Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Albert L. Opdenaker at 301–903–8584 (fax) or

albert.opdenaker@science.doe.gov (e-mail). Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available on the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Fusion Energy Sciences Web site (http://www.science.doe.gov/ofes/).

Issued at Washington, DC, on June 20, 2008.

#### Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer. [FR Doc. E8–14337 Filed 6–24–08; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6450–01–P

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP06-5-009]

## Empire Pipeline Inc.; Notice of Application

June 17, 2008.

Take notice that on June 10, 2008, Empire Pipeline, Inc. (EPI), 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, filed in Docket No. CP06-5-009, an application under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), to amend its certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission on December 21, 2006. EPI requests authorization to amend its certificate to make a minor route realignment in the Town of Farmington, Ontario County, New York, between mileposts 3.8 and 4.8, in the vicinity of the New York State Thruway. The application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also 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, call (202) 502-8659 or TTY, (202) 208-3676.

Any questions regarding this petition should be directed to David W. Reitz, Attorney for Empire Pipeline, Inc., 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221, at (716) 857–7949, by fax at (716) 857–7206, or at reitzd@natfuel.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: July 8, 2008.

#### Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PT08-1-000]

Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare An Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project, Request for Comments On Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

June 17, 2008.

The staff of the Federal Energy
Regulatory Commission (FERC or
Commission) will prepare an
environmental impact statement (EIS)
that will identify and address the
environmental impacts that could result
from the construction and operation of
the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2
Transmission Line Project (DPV2 or
Project). The DPV2 is proposed by
Southern California Edison Company
(SCE). The Commission will use the EIS
in its decision-making process to
determine whether or not to authorize
the Project. This notice describes the

proposed Project facilities and explains the scoping process that will be used to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help determine the issues that need to be evaluated in the EIS. Please note that the scoping period for the Project will close on August 1, 2008.

Comments on the Project may be submitted in written form or verbally. In lieu of or in addition to sending written comments, you are invited to attend the public scoping meetings that have been scheduled in the Project area. These meetings are scheduled for July 8, 2008 in Quartzsite, Arizona and July 9, 2008 in Phoenix, Arizona. 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.

The FERC will be the lead federal agency for the preparation of the EIS and will prepare the document to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The document will be used by the FERC to consider the environmental impacts that could result from the Commission's use of its supplemental siting authority for interstate transmission lines under section 216 of the Federal Power Act.<sup>1</sup> The NEPA document will address the environmental impacts of proposed facilities for the entire project; however, the Commission's permit review process will be limited solely to the facilities located within the Arizona portion of the proposed project. The California Public Utilities Commission approved the California portion of the facilities on January 25, 2007.

It is the FERC's goal that other federal agencies will participate in the environmental review process as cooperating agencies to satisfy their respective NEPA responsibilities. With this notice, we 2 are asking federal, state, and local agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues and tribal leaders to cooperate formally with us in the preparation of the EIS. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated SCE's proposal relative to their responsibilities. Agencies that intend to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in the Public Participation section of this notice.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; 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 an SCE representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed Project facilities. SCE would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Project is approved by the FERC, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement and only if the project is approved by FERC, the company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "A Guide to the Electric Transmission Construction Permit Process" is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (http://www.ferc.gov/industries/electric.asp). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the FERC's proceedings.

## **Summary of the Proposed Project**

SCE proposes to construct a new highvoltage electric transmission line between Maricopa County, Arizona and Riverside County, California. The DPV2 Project consists of 267 miles of new transmission lines which include two primary route segments. The Devers-Harquahala Junction segment is approximately 225 miles long and would extend from SCE's existing Devers Substation, near Palm Springs, California to a new Harquahala Junction Switchyard, approximately 50 miles west of Phoenix, Arizona, The Devers-Valley No. 2 segment would extend approximately 42 miles southwesterly from Devers Substation to SCE's Valley Substation, near Romoland, California. The entire line would be constructed within or adjacent to existing SCE rights-of-way (ROW). Approximately 170 miles of the Project is located in California and 97 miles is located in

In addition, SCE proposes to construct a new Harquahala Junction Switchyard in Arizona and an optional Midpoint Substation/Switchyard near Blythe, California; expand and/or modify the existing Devers and Valley Substations; and install two new 500 kilovolt (kV) series capacitor banks, one in Arizona and one in California. The majority of

the structures used for the Project would be single circuit lattice steel towers, typically spanning four structures per mile. The average height of these structures would be approximately 150 feet, with heights that would vary according to terrain, environmental conditions and site-specific mitigation requirements. The Midpoint Substation is considered an optional project component; SCE has received a large number of interconnection requests for new renewable and new conventional gas-fired generation in this area. Development of these projects would require construction of the Midpoint Substation. A general overview map of the Project area and facilities is provided in Appendix 1.3

