

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. EL02-48-000]****California Power Exchange Corporation; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order**

January 15, 2002.

Take notice that on January 15, 2002, the California Power Exchange Corporation (PX) filed a Petition for Declaratory Order. The Petition requests that the Commission issue a declaratory order stating that it is in the public interest for the successor of the PX to remain an independent entity not controlled by any segment of electric industry participants.

The PX requests that the Commission issue the declaratory order no later than January 31, 2002 for the purpose of providing guidance to the Bankruptcy Court, which is holding a hearing on February 1, 2002 to consider a Disclosure Statement and Reorganization Plan that would permit "seller-side" participants of the PX to acquire substantial control of the successor to the PX. Accordingly, the PX requests a shortened response time, sufficient to permit the Commission to issue its declaratory order by January 31, 2002.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 and protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. 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 instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

*Comment Date:* January 23, 2002.**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,***Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP01-432-001]****Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing**

January 15, 2002.

Take notice that on January 3, 2002, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) tendered for filing to become part of Northern's FERC Gas Tariffs, the following tariff sheets proposed to be effective on December 19, 2001:

*Fifth Revised Volume No. 1*

Seventh Revised Sheet No. 3

*Original Volume No. 2*

69 Revised Sheet No. 1

First Revised Sheet No. 616

Northern states that the above sheets represent cancellation of Rate Schedule X-45 from Northern's Original Volume No. 2 FERC Gas Tariff, and its associated deletion from the Table of Contents in Northern's Volume Nos. 1 and 2 tariffs.

Northern states that copies of the filing were served upon the company's customers and interested state Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said application should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions ((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

instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,***Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP02-17-000]****Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Site Review**

January 15, 2002.

On January 24, 2002, the staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP) will conduct a site review of the proposed Freehold Project. The Freehold Project facilities are proposed for construction by Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern). The proposed construction sites, located in Somerset and Hunterdon Counties, New Jersey, will be reviewed by automobile on January 24, 2002. Representatives of Texas Eastern will accompany the OEP staff.

Anyone interested in attending the site review or obtaining further information may contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088. Attendees must provide their own transportation.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,***Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. ER02-732-000]****Western Systems Coordinating Council; Western Regional Transmission Association; Southwest Regional Transmission Association; Notice of Filing**

January 15, 2002.

Take notice that on December 19, 2001, the Western Systems Coordinating Council, Western Regional Transmission Association, and the Southwest Regional Transmission Association (collectively Applicants) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an amendment to the May 3, 2001 Petition for Declaratory Order and alternative Request To Transfer

Programs to the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC).

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 and protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. 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 instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

*Comment Date:* January 25, 2002.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 372-008 California]

#### Southern California Edison; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

January 15, 2002.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Lower Tule Hydroelectric Project, located on the Middle Fork of the Tule River in Tulare County, California, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. The project is partially located within the Sequoia National Forest and the Giant Sequoia National Monument.

The DEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts

of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the DEA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The DEA 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).

Any comments should be filed by February 14, 2002, and should be addressed to Linwood A. Watson, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 372-008 to all comments. 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.

For further information, contact Nan Allen at (202) 219-2938.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-9-000]

#### Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Line 280 Replacement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 15, 2002.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Line 280 Replacement Project involving construction, operation, and abandonment of facilities by Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI) in Pennsylvania.<sup>1</sup> This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about

the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice DTI provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)).

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

DTI proposes to abandon in place approximately 71 miles of its existing LN-280 pipeline and 5 miles of its existing LN-4 pipeline in Cameron, Clinton, Elk, Potter, and Tioga Counties, Pennsylvania. In order to replace the capacity lost by the pipeline abandonment, DTI also proposes to install two additional compressor units, each rated for 1,775 horsepower, at its existing Ardell Compressor Station in Elk County, Pennsylvania.

Abandonment of LN-280 and LN-4 would require no additional land, since the pipelines would be left in place. DTI would retain ownership of the existing right-of-way. Construction of the proposed facilities at the existing Ardell Compressor Station would require about 11.5 acres of land. Of this 11.5 acres, approximately 1.9 acres would be required for the station expansion and for new right-of-way. The remaining 9.6 acres would occur on the existing station or existing right-of-way.

#### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us<sup>2</sup> to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis

<sup>1</sup> DTI's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

<sup>2</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).