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3–3:15 p.m.: *Break*.
3:15–5 p.m.: *Panel V*.

Discussion continues

Panelists:

Randy Rismiller, Manager of Federal
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Commission
Michael Allman, President & CEO,
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Robert A. Weishaar, Jr., McNees Wallace
& Nurick LLC, on behalf of PJM
Industrial Customer Coalition and
NEPOOL Industrial Customer
Coalition
Dr. Eric C. Woychik, Vice President of
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2230–036]

City and Borough of Sitka, AK; Notice of Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Preparing a License Amendment Application

April 28, 2008.

Take notice that the following request
to use alternative procedures to prepare
a license amendment application has
been filed with the Commission.

- a. *Type of Application:* Request to use
alternative procedures to prepare a
license amendment application.
- b. *Project No.:* 2230–036.
- c. *Date Filed:* March 11, 2008.
- d. *Applicant:* City and Borough of
Sitka, Alaska.

e. *Name of Project:* Blue Lake Project.
f. *Location:* On Sawmill Creek, in
Borough of Sitka, Alaska. The project
occupies 1,628.1 acres of federal lands
within Tongass National Forest.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power
Act, 16 U.S.C 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Charlie Walls,
Utility Director, City and Borough of
Sitka Electric Department, 105 Jarvis St.,
Sitka, Alaska 99835, (907) 747–1870,
charlie@cityofsitka.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* William Guey-Lee,
202–502–6064,
william.gueylee@ferc.gov

j. *Deadline for Comments:* May 28,
2008.

*All documents (original and eight
copies) should be filed with:* Kimberly
D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy
Regulatory Commission, 888 First
Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comments may be filed electronically
via the 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the “e-Filing” link.

k. The existing project generally
consists of a 211-foot-high, 256-foot-
long concrete arch dam, impounding the
1,225 acre Blue Lake reservoir; a 7,110
foot-long power conduit; and a
powerhouse containing two 3,000
kilowatt units. The applicant proposes
to add a third generating unit near the
existing powerhouse, and raise the
existing dam by as much as 83 feet.

l. A copy of the request to use
alternative procedures 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. A copy is also available
for inspection and reproduction at the
address in item h above.

You may also register online at
[http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/
esubscription.asp](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.

m. Applicant has demonstrated that it
has made an effort to contact all federal
and state resources agencies, non-
governmental organizations (NGO), and
others affected by the project. Applicant
has also demonstrated that a consensus
exists that the use of alternative

procedures is appropriate in this case.
Applicant has submitted a
communications protocol that is
supported by the stakeholders.

The purpose of this notice is to invite
any additional comments on
Applicant's request to use the
alternative procedures, pursuant to
section 4.34(i) of the Commission's
regulations. Additional notices seeking
comments on the specific project
proposal, interventions and protests,
and recommended terms and conditions
will be issued at a later date. Applicant
will complete and file a preliminary
Environmental Assessment, in lieu of
Exhibit E of the application. This differs
from the traditional process, in which
an applicant consults with agencies,
Indian tribes, NGOs, and other parties
during preparation of the license
application and before filing the
application, but the Commission staff
performs the environmental review after
the application is filed. The alternative
procedures are intended to simplify and
expedite the licensing process by
combining the pre-filing consultation
and environmental review processes
into a single process, to facilitate greater
participation, and to improve
communication and cooperation among
the participants.

Applicant has met with federal and
state resource agencies, NGO's, elected
officials, environmental groups, and
members of the public regarding the
Blue Lake amendment project.
Applicant intends to conduct the
alternative licensing procedures process
to file a license amendment application
by May 2009.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08–154–000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 24, 2008.

Take notice that on April 15, 2008,
Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline
Company (Williston Basin), 1250 West
Century Avenue, Bismarck, North
Dakota 58503, filed in Docket No. CP08–
154–000 a prior notice request pursuant
to sections 157.205, 157.208 and
157.213 of the Commission's regulations
under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and

Williston Basin's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-487-000 for the construction, authorization, and abandonment of mainline natural gas facilities (compression and measurement) in McKenzie and Williams County, as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The facilities will allow Williston Basin to deliver incremental firm transportation service to shippers that signed precedent agreements resulting from an open season ended November 30, 2007. Williston Basin states that the estimated cost to construct the facilities is approximately \$7,300,000. The filing may also be viewed on the web 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 at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Keith A. Tiggelaar, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company, 1250 West Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503, or telephone (701) 530-1560 (e-mail keith.tiggelaar@wbip.com).

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a) (1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

2015 Resource Pool

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed 2015 Resource Pool Size and Revised Eligibility Criteria.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western), a Federal power marketing administration of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), published its 2004 Power Marketing Plan (Marketing Plan) for Western's Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region (SNR) in the **Federal Register** on June 25, 1999 (64 FR 34417). The Marketing Plan specifies the terms and conditions under which Western will market power from the Central Valley Project (CVP) and the Washoe Project beginning January 1, 2005, and continuing through December 31, 2024. The Marketing Plan provides for a 2015 Resource Pool of up to 2 percent of SNR's marketable power resources. The 2015 Resource Pool will be available for power allocations to preference entities that meet the Eligibility Criteria. This notice begins the public process to establish the resources available and to revise the Eligibility Criteria provided in the Marketing Plan for the 2015 Resource Pool. Once Western establishes the final amount of power to be made available under the 2015 Resource Pool and the associated Eligibility Criteria, preference entities who wish to apply for an allocation of power from SNR must submit formal applications in response to Western's Call for 2015 Resource Pool Applications to be published under a separate notice.

DATES: Entities interested in submitting comments on Western's Proposed 2015 Resource Pool size and revised Eligibility Criteria must submit comments to the SNR office at the address below. To ensure consideration, comments must be received by the end of the comment period which closes at 4 p.m. PST on July 7, 2008. The public comment forum date is: May 21, 2008, 1 p.m. PST, Folsom, CA. Please refer to Western's Web page <http://www.wapa.gov/sn/marketing/2015ResourcePool.asp> for additional information including updates to the date, time, and location of the forum.

ADDRESSES: Western will hold the public comment forum at the Lake Natoma Inn, 702 Gold Lake Drive, Folsom, CA. Written comments can be mailed to Ms. Sonja A. Anderson, Power Marketing Manager, Sierra Nevada

Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710, e-mail sanderso@wapa.gov. Oral comments must be presented at the public comment forum which will be held on May 21, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jeanne Haas, Power Contracts and Energy Services Manager, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710, telephone (916) 353-4438, e-mail haas@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Marketing Plan provides that, effective January 1, 2015, Western will reduce all Customers' allocations by up to 2 percent to establish a 2015 Resource Pool. In addition, the Marketing Plan explains that as a result of a settlement, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) did not contribute to the 2005 Resource Pool. Beginning in 2015, SMUD's percentage will be adjusted pursuant to the Marketing Plan to be consistent with all other Existing Customers, and the percentage it did not provide to the 2005 Resource Pool will be included in the 2015 Resource Pool. Western is starting the public process for the allocation of the 2015 Resource Pool now to ensure that Customers have adequate time to secure power and delivery arrangements to start on January 1, 2015.

CVP power facilities include 11 powerplants with a maximum operating capability of about 2,044 megawatts (MW) and an estimated average annual generation of 4.6 million megawatthours (MWh). Western markets and transmits the power available from the CVP.

The Washoe Project's Stampede Powerplant has a maximum operating capability of 3.65 MW with an estimated annual generation of 10,000 MWh. The Sierra Pacific Power Company owns and operates the only transmission system available for access to the Stampede Powerplant.

Western owns the 94 circuit-mile Malin-Round Mountain, 500-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line (an integral section of the Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Alternating Current Intertie), 803 circuit miles of 230-kV transmission line, 7 circuit miles of 115-kV transmission line, and 44 circuit miles of 69-kV and below transmission line. Western also has part ownership in the 342-mile California-Oregon Transmission Project and owns the 84-mile Path 15 Upgrade Project. Many of Western's Customers have no direct