

Creek estuary/lagoon, and numerous ponds in the vicinity of Manchester, California (including Davis Lake, Davis Pond, Hunter's Lagoon, and numerous unnamed water bodies in the lower Garcia River flood plain) in Mendocino County; Gualala River, Salmon Creek estuary/lagoon, and Estero Americano in Sonoma County; Estero de San Antonio, Walker Creek, Lagunitas Creek, and Rodeo Lagoon in Marin County; San Gregorio Creek estuary/lagoon, Pescadero Lagoon (Pescadero Creek/Butano Creek estuary/lagoon), and Arroyo de los Frijoles estuary/lagoon in San Mateo County; Laguna Creek estuary/lagoon, Baldwin Creek estuary/lagoon, Corcoran Lagoon, Aptos Creek estuary/lagoon, and Pajaro River estuary/lagoon in Santa Cruz County; Bennett Slough in Monterey County; Santa Paula Creek in Ventura County; Cow Creek in Shasta County; Battle Creek in Shasta and Tehama counties; Butte Creek in Glenn and Butte counties; Mokelumne River in Sacramento and San Joaquin counties; Sherman Island in Sacramento County; Napa River in Napa County; Tuolumne River in Stanislaus County; and Merced River in Merced County.

Permit 1282 authorizes average unintentional lethal take of juvenile ESA-listed salmonids of approximately 2 percent of ESA-listed salmonids captured. Permit 1282 does not authorize lethal take of adult ESA-listed salmonids or intentional lethal take of ESA-listed salmonids. The purpose of the research is to provide ESA-listed salmonid population, distribution, and habitat assessment data which will: (1) contribute to the general body of scientific knowledge pertaining to ESA-listed salmonids; (2) inform resource managers to further the conservation and recovery of ESA-listed salmonids; and (3) evaluate the effectiveness of past habitat restoration projects and guide future habitat restoration projects to best benefit ESA-listed salmonids. Permit 1282 expires on December 31, 2012.

Dated: May 30, 2007.

**Angela Somma**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Notice

**AGENCY:** United States Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Plenary Teleconference Meeting for the Technical Guidelines Development Committee.

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, July 3, 2007, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT.

**PLACE:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Building 101, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8900.

**STATUS:** This teleconference meeting will be Web cast to the public. Additional meeting information and URL Web link for the event will be available at <http://vote.nist.gov> by June 19, 2007.

**SUMMARY:** The Technical Guidelines Development Committee (the "Development Committee") has scheduled a plenary teleconference meeting for July 3, 2007. The Development Committee was established in 2004 to act in the public interest to assist the Executive Director of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) in the development of voluntary voting system guidelines. The Development Committee has held nine previous plenary meetings. The proceedings of these plenary sessions are available at <http://vote.nist.gov>. The purpose of the tenth meeting of the Development Committee will be to review and approve a final draft of recommendations for future voluntary voting system guidelines to the EAC. The draft recommendations respond to tasks defined in resolutions passed at the previous Development Committee meetings as well as a review of a complete draft of recommendations presented at the May 2007 plenary meeting.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Technical Guidelines Development Committee (the "Development Committee") has scheduled a plenary teleconference meeting for July 3, 2007. The Committee was established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 15361, to act in the public interest to assist the Executive Director of the Election Assistance Commission in the development of the voluntary voting system guidelines. The Technical Guidelines Development Committee held their first plenary meeting on July 9, 2004. At this meeting, the Development Committee agreed to a resolution forming three working groups: (1) Human Factors & Privacy; (2) Security & Transparency; and (3) Care Requirements & Testing to gather information and review preliminary reports on issues pertinent to voluntary voting standard recommendations. At subsequent plenary sessions, additional

resolutions were debated and adopted by the TGDC. The resolutions define technical work tasks for NIST that assist the TGDC in developing recommendations for voluntary voting system guidelines. The Development Committee approved initial recommendations for voluntary voting system guidelines at the April 20th & 21st, 2005 meeting. The recommendation were formally delivered to the EAC in May 2005 for their review. In September of 2005, the Development Committee began review of preliminary technical reports for the next iteration of voluntary voting system guidelines. The Committee will review, debate and approve a final draft of recommendations of the next iteration of voluntary voting system guidelines at the July 3, 2007 teleconference meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allan Eustis 301-975-5099. If a member of the public would like to submit comments concerning the Committee's affairs at any time before or after the meeting, written comments should be addressed to the contact person indicated above, c/o NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8970, Gaithersburg, MD 20899 or to [voting@nist.gov](mailto:voting@nist.gov).

**Thomas R. Wilkey,**

*Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. PP-305]

### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping; Montana Alberta Tie, Ltd.