Specifically, the facilities proposed by SCE include the following:

- Devers-Harquahala Line—construction of approximately 225 miles of new 500 kV, single-circuit alternating current transmission line from near Palm Springs, California to near Phoenix, Arizona.
- Devers-Valley No. 2 Line—construction of approximately 42 miles of new 500 kV, single-circuit alternating current transmission line from near Palm Springs, California, to near Romoland, California.
- Dever's Substation Expansion—installation of new 135-foot-high by 90 foot-wide dead-end structures, circuit breakers, and disconnect switches; a 500 kV shunt line reactor and associated disconnect switches; a 500 kV static volt ampere reactive compensator; and two MVAR shunt capacitors.
- Valley Substation Modification—installation of dead-end structures, circuit breakers, and disconnect switches within the existing 500 kV switchrack.
- Harquahala Junction Switchyard—construction of a new 500 kV switchyard facility on a 40 acre site, near Phoenix, Arizona that would include installation of dead-end structures, circuit breakers and disconnect switches within a new 500 kV switchrack.
- Optional Midpoint Substation/ Switchyard—construction of a new 500 kV switchyard facility on a 44 acre site, near Blythe, California including

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 1221of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 amended the Federal Power Act by adding a new Section 216.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the Federal Register. Copies of all appendices are available on the Commission's Internet Web site (http://www.ferc.gov) at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 502–8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the Availability of Additional Information section of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail. Requests for detailed maps of the proposed facilities should be made directly to SCE by calling 1–866–602–3782.

installation of buses, circuit breakers and disconnect switches. Also, installation of a new communications facility that would include three new microwave paths and two fiber optic systems, a mechanical-electrical control room and a microwave tower.

• Series Capacitors—installation of two series capacitor banks, one in Arizona and one in California. Major components include series capacitors, dead-end structures, telecommunication equipment, outdoor lighting, grounding grid, and a mechanical-electrical equipment room.

SCE states that the purpose of the Project is to relieve transmission congestion between Arizona and California, provide regional economic benefits to California and Arizona, increase competition among energy suppliers by increasing the electricity market liquidity at the Palo Verde Hub, and provide access to renewable energy. SCE anticipates that construction of the DPV2 Project would begin in February 2010, with a projected in-service date of December 2011.

### **Land Requirements for Construction**

Construction of the proposed electric transmission line and associated facilities would require approximately 4,400 acres of land, including the construction right-of-way, temporary work areas, access roads, storage and contractor yards and substation facilities. Following construction, the majority of the land would be retained as permanent ROW for the transmission line and operation of the substation facility sites.

SCE would construct 150 miles of the proposed Devers-Harquahala 500 kV transmission line within a 130-footwide ROW granted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Of this total, 57.2 miles is in California and 92.7 miles is in Arizona. The Devers-Harquahala route on BLM land is entirely within the Utility Corridors designated in BLM's Resource Management Plans. The ROW also includes land managed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the United States Department of Defense. The remainder of the Devers-Harquahala line would cross state, tribal, and private lands. All lands are vacant and undeveloped. The majority of the line would parallel the existing Devers-Palo Verde No. 1 500 kV transmission line.

The Devers-Valley No. 2 transmission line located in California would be constructed about 130 feet south of the existing Devers-Valley No. 1 line. The route would traverse a small portion of the San Bernardino National Forest and the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto

Mountains National Monument and is wholly within existing ROWs. The privately-owned lands that the line would cross are primarily unincorporated areas. Portions of the line would be located within undeveloped portions of the Cities of Palm Springs (2.1 miles), Banning (0.5 miles), and Beaumont (0.5 miles).

Construction of the California portion of the DPV2 transmission line would require the expansion of the Devers Substation to the northeast on unimproved land that is already owned by SCE. However, it would not be necessary to expand the Valley Substation in order to accommodate the DPV2 line. Construction of the optional Midpoint Substation would require 44 acres of land and an additional 5 acres for a temporary laydown area to be located at or near the existing roadway at the substation site.

