

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to: Dr. Jerry Pell, NEPA Document Manager, Office of Fossil Energy (FE-27), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20585-0350; telephone 301-903-2617; facsimile: 202-318-7761; or electronic mail at Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov.

For general information on the DOE's NEPA process, contact: Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20585; telephone: 202-586-4600; or leave a message at 800-472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 17, 2000, TEP filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of DOE for a Presidential permit to construct a double-circuit, 345,000-volt electric transmission line across the U.S.-Mexican border. Both circuits would be constructed on a single set of support structures. DOE has determined that the issuance of a Presidential permit for this project would constitute a major Federal action that may have a significant impact upon the environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). For this reason, DOE will prepare an EIS to address reasonably foreseeable impacts from the proposed action and the range of reasonable alternatives.

On July 10, 2001, DOE published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 35950) a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS and to conduct public scoping meetings in the vicinity of the proposed line. The public scoping period was to continue until August 9, 2001. However, to ensure that the public has ample opportunity to provide comments, DOE is extending until August 31, 2001, the period during which it will receive comments for consideration in establishing the scope and content of the EIS. Comments received after August 31, 2001, will be considered to the extent practicable. Further information on this proceeding is contained in the previously published NOI.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 24, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 184-065]

#### El Dorado Irrigation District, California; Notice of Public Meeting

July 23, 2001.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is reviewing the application for a new license for the El Dorado Project (FERC No.184), which was filed on February 22, 2000. The El Dorado Project, licensed to the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID), is located on the South Fork American River, in El Dorado, Alpine, and Amador Counties, California. The project occupies lands of the Eldorado National Forest.

The EID, several state and Federal agencies, and several non-governmental agencies have agreed to ask the Commission for time to work collaboratively with a facilitator to resolve certain issues relevant to this proceeding. The purpose of this two-day meeting is to prepare a request to the Commission for time to conduct collaborative discussions and to develop protocols by which the collaborative group would operate. We invite the participation of all interested governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the general public in this meeting.

The meeting will be held on Monday, August 6 and Tuesday, August 7, 2001, from 9 am until 4 pm in the Marriott Sacramento, located at 11211 Point East Drive, Rancho Cordova, California.

For further information, please contact Elizabeth Molloy at (202) 208-0771 or John Mudre at (202) 219-1208.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL01-105-000]

#### The New Power Company, Complainant v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., Respondent; Notice of Complaint

July 20, 2001.

Take notice that on July 19, 2001, The New Power Company (New Power) filed a complaint requesting that the Commission find that (1) the rules for

ensuring reliable electric service in the Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Maryland (PJM) control area have resulted in prices for capacity in the PJM auction and bilateral markets that are unjust and unreasonable, and (2) the continued imposition of the existing capacity requirement and deficiency charge on load serving entities (LSEs) under the current changed circumstances resulting from restructuring, is unjust and unreasonable, and unduly discriminatory and preferential. New Power further requests that the Commission order PJM to eliminate immediately the recently imposed seasonal deficiency penalty and set the Capacity Deficiency Rate (CDR) on a daily basis at the higher of the marginal cost of the least efficient capacity resource required to make up the deficiency on that day or the Alternate Value, i.e., the difference between the energy prices on that day at the Cinergy Hub and PJM's Western Hub.

New Power requests that the Commission set a refund effective date of 60 days from the date of filing of its complaint.

Copies of New Power's filing were served on PJM, all parties to PJM's Reliability Assurance Agreement and each state electric utility regulatory commission in the PJM control area.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest 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 motions or protests must be filed on or before August 3, 2001. 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 motion to intervene. Answers to the complaint shall also be due on or before August 3, 2001. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the