Applicants: Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. Description: G491 Compliance filing to be effective 11/15/2011 under ER12-397 Filing Type: 80. Filed Date: 5/11/12. Accession Number: 20120511-5158. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/1/12. Docket Numbers: ER12-1152-000: ER12-1153-000. Applicants: Bounce Energy PA, LLC, Bounce Energy NY, LLC. Description: Bounce Energy Companies' Additional Information. *Filed Date:* 5/11/12. Accession Number: 20120511-5059. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/1/12. Docket Numbers: ER12-1152-002. Applicants: Bounce Energy PA, LLC. Description: Market-Based Rate Application Deficiency Filing to be effective 2/24/2012. Filed Date: 5/11/12. Accession Number: 20120511-5016. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/1/12. Docket Numbers: ER12-1153-002. Applicants: Bounce Energy NY, LLC. *Description:* Market-Based Rate Application Deficiency Filing to be effective 2/24/2012. Filed Date: 5/11/12. Accession Number: 20120511-5018. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/1/12. Docket Numbers: ER12–1471–003. Applicants: Canastota Windpower, LLC. Description: Canastota Windpower, LLC Amendment to Electric Tariff to be effective 5/12/2012. Filed Date: 5/11/12. Accession Number: 20120511-5015. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/1/12. Docket Numbers: ER12-1761-000. Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. *Description:* Revisions to the PJM Tariff to add a new Schedule 10-Michigan-Ontario Interface to be effective 4/5/2012. Filed Date: 5/10/12. Accession Number: 20120510-5148. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 5/31/12. Docket Numbers: ER12-1762-000. Applicants: Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. Description: Modifications to PASNY Revenue Decoupling Mechanism to be effective 5/11/2012. Filed Date: 5/10/12. Accession Number: 20120510-5149. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 5/31/12. Docket Numbers: ER12-1763-000. Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. Description: Original Service

Agreement No. 3284; Queue No. W3– 139 to be effective 4/13/2012.

Filed Date: 5/11/12. Accession Number: 20120511-5017. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/1/12. Docket Numbers: ER12-1764-000. Applicants: Amplified Power & Gas, LLC. Description: Baseline New to be effective 7/16/2012. Filed Date: 5/11/12. Accession Number: 20120511-5093. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/1/12. Docket Numbers: ER12-1765-000. Applicants: International Transmission Company. Description: Notice of Succession to be effective 7/13/2012. Filed Date: 5/11/12. Accession Number: 20120511-5113. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/1/12. Docket Numbers: ER12–1766–000. Applicants: Southern California Edison Company. *Description:* True-Up to Tie-Line Fac Agmt with NRG Solar Blythe LLC, Blythe Solar 1 Project to be effective 7/11/2012. *Filed Date:* 5/11/12. Accession Number: 20120511-5114. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/1/12. Docket Numbers: ER12–1767–000. Applicants: Southern California Edison Company. Description: True-Up to LGIA SERV AG with NRG Solar Blythe LLC, Blythe Solar 1 Project to be effective 7/11/2012. Filed Date: 5/11/12. Accession Number: 20120511-5115. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/1/12. Docket Numbers: ER12-1768-000. Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. Description: Original Service Agreement No. 3285; Queue No. X1-082 to be effective 4/13/2012. Filed Date: 5/11/12. Accession Number: 20120511-5151. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/1/12. Docket Numbers: ER12–1769–000. Applicants: Viridian Energy NG, LLC. Description: Market-Based Rate Tariff to be effective 7/1/2012. Filed Date: 5/11/12. Accession Number: 20120511–5156. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/1/12. Docket Numbers: ER12–1770–000. Applicants: DES Wholesale, LLC. Description: Baseline Filing to be effective 5/11/2012. Filed Date: 5/11/12. Accession Number: 20120511–5159. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/1/12. Docket Numbers: ER12-1771-000 Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. Description: Original Service Agreement No. 3318; Queue No. X3-075 to be effective 5/1/2012.

*Filed Date:* 5/11/12.

*Accession Number:* 20120511–5160. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/1/12.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: *http://www.ferc.gov/ docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf*. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: May 11, 2012.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

# Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER12-678-000 and ER12-679-000]

### Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.; Notice of Deadlines for Filing Post-Conference Comments

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued on April 4, 2012, and as required in the Commission's March 30, 2012 order in these dockets,<sup>1</sup> there will be a technical conference in these proceedings on May 15, 2012 at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC, Room 3M–2A&B. The technical conference will be led by staff, and will be open for the public to attend.

Parties wishing to file comments on the matters discussed at the technical conference, and wishing to reply to comments filed by others, should do so on the following schedule:

*Comments:* Due on or before June 5, 2012.

*Reply comments:* Due on or before June 19, 2012.

Dated: May 14, 2012. **Kimberly D. Bose,**  *Secretary.* [FR Doc. 2012–12073 Filed 5–17–12; 8:45 am] **BILLING CODE 6717–01–P** 

### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP12-96-000]

### El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Norte Crossing Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

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 Norte Crossing Project involving construction and operation of facilities by El Paso Natural Gas Company (EPNG) in El Paso County, Texas. The Commission will use this EA 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 they need to evaluate in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on June 13, 2012.

You may submit comments in written. Further details on how to submit written comments are in the Public Participation section of this notice.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should 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, a pipeline company representative may contact you 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 Commission approves the project, 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 where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

EPNG provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?". 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 also available for viewing on the FERC Web site (*www.ferc.gov*).

#### **Summary of the Proposed Project**

EPNG proposes to construct a new border crossing at the international boundary between the United States and Mexico in El Paso County, Texas. The Norte Crossing Project would consist of the construction of approximately 1,500 feet of 36-inch-diameter pipeline, directionally drilled underneath the Rio Grande River in El Paso County, Texas. The new pipeline would have a maximum daily export capacity of 366,000 million cubic feet per day (Mcf/d), designed to transport natural gas to a new delivery interconnect with Tarahumara Pipeline at the United States/Mexico border to power five new power plants proposed for construction by the Mexican Commission Federal de Electricidad (CFE) over the next 15 years.

The Norte Crossing Project would consist of the following facilities:

• 1,500 feet of 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline located adjacent to the existing Samalayuca Lateral;

• new upstream meter station with related appurtenances; and

• a 36-inch-diameter pig launcher and a new tie-in that would connect the Project pipeline to the existing Samalayuca Lateral.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the Project pipeline would affect a total of 3.72 acres of land owned by EPNG. Construction of the new upstream facilities (meter station, pig launcher, and tie-in) would likewise occur entirely within the 3.72-acre property. No new access roads or expansion of existing access roads would be required. EPNG would utilize existing access roads to the Project site.

## 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. 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. We will consider all filed comments 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;
- Land use;

• Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;

- Cultural resources;
- Vegetation and wildlife;
- Air quality and noise;
- Endangered and threatened species; and
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

The EA will present our independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in the public record through eLibrary. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, we may also publish and distribute the EA to the public for an allotted comment period. We will consider all comments on the EA before making our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure we have the opportunity to consider and address your comments, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section below.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/ or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA<sup>3</sup>. Agencies that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at *www.ferc.gov* using 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.6.