Construction of the proposed new Harquahala Junction Switchyard in Arizona would be on a 40-acre site located in Section 25, Township 2 north, Range 8 West, near 451st Avenue and the Thomas Road alignment. The site is adjacent to the location where the existing DPV1 and Harquahala-Hassayampa 500 kV transmission lines intersect. Construction of the Harquahala Junction Switchyard would require an agreement among SCE, Arizona Public Service Company (APS), and the Harquahala Generating Company to allow APS to connect its planned TS-5 transmission line at the Harquahala Junction Switchvard. SCE does not yet have such an agreement, and as an alternative to the termination at the Harquahala Junction Switchyard, the Devers-Harquahala transmission line could terminate at the Harquahala Generating Station Switchyard, which is located approximately five miles west of the proposed Harquahala Junction Switchyard. Termination at the Harquahala Generating Station Switchvard would require an additional five miles of 500 kV transmission line and 23 new, single circuit tubular steel poles. A 500 kV shunt-line reactor and associated disconnect devices would be installed on generation station property on approximately two acres of property

that would be acquired for this purpose. Installation of the proposed two new 500 kV series capacitor banks would be on BLM land that is adjacent to DPV1 series capacitor banks. The proposed Arizona series capacitor site would be located approximately 55 miles west of the Harquahala Junction Switchyard and would be accessed from the nearby El Paso natural gas pipeline access road. The California series capacitor site would be located approximately 64

miles east of the Devers Substation in the Chuckwalla Valley. Both facilities would occupy approximately two acres inside the fenced site and temporarily use a one-acre fenced area for material laydown, storage, and staging.

## The EIS Process

NEPA requires the FERC to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a permit to construct electric transmission facilities. The EIS we are preparing is intended to provide FERC and cooperating agencies with the necessary information for consideration during each respective agency's review of potential environmental impacts.

Although no formal application has been filed with the FERC, we have already initiated our NEPA review under the FERC's pre-filing process, which was established in Order No. 689.4 The purpose of the pre-filing process is to encourage the early involvement of interested stakeholders and to identify and resolve issues before an application is filed with the FERC. A diagram summarizing the permit review process and opportunities for public participation for the Project is attached to this notice as Appendix 2.

The FERC staff has already started to meet and communicate with SCE, jurisdictional agencies, and other interested stakeholders to discuss the Project and identify issues and concerns. We will continue the prefiling process by conducting interagency and public scoping meetings in the Project area to solicit comments and concerns about the Project.

By this notice, we are formally announcing our intent to prepare an EIS and request additional agency and public comments to help us focus the analysis in the EIS on the potentially significant environmental issues related to the proposed action. If you provide comments at a scoping meeting, you do not need to resubmit the same comments in response to this notice.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be included in a draft EIS. The draft EIS will be mailed to federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; affected and potentially affected landowners; other interested parties; local libraries and newspapers; and the FERC's official service list for this proceeding. A 45-day comment period

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Regulations for Filing Applications for Permits to Site Interstate Electric Transmission Facilities, Order No. 689, 71 **Federal Register** 69,440 (December 1, 2006), FERC Statutes & Regulations ¶31,234 (2006) (Final Rule).

will be allotted for review of the draft EIS. We will consider all timely comments on the draft EIS and revise the document, as necessary, before issuing a final EIS. The comment period on the draft EIS will be coordinated, to the extent possible, with other jurisdictional agencies.

## Currently Identified Environmental Issues

The EIS will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed Project. We have already identified a number of issues and alternatives that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities, and the environmental information provided by SCE. This preliminary list of issues and alternatives may be changed based on your comments and our additional analysis.

- Geology and Soils:
- Erosion and sedimentation control.
- Assessment of invasive weed control plans.
  - Right-of-way restoration.
  - Water Resources:
- Effect of transmission line crossings on perennial and intermittent waterbodies, including the Colorado River.
- Assessment of alternative waterbody crossing methods.
  - Fish, Wildlife, and Vegetation:
- Effect on coldwater and sensitive fisheries.
- Effect on wildlife resources and their habitat.
  - Effect on birds.
  - Special Status Species:
- Potential effect on federally listed species.
- Potential effect on state-listed sensitive species.
  - Potential effect on Big Horn sheep.
  - Cultural Resources:
- Potential effect on historic and prehistoric sites.
- Native American and tribal concerns.
- Land Use, Recreation and Special Interest Areas, and Visual Resources:
- Impacts on recreational and residential areas.
  - O Visual impacts.
  - Socioeconomics:
  - Effects on transportation and traffic.
- Effects of construction workforce demands on public services and temporary housing.
  - Air Quality and Noise:
- Effects on the local air quality and noise environment from construction and operation of the proposed facilities.
  - Reliability and Safety:
- Assessment of hazards associated with electric transmission lines.

- Alternatives:
- Assessment of alternative configurations and alternative routes to reduce or avoid environmental impacts.
- Assessment of alternative substation locations.
  - Cumulative Impact:
- O Assessment of the effect of the proposed Project when combined with other past, present, or future actions in the same region.

