

clarification and believes that keeping avenues of communication open will help improve our safety culture. In our previous correspondence, the Department conveyed its acceptance of the Recommendation 2011–1 and now offers the following clarification in the areas requested:

1. *DOE's present assessment of the safety culture at WTP in light of the additional sources of supporting information now available to DOE.*

The Department has reviewed the incoming public comments and additional WTP safety culture-related information. On one hand, we are pleased that individuals have felt encouraged to step forward and express their concerns, to the extent that indicates that our broad message welcoming such input is being heard. On the other hand, the content of many of these messages shows that we need to continue to improve WTP's safety culture. The Department will also continue to evaluate the efficacy of applicable DOE and contractor policies and procedures, including the procedures for resolving differing professional opinions and other employee concerns.

2. *DOE's current understanding of the conclusions of the HSS report.*

The Health, Safety and Security (HSS) report, like all reports based on interviews, captured a snapshot in time. The report reflected the views of the interviewees as they perceived the existing situation, as interpreted by the report's authors. As your letter implies, given our steadfast commitment to safety we must continually update data and refresh conclusions based on what we learn. We have done that by reviewing the incoming comments we have received during the Deputy Secretary's July visit to Hanford and subsequently through other channels; as noted above, these have made clear that we have more work to do. That is why we have asked HSS to conduct a follow-on safety culture review at WTP as part of its broader extent-of-condition review across the DOE complex. Those reviews are scheduled to begin later this month, and we will apply what we learn in those reviews to continue our efforts to improve the safety culture at Hanford.

3. *DOE's present understanding and response to Sub-recommendation 3.*

DOE understands the distinction being made by the Board that there is a difference between judging the merits of a particular case between opposing parties still in dispute, and the effect that the perceptions of that controversy—regardless of the merits of the underlying case—may have on a community. We also agree with the

Board that such perceptions can have a material effect on the safety culture at a site and in a community. In developing our Implementation Plan on Recommendation 2011–1, the DOE therefore will continue to work to establish a strong safety culture that takes the power of perceptions fully into account.

4. *The independence, public stature, and leadership experience of the implementation team that will be called upon to provide safety culture insights and assessments to the Secretary and Senior DOE leadership.*

We accept the implicit premise of the request, i.e., that the independence, stature, and leadership experience of the implementation team that will be called upon to provide safety culture insights and assessments to the Secretary and Senior DOE leadership is of crucial importance. In this regard, the review team members are selected based on their technical competence, objectivity, experience in safety management, executive leadership, and a clear understanding of corporate culture. DOE recognizes the heightened need to include “knowledgeable others” in the safety culture review process. The Department will therefore engage independent industry safety culture experts to evaluate the Implementation Plan (IP), and also to evaluate the quality of major IP deliverables.

Both DOE and Bechtel National Incorporated (BNI) will be performing safety culture reviews at WTP. The Department welcomes BNI's initiative in engaging qualified industry experts. DOE will monitor and cooperate with—but not partner in—the BNI review in order to gauge the validity of the BNI process. DOE will also examine the results of the review for relevant findings.

Of course, BNI's activities are not a substitute for DOE-directed reviews, which is why we are undertaking our own assessment concurrently. The HSS review will also help update our understanding of the current status of nuclear safety culture at WTP. The results of the HSS review will, of course, be shared with the Board upon its completion.

I hope this clarification is helpful. We are enthusiastic about our work toward the shared goal of safety excellence throughout the DOE complex. Given the importance of this issue, I hope you will continue to work closely with Deputy Secretary Poneman as we strengthen our efforts to promote a strong safety culture at WTP and across the DOE complex.

Sincerely,

Steven Chu

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

Docket Numbers: ER11–4008–001.

Applicants: Public Service Company of New Mexico.

Description: Public Service Company of New Mexico submits tariff filing per 35: ANPP HVS Part. Agreement Rate Schedule 117 to be effective 9/7/2011.

Filed Date: 09/23/2011.

Accession Number: 20110923–5002.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, October 14, 2011.

Docket Numbers: ER11–2224–010.

Applicants: New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: New York Independent System Operator, Inc. submits tariff filing per 35: NYISO Compliance Filing Regarding ICAP Demand Curves to be effective 9/15/2011.

Filed Date: 09/22/2011.

Accession Number: 20110922–5121.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, October 3, 2011.

Docket Numbers: ER11–4606–000.

Applicants: Dragon Energy, LLC.

Description: Dragon Energy, LLC submits tariff filing per 35.1: FERC Electric MBR Baseline Tariff Filing to be effective 9/22/2011.

Filed Date: 09/22/2011.

Accession Number: 20110922–5107.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, October 13, 2011.

Docket Numbers: ER11–4607–000.

Applicants: Energy Cooperative of New York, Inc.

Description: Energy Cooperative of New York, Inc. submits tariff filing per 35.1: ECNY MBR Re-File to be effective 9/22/2011.

Filed Date: 09/22/2011.

Accession Number: 20110922–5113.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, October 13, 2011.

Docket Numbers: ER11–4608–000.

Applicants: New York Industrial Energy Buyers, LLC.

Description: New York Industrial Energy Buyers, LLC submits tariff filing per 35.1: NYIEB MBR Re-File to be effective 9/22/2011.

Filed Date: 09/22/2011.

Accession Number: 20110922–5117.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, October 13, 2011.

Docket Numbers: ER11-4609-000.
Applicants: Triton Power Michigan LLC.

Description: Triton Power Michigan LLC submits tariff filing per 35.1: Baseline eTariff Filing Pursuant to Order No. 714 to be effective 9/22/2011.
Filed Date: 09/22/2011.

Accession Number: 20110922-5118.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, October 13, 2011.

Docket Numbers: ER11-4610-000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, LLC.

Description: PJM Interconnection, LLC submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): Queue Position V3-036; Original Service Agreement Nos. 3059 & 3060 to be effective 8/23/2011.
Filed Date: 09/22/2011.

Accession Number: 20110922-5120.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, October 13, 2011.

Docket Numbers: ER11-4611-000.
Applicants: Idaho Power Company.
Description: Idaho Power Company submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): BPA NITSA Oct 2011 to be effective 10/1/2011.
Filed Date: 09/22/2011.

Accession Number: 20110922-5122.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, October 13, 2011.

Docket Numbers: ER11-4612-000.
Applicants: Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc.

Description: BARRICK GOLDSTRIKE MINES INC. Notice of Cancellation of Market-Based Rate Tariff Issued.
Filed Date: 09/23/2011.

Accession Number: 20110923-5015.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, October 14, 2011.

Docket Numbers: ER11-4613-000.
Applicants: DB Energy Trading LLC.
Description: DB Energy Trading LLC submits tariff filing per 35.1: DB Energy Trading LLC Rate Schedule FERC No. 1 Baseline Filing to be effective 9/23/2011.
Filed Date: 09/23/2011.

Accession Number: 20110923-5036.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, October 14, 2011.

Docket Numbers: ER11-4614-000.
Applicants: Discount Energy Group, LLC.

Description: Discount Energy Group, LLC submits tariff filing per 35.1: Discount Energy FERC Electric Tariff, Volume No. 1 Baseline to be effective 9/23/2011.
Filed Date: 09/23/2011.

Accession Number: 20110923-5049.
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The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

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Dated: September 23, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP11-2581-000.
Applicants: CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC.
Description: CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC submits tariff filing per 154.403(d)(2): CEGT LLC—Fuel Tracker Filing, to be effective 11/1/2011.
Filed Date: 09/23/2011.

Accession Number: 20110923-5051
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, October 05, 2011.

Docket Numbers: RP11-2582-000.
Applicants: Viking Gas Transmission Company

Description: Viking Gas Transmission Company submits tariff filing per 154.204: Semi Annual FLRP—Fall 2011 to be effective 11/1/2011.
Filed Date: 09/23/2011.

Accession Number: 20110923-5052.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, October 05, 2011.

Docket Numbers: RP11-2583-000.
Applicants: Guardian Pipeline, LLC.
Description: Guardian Pipeline, LLC submits tariff filing per 154.204: 2011

Transporter's Use Gas Annual Adjustment to be effective 11/1/2011.
Filed Date: 09/23/2011.

Accession Number: 20110923-5053
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, October 05, 2011.

Docket Numbers: RP11-2584-000.
Applicants: Texas Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: Texas Gas Transmission, LLC submits tariff filing per 154.204: Storage Update Filing to be effective 11/1/2011.
Filed Date: 09/23/2011.

Accession Number: 20110923-5054.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, October 05, 2011.

Docket Numbers: RP11-2585-000.
Applicants: Venice Gathering System, LLC.

Description: Venice Gathering System, LLC submits tariff filing per 154.204: Section 31, Off-System Capacity to be effective 10/24/2011.
Filed Date: 09/23/2011.

Accession Number: 20110923-5084.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, October 05, 2011.

Docket Numbers: RP11-2586-000.
Applicants: Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC submits tariff filing per 154.204: Negotiated Rate Service Agreement—NJR to be effective 9/24/2011.
Filed Date: 09/23/2011.

Accession Number: 20110923-5097
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, October 05, 2011.

Docket Numbers: RP11-2587-000.
Applicants: USG Pipeline Company.
Description: USG Pipeline Company submits tariff filing per 154.204: Negotiated Rate filing with CDNAG to be effective 10/24/2011.
Filed Date: 09/23/2011.

Accession Number: 20110923-5141.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, October 05, 2011.

Docket Numbers: RP11-2589-000.
Applicants: Gulf Crossing Pipeline Company LLC.

Description: Gulf Crossing Pipeline Company LLC submits tariff filing per 154.204: Create PAL Service to be effective 11/1/2011.
Filed Date: 09/26/2011.

Accession Number: 20110926-5066.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

Docket Numbers: RP11-2590-000.
Applicants: Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP.

Description: Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP submits tariff filing per 154.203: DCP—2011 Revenue Crediting Report to be effective N/A.