

megawatts; (7) an approximately 4-mile-long access road; (8) an approximately 21-mile-long, 115 kilovolt (kv) or 138 kv transmission line that consists of a combination of submarine, overhead, and underground segments; and (9) other appurtenant equipment.

k. *Scoping Process:* The City and Borough of Sitka (City) is using the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) alternative licensing process (ALP). Under the ALP, the City will prepare an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) and license application for the Takatz Lake Hydroelectric Project.

Although it is our intent to prepare an EA, there is a possibility the Commission will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. This meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the opportunity to participate in the upcoming scoping meetings identified below, and to solicit your scoping comments.

Scoping Meetings

The City and the Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings, one in the daytime and one in the evening, to help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the APEA.

The daytime scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns, while the evening scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the APEA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Daytime Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 1 p.m. (Alaska ST), U.S. Forest Service Conference Room, 5th Floor, Room 541A, Federal Building, 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, AK 99801.

Evening Meeting

Thursday, October 8, 2009, 7 p.m. (Alaska ST), Centennial Hall, Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive, Sitka, AK 99835.

To help focus discussions, Scoping Document 1 was mailed September 4, 2009, outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the APEA to the parties on the mailing list. Copies of the SD1 also will be available at the scoping meetings. SD1 is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may 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, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Site Visit

The potential applicant and Commission staff will conduct a site visit of the project on Thursday, October 8, 2009, starting at 8:30 a.m. All participants should meet at City of Sitka's Electric Department at 105 Jarvis Street, Sitka, Alaska 99835. Anyone with questions about the site visit should contact Mr. Christopher Brewton of the City and Borough of Sitka at (907) 747-1870 on or before October 2, 2009.

Based on all written comments received, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping sessions.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the APEA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the APEA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the APEA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist the City in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the APEA.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP09-449-000]

Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Diamond Mountain Compressor Station Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Site Visit

September 4, 2009.

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 Diamond Mountain Compressor Station Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd. (WIC) in Uintah County, Utah. 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.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on October 5, 2009.

On September 9, 2009, the Office of Energy Projects staff will conduct a site visit of WIC's Diamond Mountain Compressor Station Project in Uintah County, Utah. This site visit is being conducted to evaluate the proposed compressor station site and possible alternatives. A ground inspection will be conducted by automobile and on foot.

All interested parties are welcome, although those attending must provide their own transportation. Those interested in accompanying staff on this site visit should meet promptly at 8 a.m. (MDT) in the Best Western Dinosaur Inn lobby located at: 251 East Main Street, Vernal, Utah 84078.

For additional information, please contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-FERC.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for the project, which includes affected landowners; Federal, State, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; parties to this proceeding; and local libraries and newspapers. State and

local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

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 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?" is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). 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.

Summary of the Proposed Project

WIC proposes to construct and operate the new Diamond Mountain Compressor Station in Uintah County, Utah. The compressor station would contain two site-rated 9,262-horsepower Solar Taurus 70 compressor units. The proposed facilities would provide an additional 180,000 dekatherms per day of capacity on WIC's Kanda Lateral natural gas pipeline. The proposed station site is shown on figure 1 of appendix 1.¹

Land Requirements for Construction

The proposed compressor station would be on approximately 15.3 acres of Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Vernal Field Office. Of the 15.3 acres, 8.2 acres of land would be permanently maintained for operation of the compressor station and an access road to enter the facility.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act 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 us² to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received will be considered during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA, we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
- Cultural resources;
- Vegetation and wildlife;
- Threatened and endangered species;
- Land use, recreational, and visual resources;
- Air quality and noise; and
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project site and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be presented in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to those on our mailing list (see discussion of how to remain on our mailing list on page 5). A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation discussion.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated the proposal relative to their responsibilities. Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice. The Vernal Field Office of the BLM has already indicated that it would like to cooperate with us in preparing the EA.

² "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified issues that we think deserve attention based on our preliminary review of the project site. This preliminary list of issues may change based on your comments and our analysis.

- Potential impact on Federally and State-listed species.
 - Potential impact to noise quality associated with construction and operation of the compressor station.
- The proposed compressor station site lies within 2 miles of 3 sage grouse leks. Federal agencies, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), have expressed concern with this location and requested that the Commission review alternative sites that may have less of an impact on the environment. Private landowners who would be affected by any of the alternative sites have been included on our mailing list. Alternative sites are presented in figure 2 of appendix 1.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the Diamond Mountain Compressor Station Project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before October 5, 2009.

For your convenience, there are three methods which you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has dedicated eFiling expert staff available to assist you at 202-502-8258 or efiling@ferc.gov.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the Quick Comment feature, which is located at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "Documents and Filings" link. A Quick Comment is an easy method for interested persons to submit text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature under the "Documents and Filings" link. eFiling involves preparing your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper, and then saving the file on your computer's hard drive. You will attach that file as your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being published in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice by mail and are available at <http://www.ferc.gov> at the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

“Sign up” or “eRegister.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a “Comment on a Filing;” or

(3) You may file your comments with the Commission via mail by sending an original and two copies of your letter to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

In all instances, please reference the project docket number (CP09–449–000) with your submission. Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 1, PJ–11.1.

Environmental Mailing List

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. This includes all landowners who own homes within a certain distance (as defined in the Commission’s regulations) of the proposed and alternative compressor station sites.

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Environmental Mailing List form (appendix 2). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an “intervenor,” which is an official party to the Commission’s proceeding. Intervenor 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 “eFiling” link on the Commission’s Web site.

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 Internet at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the “eLibrary” link. Click on the eLibrary link, then on “General Search” and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP09–449), 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 or toll free at 1–866–208–3676, or for

TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which 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. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, 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.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL09–70–000]

Milford Wind Corridor LLC; Notice of Filing

September 4, 2009.

Take notice that on September 2, 2009, Milford Wind Corridor LLC, pursuant to section 207 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207, filed a petition for declaratory order requesting confirmation of its firm rights to use the Milford Wind Project, in Milford, Utah, generator lead to interconnect the full planned capacity of the Milford Wind Project to the integrated transmission system.

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 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 notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the “eFiling” link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the “eLibrary” link and is available for review in the Commission’s Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an “eSubscription” link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on October 2, 2009.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL09–72–000]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Filing

September 8, 2009.

Take notice that on September 4, 2009, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed a Petition for Declaratory Order, and an accompanying Declaration, requesting that the Commission declare that PG&E can recover in electric transmission rates its costs to develop a Regional Synchrophasor Project in conjunction with the Western Electricity Coordinating Council to develop wide area monitoring, advance warning systems, adaptive protection and controls in alignment with neighboring systems and the California Independent System Operator Corporation, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(2) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Commission, 18 CFR 385.207(a)(2).

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