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) announces its intention to prepare an EIS and to conduct scoping on the proposed Federal action of granting a Presidential permit to construct a new electric transmission line across the U.S.-Canada border in northwestern Montana. DOE has determined that issuance of a Presidential permit for the proposed project would constitute a major Federal action that may have a significant effect upon the environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). For this reason, DOE intends to prepare an EIS entitled "The Montana Alberta Tie, Ltd. (MATL) 230-kV Transmission Line

Environmental Impact Statement" (DOE/EIS-0399) to address potential environmental impacts from the proposed action and the range of reasonable alternatives. The EIS will be prepared in compliance with NEPA and applicable regulations, including DOE NEPA implementing regulations at 10 CFR part 1021. Because of the previous public participation activities, DOE does not plan to conduct additional scoping meetings for this EIS. Written comments on the scope of the EIS are invited.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the proposed project or to receive a copy of the Draft EIS when it is issued, contact Mrs. Ellen Russell, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350; phone 202-586-9624, facsimile 202-586-8008, or by electronic mail at [Ellen.Russell@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Ellen.Russell@hq.doe.gov). The MATL Presidential permit application, including associated maps and drawings, can be downloaded in its entirety from the DOE program Web site at [http://www.oenergy.gov/permitting/electricity\\_imports\\_exports.htm](http://www.oenergy.gov/permitting/electricity_imports_exports.htm).

**DATES:** DOE invites interested agencies, organizations, and members of the public to submit comments or suggestions to assist in identifying significant environmental issues and in determining the appropriate scope of the EIS. The public scoping period starts with the publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** and will continue until July 9, 2007. DOE will consider all comments received or postmarked by July 9, 2007 in defining the scope of this EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and suggestions on the scope of the EIS should be addressed to: Mrs. Ellen Russell, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350; or by electronic mail at [Ellen.Russell@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Ellen.Russell@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Executive Order (E.O.) 10485, as amended by E.O. 12038, requires that a Presidential permit be issued by DOE before electric transmission facilities may be constructed, operated, maintained, or connected at the U.S. international border. The E.O. provides that a Presidential permit may be issued after a finding that the proposed project is consistent with the public interest and after favorable recommendations from the U.S. Departments of State and Defense. In determining whether issuance of a Presidential permit is in

the public interest, DOE considers the environmental impacts of the proposed project under NEPA, determines the project's impact on electric reliability (including whether the proposed project would adversely affect the operation of the U.S. electric power supply system under normal and contingency conditions), and any other factors that DOE may also consider relevant to the public interest. The regulations implementing the E.O. have been codified at 10 CFR 205.320-205.329.

Issuance of a Presidential permit indicates that there is no Federal objection to the project, but does not mandate that the project be completed.

MATL has applied to DOE's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE) for a Presidential permit to construct a 230,000-volt electric transmission line across the U.S. border with Canada, and to the State of Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for a Linear Facilities construction permit. The proposed transmission line would originate at a new substation to be constructed northeast of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, cross the U.S.-Canada border, and terminate north of Great Falls, Montana, at an existing substation owned by NorthWestern Energy. The total length of the proposed transmission line would be 203 miles, with approximately 126 miles constructed inside the United States.

DOE originally considered an environmental assessment (EA) to be the appropriate level of review under NEPA and has been cooperating with the MDEQ in the preparation of a single environmental document that would serve as both a Montana State EIS under the Montana Environmental Policy Act and a DOE EA under NEPA.

#### Identification of Environmental Issues

On November 18, 2005, DOE published a "Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment and to Conduct Public Scoping Meetings and Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement; Montana Alberta Tie, Ltd." (70 FR 69962). That notice opened a 45-day scoping period during which the public was invited to participate in the identification of potential environmental impacts that may result from construction of the MATL transmission line project and reasonable alternatives. DOE and MDEQ conducted 6 scoping meetings in the vicinity of the proposed project. Ten issues and concerns were identified as a result of the initial scoping opportunity. These issues and concerns are (1) impacts on farming, ranching and other land uses, (2) impacts on protected, threatened,

endangered, or sensitive species of animals or plants, or their critical habitats, (3) impacts on floodplains and wetlands, (4) avian mortality, (5) impacts on cultural or historic resources, (6) impacts on human health and safety, (7) impacts on air, soil, and water, (8) visual impacts, (9) socioeconomic impacts, and (10) impacts from development of wind generation. An additional alternative also was developed by the agencies to address concerns raised by the public and interested agencies during the scoping period.

In March 2007, the MDEQ and DOE published a draft document that was the MDEQ Draft EIS and the DOE EA (March 2007 EA). The document was distributed for public comment and three public hearings were conducted to receive comments on the document during a 55-day public comment period. Based on comments received on the March 2007 EA relating to land use and potential effects on farming, DOE has determined an EIS to be the proper NEPA compliance document.

#### EIS Preparation and Schedule

In preparing the Draft EIS, DOE will consider comments that DOE and the State received at the 2005 scoping meetings as well as the comments received on the March 2007 EA. DOE is working with the MDEQ to address the comments received on the March 2007 EA and prepare responses to comments which will be set forth in the Draft EIS. Comments submitted on the March 2007 EA need not be resubmitted.