#### **Public Participation**

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about SCE's proposal. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in our EIS and considered during the NEPA review. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen the environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be.

To expedite our receipt and consideration of your comments, the Commission strongly encourages electronic submission of any comments on this Project. See Title 18 Code of Federal Regulations 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Internet Web site at http://www.ferc.gov under the link to "Documents and Filings" and "eFiling." eFiling is a file attachment process and requires that you prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper, and save it to a file on your hard drive. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "Sign up" or "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing." In addition, there is a "Quick Comment" option available, which is an easy method for interested persons to submit text-only comments on a project. The Quick-Comment User Guide can be viewed at http://www.ferc.gov/docsfiling/efiling/quick-comment-guide.pdf.

Quick Comment does not require a FERC eRegistration account; however, you will be asked to provide a valid email address. All comments submitted under either eFiling or the Quick Comment option are placed in the public record for the specified docket or project number(s). The Docket Number for the DPV2 Project is PT08–1–000. Your comments must be submitted electronically by August 1, 2008.

If you wish to mail comments, please mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before August 1, 2008 and carefully follow these instructions: Send an original and two copies of your letter to:

- Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St. NE.; Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of your comments for the attention of OEP/EIPG; and
- Reference Docket No. PT08–1–000 on the original and both copies.

Once SCE formally files its application with the Commission, you may want to become an "intervenor," which is an official party to the proceeding. Intervenors play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in a Commission proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are included in the User's Guide under the "e-filing" link on the Commission's Web site. Please note that you may not request intervenor status at this time. You must wait until a formal application is filed with the Commission.

Two public scoping meetings have been scheduled in the Project area to provide another opportunity to offer comments on the proposed Project. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meetings and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the EIS. A transcript of the meetings will be generated so that your comments will be accurately recorded. Meetings will be held at the following locations:

(7–10 pm). 930 W. Quail Trail, Quartzsite, AZ 85346, Tel:	Date	Location
	(7–10 pm). July 9, 2008	Quartzsite, AZ 85346, Tel: (928) 927–5500. Best Western Central Phoenix Inn, 1100 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004,

## **Environmental Mailing List**

Everyone who responds to this notice or provides comments throughout the EIS process will be retained on the mailing list. If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to stay informed and receive copies of the draft and final EISs, you must return the Mailing List Retention Form (Appendix 3). If you do not send comments or return the Mailing List Retention Form asking to remain on the mailing list, you will be taken off the mailing list.

## **Availability of Additional Information**

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 (i.e., PT08-1). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as Orders, notices, and rule makings.

In addition, the FERC offers a free service called eSubscription that allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. To register for this service, go to <a href="https://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm">https://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm</a>.

Public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx along with other related information.

To request additional information on the proposed Project or to provide comments directly to the Project sponsor, you can contact SCE by calling toll free at 1–866–602–3782. Also, SCE has established an Internet Web site at <a href="http://www.sce.com/dpv2">http://www.sce.com/dpv2</a>. The Web site includes a description of the Project, an overview map of the proposed electric transmission route, and links to related documents. SCE will update the Web site as the environmental review of its Project proceeds.

#### Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11291-023-IN]

### Star Mill, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

June 17, 2008.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47879), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the proposed termination of license by implied surrender for the Star Milling and Electric Minor Water Power Project, located on the Fawn River in La Grange County, Indiana, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA).

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <a href="http://www.ferc.gov">http://www.ferc.gov</a> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P–11291) excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1–866–208–3372, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any comments should be filed by July 17, 2008, and should be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please reference the project name and project number (P-11291) on all comments. Comments may be filed electronically via Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "eFiling" link. For further information, contact Jon Cofrancesco at  $(202)\ 502-8951.$ 

## Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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# ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0004; FRL-8368-5]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Midwest Research Institute

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has authorized its contractor, Midwest Research Institute (MRI) of Kansas City, MO, to access information which has been submitted to EPA under section 4 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be Confidential Business Information (CBI).

**DATES:** Access to the confidential data will occur no sooner than July 2, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information contact: Colby Lintner, Regulatory Coordinator, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (202) 554–1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

For technical information contact:
Scott Sherlock, Environmental
Assistance Division (7408M), Office of
Pollution Prevention and Toxics,
Environmental Protection Agency, 1200
Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington,
DC 20460–0001; telephone number:
(202) 564–8257; fax number: (202) 564–
8251; e-mail address:
sherlock.scott@epa.gov.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. General Information

A. Does this Notice Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to you if are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

## B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. Docket. EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0004. All documents in the docket are listed in the docket's index available at <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a>. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly