until it is replaced by another rate. The provisional rate will provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including interest expense, and repayment of power investment within allowable periods.

DATES: Rate Schedule SNF-7 will be placed into effect on an interim basis on the first day of the first full billing period beginning on or after August 1, 2008, and will be in effect until FERC confirms, approves, and places the rate schedule in effect on a final basis through July 31, 2013, or until the rate schedule is superseded.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Deputy Secretary of Energy approved existing Rate Schedule SNF-6, a non-firm power formula rate on August 16, 2005.¹ Rate Schedule SNF-6 is effective from October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2010. Rate schedule SNF-6 links the existing non-firm power formula rate to a contract with the Sierra Pacific Power Company (Sierra). The index that Western uses in SNF-6 to set the "floor rate" in SNF-6 is linked to the same contract. Western

terminated the contract with Sierra on July 31, 2007. As a result, it is necessary for Western to initiate a new rate case to align the non-firm power formula rate to future third-party contractors. As explained below, the provisional formula rate for Rate Schedule SNF-7 will rectify the mismatches to the terminated contract and will continue to calculate the Stampede annual transferred Power Revenue Requirement (PRR) as a cost transferred to the Central Valley Project (CVP).

In order to serve project use loads and effectively market the energy from Stampede, Western has contracted with a third party (Contractor) that provides for a Stampede Energy Exchange Account (SEEA). The SEEA is an annual energy exchange account for Stampede energy. Under this contract, the Contractor accepts delivery of all energy generated from Stampede and integrates this generation into its resource portfolio. The monthly calculation of revenue from Stampede energy received by the Contractor is credited into the SEEA at the SEEA Rate. Western can use the SEEA to benefit project use facilities and market energy from Stampede to CVP preference customers.

From 1994 to 2007, Sierra, through Contract 94-SAO-00010 (Contract 00010), has served as the Contractor integrating Stampede generation into its resource portfolio and serving station service and project use loads in Sierra's service territory. SNF-6 links the current non-firm power formula rate to Contract 00010 and the management of the SEEA. In addition, the index that was used in Rate Schedule SNF-6 to set the floor rate was contained in Contract 00010.

On May 10, 2007, the Truckee Donner Public Utility District (Truckee Donner) and the City of Fallon (Fallon), two preference customers located within Sierra's Balancing Authority, entered into a contract with Western that replaces Contract 00010. This new contract with Truckee Donner and Fallon (TDF), Contract 07-SNR-01026 (Contract 01026), uses a market index methodology as the basis for valuing Stampede generation. The effective date of Contract 01026 was August 1, 2007. The change in contractors and the "floor rate" definition makes it necessary for Western to initiate a new rate adjustment to update the non-firm power formula rate. In this new rate design, Western is using a general term of "Contractor" in the development of the formula rate and resulting rate schedule in order to provide flexibility in the event the Contractor changes in the future.

¹ Columbia Gas Transmission Corp., 124 FERC ¶ 61,007 (2008).

¹ Rate Order No. WAPA-119, August 29, 2005. FERC confirmed and approved the rate schedule on May 4, 2006, under FERC Docket EF05-5161-000.