If the March 2007 EA does not require significant modifications to address the comments, DOE will issue, as the DOE Draft EIS, a copy of the March 2007 EA together with any corrections and updated information as errata, and with responses to comments. If extensive modifications are required to adequately address comments, DOE will issue as the DOE Draft EIS a new document that includes the responses to comments. After DOE issues the Draft EIS, DOE will then hold a public hearing and accept public comment on the Draft EIS. DOE will include all comments received on the Draft EIS, and responses to those comments, in the Final EIS.

DOE will provide a public comment period of at least 45 days from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIS and will hold at least one public hearing during the public comment period. DOE may not issue a record of decision sooner than 90 days from EPA's NOA of the Draft EIS and no sooner than 30 days from EPA's NOA of the Final EIS.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 1, 2007.

**Kevin M. Kolevar,**

*Director, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. 2007-OE-01, Draft Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor; Docket No. 2007-OE-02, Draft Southwest Area National Corridor]

### Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Draft National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor Designations

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of errata and meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) published notice of two draft National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors (National Corridors) under section 216 of the Federal Power Act in 72 FR 25838 on May 7, 2007. With regard to the draft Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor (Docket No. 2007-OE-01), DOE is correcting an error in the text of the May 7, 2007 notice. There are six counties that were correctly included in the map of the draft Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor, displayed in Figure VIII-21 at 72 FR 25908, but that were inadvertently omitted from the narrative description of the draft Corridor at 72 FR 25909. The six counties that should have been included in the list at 72 FR 25908 are: Monroe County, OH; Carbon County, PA; Cumberland County, PA; Kanawha County, WV; Mason County, WV; and Putnam County, WV. Further, DOE will be holding four additional public meetings on the draft National Corridors.

**DATES:** DOE has scheduled two new public meetings on Docket No. 2007-OE-01 (the draft Mid-Atlantic Area National Corridor) for the following dates:

June 12, 2007, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.,  
Rochester, NY; and

June 13, 2007, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.,  
Pittsburgh, PA.

DOE has scheduled two new public meetings on Docket No. 2007-OE-02 (the draft Southwest Area National Corridor) for the following dates:

June 20, 2007, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Las Vegas, NV; and

June 21, 2007, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Phoenix, AZ.

**ADDRESSES:** The locations for the public meetings are:

Rochester, NY—RIT Inn & Conference Center, 5257 West Henrietta Road, West Henrietta, NY 14586;  
Pittsburgh, PA—National Energy Technology Laboratory, Building 922, Conference Center A, B, & C, 626 Cochran Mill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 (All attendees will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification, such as a driver's license, passport, or military ID, upon entrance to the National Energy Technology Laboratory campus);  
Las Vegas, NV—Atomic Testing Museum, 755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119; and  
Phoenix, AZ—Crowne Plaza Hotel Phoenix Airport, 4300 East Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85034.

If you are interested in speaking at one of these meetings, please sign up at <http://www.energetics.com/NIETCpublicmeetings> or call 410-953-6250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical information, David Meyer, DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, (202) 586-1411, [david.meyer@hq.doe.gov](mailto:david.meyer@hq.doe.gov). For legal information, Mary Morton, DOE Office of the General Counsel, (202) 586-1221, [mary.morton@hq.doe.gov](mailto:mary.morton@hq.doe.gov).

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**Kevin M. Kolevar,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP05-130-000, CP05-132-000; Docket No. CP05-131-000]

#### Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP; Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Availability of the Final Conformity Determination for Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and New York—Cove Point Expansion Project

June 1, 2007.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a Final General Conformity Determination to assess the potential air quality impacts associated with the construction and operation of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal and natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP and Dominion Transmission, Incorporated (Dominion), referred to as the Cove

Point Expansion Project, in the above-referenced docket.

This Final General Conformity Determination was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the Clean Air Act.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL07-66-000]

#### Invenergy Thermal LLC, Complainant, v. ISO New England, Inc., Respondent; Notice of Complaint and Request for Fast Track

June 1, 2007.

Take notice that on May 31, 2007, Invenergy Thermal LLC (Invenergy) filed a formal complaint against ISO New England, Inc. (ISO-NE) pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act, alleging that it was improper for ISO-NE to disqualify Invenergy's Sutton Energy Project from being further considered as a potential capacity supplier in ISO-NE's 2008 Forward Capacity Market auction on the grounds that Invenergy failed to post a Qualification Deposit by February 20, 2007. Invenergy requests that the Commission grant Invenergy a waiver of the February 20, 2007 deadline. Invenergy seeks fast track processing for this complaint.

Invenergy certified that it served a copy of the complaint on the contacts for the ISO-NE as listed on the Commission's list of Corporate Officials.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the