

has withdrawn its involvement from the EIS process. In order to advance this project, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has decided to continue project development without federal funding and FHWA oversight. Since this project will require a Section 404 permit from the Corps, the Corps will become the lead federal agency.

The proposed highway is considered necessary to improve the movement of people and goods from the Mon Valley to Interstate 79 in the area south of Pittsburgh. Preliminary studies and public and agency input have indicated that the project needs cannot be met by Transportation System Management (TSM) activities, upgrading existing roadways or mass transit improvements. Several new tolled expressway alternatives are under consideration. The No Build Alternative is also under consideration. Descriptions of these alternatives, the results of the engineering, traffic, and environmental studies, and the environmental impacts of the alternatives will be presented in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

A scoping meeting was held on this project on August 18 and 19, 1993 in Washington, Pennsylvania. Federal, state, regional, county, and municipal agency representatives attended and participated in this scoping meeting. In addition, an active public participation program was implemented on this project, including Special Agency Coordination Meetings, special purpose meetings with locally elected officials, Executive Committee Meetings, maintenance of a project website, and implementation of a toll-free phone number. A series of public meetings have also been held to ensure public input and participation. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to a public hearing. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are identified and addressed, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the Corps at the address provided above.

**Scott A. Hans,**

*Acting Chief, Regulatory Branch, Pittsburgh District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Contractor Employee Pension and Medical Benefits

**AGENCY:** Office of Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Management is announcing the availability of a summary of the public comments it received in response to a request for public comments on the challenge the Department of Energy (Department) confronts with respect to the costs and liabilities associated with contractor employee pension and medical benefits. The Department's request for comments was published in the **Federal Register** on March 27, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The summary of public comments is available on the Internet at <http://management.energy.gov/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Stephanie Weakley, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, 20585, 202-287-1645.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

On April 26, 2006, the Department issued Department of Energy Notice 351.1, Contractor Employee Pension and Medical Benefits Policy, which updated and revised the Department's policy concerning reimbursement of Management and Operating (M&O) and other site management contractor pension and medical benefit costs. On June 19, 2006, the Secretary of Energy suspended implementation of the revised policy to permit consultation with stakeholders about the purpose of the Notice.

On March 27, 2007, the Department published a **Federal Register** notice (72 FR 14266) seeking public comments and/or recommendations on how the Department should address the challenge it faces due to the increasing costs and financial liabilities associated with the reimbursement of contractor employee pension and medical benefit costs. The Office of Management established a Web site for the public to submit their comments and/or recommendations on how the Department should address this financial challenge.

The Office of Management received approximately 475 comments in response to the March 27, 2007, request for public comments. The overwhelming majority of comments were from current and retired

Department employees who did not support the new policy in the suspended DOE Notice 351.1. The remainder of the comments were submitted by private citizens, labor unions, and actuarial firms. As a result of its stakeholder outreach and consideration of public comments, the Department decided not to reissue DOE N 351.1 after it expired by its terms on April 27, 2007. The Department is not contemplating further action with regard to contractor employee pension and medical benefits at this time.

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**Ingrid Kolb,**

*Director of Management, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; Safe Transportation and Emergency Response Training; Technical Assistance and Funding

**AGENCY:** Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice extending comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On Monday, July 23, 2007, the Department of Energy (DOE) published a notice of revised proposed policy (72 FR 140) setting forth its revised plans for implementing Section 180(c) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (the NWPAct).

The notice requested comments on the provision of technical assistance and financial assistance for training of public safety officials to States and Indian Tribes through whose jurisdictions the DOE plans to transport spent nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste to a facility authorized under Subtitle A or C of the NWPAct. The training is to cover safe, routine transport procedures and emergency response procedures as directed in the NWPAct. The comment period for this notice of revised proposed policy was scheduled to close on October 22, 2007.

Today's notice announces a 90-day extension of the comment period on the revised proposed policy. The Department is taking this action in order to allow additional time for all interested parties to comment on the revised proposed policy.

**DATES:** Written comments should be mailed and electronic comments submitted to the Department and must

be received on or before January 22, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be directed to Ms. Corinne Macaluso, U.S. Department of Energy, c/o Patricia Temple, Bechtel SAIC Company, LLC, 955 N. L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Suite 8000, Washington, DC 20024. The revised proposed policy and electronic comments forms are also available at <http://www.ocrwm.doe.gov>. Fill out the form and click "submit" to send your comments in through the website. Persons submitting comments should include their name and address. Receipt of written comments in response to this notice will be acknowledged if a stamped, self-addressed postal card or envelope is enclosed. Electronic comments will receive an electronic notice of receipt.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on the transportation of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, please contact: Ms. Corinne Macaluso, Office of Logistics Management, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (RW-10), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-2837.

