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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 459-212]

#### Union Electric Company, dba AmerenUE; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

June 10, 2009.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations (18 CFR Part 380), Commission staff has reviewed the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP), filed March 28, 2008, for the Osage Project (FERC No. 459). An environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared as part of staff's review. The project licensee, AmerenUE, developed the SMP in accordance with license article 417 of the license for the Osage Project. The project is located in Benton, Camden, Miller, and Morgan Counties, Missouri.

In the EA, Commission staff analyzes the probable environmental effects of the SMP and concludes that approval of the SMP, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is available for review at the Commission's Public Reference Room, or it may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-459) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222, or (202) 502-8659 (for TTY).

Any comments should be filed by, July 10, 2009, and should be addressed to Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please reference the Osage Project No. 459, on all comments. For further information on this notice, please contact Shana High at (202) 502-8674.

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 at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the e-

Filing link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP09-035-000]

#### Palomar Gas Transmission, LLC; Supplemental Notice Requesting Comments on the Maupin Bridge and Warm Springs Reservation Alternatives and on a Potential Amendment to the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Crooked River National Grassland for the Proposed Palomar Gas Transmission Project, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

DATE: June 10, 2009.

As previously noticed on October 29, 2007 and July 18, 2008, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Palomar Gas Transmission Project that could result from the construction and operation of a new underground natural gas pipeline proposed by the Palomar Gas Transmission, LLC (Palomar). This notice explains the additional scoping process that will be used to gather input from the public and interested agencies on two route alternatives to be evaluated for crossing the Deschutes River.

During our evaluation of Palomar's proposed Project, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requested that Palomar provide a Visual Resource Management Analysis of the current proposed Deschutes River crossing, a Congressionally designated Wild and Scenic River with one of its Outstanding Remarkable Values being scenic. Based on Palomar's analysis, the BLM has indicated the need for FERC to consider alternatives which avoid crossing the Deschutes River in a visually sensitive area. In addition, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs have requested that the FERC consider a pipeline route that crosses their reservation.

This Supplemental Notice announces the opening of a limited scoping period the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies, specifically for the two proposed route alternatives. One would traverse land in the City of Maupin and the second

would cross areas near Madras and the land belonging to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs areas. With this Notice, we<sup>1</sup> are specifically requesting comments on these route alternatives, referred to as the Maupin Bridge Alternative and the Warm Springs Reservation Alternative. Your input will help determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EIS. Please note that this scoping period will close on July 13, 2009. This is not your only public input opportunity; please refer to the Environmental Review Process flow chart in Appendix 1.

Comments may be submitted in written form or verbally. Further instructions on how to submit comments and additional details of the public scoping meetings are provided in the public participation section of this notice. In lieu of, or in addition to, sending written comments, you are invited to attend public scoping meetings that have been scheduled for June 29, 2009 in Maupin, Oregon, and June 30, 2009 in Madras, Oregon. Details on the meetings are as follows:

Monday, June 29, 2009 at 7 p.m. (PST),

South Wasco County High School,  
699 4th Street, Maupin, Oregon.

Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at 7 p.m.

(P.S.T.), Madras High School, 390 SE  
10th Street, Madras, Oregon.

The FERC is the lead federal agency in the preparation of the EIS, and is preparing the EIS to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Commission will use the EIS in its decision-making processes to determine whether or not to authorize the Project.

This Notice is being sent to landowners affected by the current proposed route and alternative routes; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. We encourage government representatives to notify their constituents of this planned Project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this Notice, you may be contacted by a Palomar representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed Project facilities. Depending on the alternative selected as the certificated route, Palomar would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Project is approved by

<sup>1</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.