General program information is available on the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Web site located at <http://www.ocrwm.doe.gov>.

Copies of comments received will be posted on the OCRWM Web site. Please allow up to two weeks after DOE receives comments to view them on the Web site.

DOE will consider all comments submitted by the closing date. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. DOE requests that commenters pay particular attention to the questions at the end of the revised proposed policy.

Issued in Washington, DC, October 17, 2007.

**Christopher A. Kouts,**

*Acting Principal Deputy Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #1

October 16, 2007.

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EG08-4-000.

*Applicants:* FPL Energy Oliver Wind II, LLC.

*Description:* Notice of Self Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of FPL Energy Oliver Wind II, LLC.

*Filed Date:* 10/15/2007.

*Accession Number:* 20071015-5021.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, November 5, 2007.

*Docket Numbers:* EG08-5-000.

*Applicants:* Marble River, LLC.

*Description:* Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Marble River, LLC.

*Filed Date:* 10/15/2007.

*Accession Number:* 20071015-5075.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, November 5, 2007.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER00-2268-023;

ER99-4124-020; ER99-4122-024;

ER07-428-002.

*Applicants:* Pinnacle West Capital Corporation; Arizona Public Service Company; APS Energy Services Company, Inc.; Pinnacle West Marketing & Trading Company.

*Description:* Pinnacle West Capital Corp *et al.* submit a compliance filing pursuant to the Commission order issued 8/13/07.

*Filed Date:* 10/12/2007.

*Accession Number:* 20071015-0294.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, November 2, 2007.

*Docket Numbers:* ER01-1526-007; ER02-2080-006; ER02-2546-007; ER97-705-017; ER99-1213-007; ER99-2251-006; ER99-2252-007; ER99-3248-009.

*Applicants:* Newington Energy, LLC.; Ocean Peaking Power, LLC; CED Rock Springs, Inc.; Promark Energy Inc.; Lakewood Cogeneration LP; Consolidated Edison Company of New York; Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc.; ConEdison Energy Massachusetts, Inc.

*Description:* Consolidated Edison Energy, Inc. *et al.*, submits a notice of non-material change in status in compliance with the reporting requirements.

*Filed Date:* 10/10/2007.

*Accession Number:* 20071012-0112.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, October 31, 2007.

*Docket Numbers:* ER02-999-006; ER05-320-004; ER97-2460-009; ER97-2463-006.

*Applicants:* Unitil Power Corporation; Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.; Unitil Power Corporation; Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company.

*Description:* Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., *et al.*, submit a request for exemption from filing requirements applicable to Category 2 Sellers pursuant to Order 697.

*Filed Date:* 10/10/2007.

*Accession Number:* 20071012-0111.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, October 31, 2007.

*Docket Numbers:* ER06-1014-004.

*Applicants:* New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

*Description:* Compliance Filing of the New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

*Filed Date:* 10/15/2007.

*Accession Number:* 20071015-5077.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, November 5, 2007.

*Docket Numbers:* ER07-1236-002.

*Applicants:* Yuma Cogeneration Associates.

*Description:* Yuma Cogeneration Associates submits revisions to its proposed market-based rate tariff.

*Filed Date:* 10/12/2007.

*Accession Number:* 20071015-0037.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, October 26, 2007.

*Docket Numbers:* ER07-1332-001.

*Applicants:* Smoky Hills Wind Farm, LLC.

*Description:* Smoky Hills Wind Farm, LLC submits amendment to its application for order accepting market-based rate tariff, granting waivers and blanket authority.

*Filed Date:* 10/12/2007.

*Accession Number:* 20071015-0036.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, October 22, 2007.

*Docket Numbers:* ER08-38-000.

*Applicants:* Northern Renewable Energy (USA), Ltd.

*Description:* Northern Renewable Energy submits an Application for Market-Based Rate Authorization and Request for Waivers and Blanket Authorizations.

*Filed Date:* 10/10/2007.

*Accession Number:* 20071012-0110.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, October 31, 2007.

*Docket Numbers:* ER08-39-000.

*Applicants:* CL Power Sales Two, LLC.

*Description:* CL Power Sales Two, LLC submits a Notice of Cancellation of its FERC Electric Tariffs.