

tanks that are not empty. DOE notes that as stated in the guidelines, further details of the testing protocol will be provided to contestants by the prize administrator. DOE had considered more complicated testing procedures, however, given the potential diversity of system designs (for example, they may have different dispensing pressures), and the added cost and time associated with implementing more complicated protocols and verifying that they are performed, lead to the selection of the current protocols. Another response commented on the general plans, suggesting that to engage a robust set of entries, the eligibility requirements for insurance and waivers be waived until after the selection of finalists. DOE notes that insurance and liability waivers are required by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, Public Law 110–140 (42 U.S.C. 16396(f)), and those requirements for registration will remain in the guidelines. The same response also recommended the use of modern engagement methods, such as involvement with social media in addition to the Web site. Both DOE and HEF have plans to ensure that the competition is widely advertised, including the use of social media and other engagement activities.

One comment asked when a forum to help teams find partners would be available. DOE notes that the H-Prize Web site will provide opportunities for those interested in joining a team to reach others. For example, interested parties will be able to submit information to HEF, which will post the lists of those with interest in teaming, with no implied endorsements or guarantees, on the Web site or in newsletters. Though an online forum was initially considered and noted in the draft guidelines, other methods of communication have since been determined to be more effective and the guideline language was changed accordingly.

One response asked if funding is available to design and/or build the entries. DOE notes that, as stated in both the draft and final guidelines, “The entrants are responsible for costs associated with participating in the competition including but not limited to designing, installing and operating their systems.” The H-Prize is a competition, and no up-front funding is provided through the competition itself. It is expected that this will be a common question, and will be addressed in an FAQ page on the H-Prize Web site.

One response asked about when final guidelines would be posted. DOE notes that the final guidelines are posted in this **Federal Register** notice. Further

details can be found in this notice and on the H-Prize Web site.

Three responses suggested changes to the competition that are not compatible with the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, Public Law 110–140 (42 U.S.C. 16396(f)). One suggested allowing synthetic methane as an alternative to the hydrogen fueling; however, DOE notes that the H-Prize statutory authority states that the prize is intended to advance the research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of hydrogen energy technologies. Fueling with methane would not qualify as a hydrogen energy technology, and therefore the guidelines will not be changed to include methane or other fuels besides hydrogen. Two other responses suggested having separate awards for different categories, either the “home” or “community” or a set of three categories based on scale and application. The combination of single-home and community scale systems provides entrants with the flexibility to match their solution to the general topic of small-scale, non-commercial fueling while the parallel target ranges for certain criteria allows the two scales (single user vs. multiple user) to be more evenly compared based on their expected application.

Safety

One comment was also submitted on issues related to safety, codes and standards. In response, DOE engaged in discussions with safety experts, including the respondents. The comments and discussions lead to several modifications of the competition guidelines and plans. These include the addition of a safety plan and hazard analysis to the documents required at the preliminary design and data deadline, which will be judged by a panel of safety professionals; plans for a safety information page that will be on the H-Prize Web site; and plans to hold a webinar on safety, codes and standards that will be open to all interested parties and posted on the H-Prize Web site. In addition to the eligibility requirement included in both the draft and final guidelines that participants would be disqualified for any “violation of any federal, state or local law or regulation” which includes safety codes and standards, the final guidelines require that “entries must meet the safety codes and standards in effect at the installation location appropriate to the system.” Because the relevant safety codes and standards will depend on both the system design and the installation location, a single, comprehensive list of required

standards cannot be provided. Some suggestions by respondents were more appropriate for projects where DOE was providing direct funding for a contract or financial assistance award. Unlike traditional funding scenarios, the H-Prize competition does not create a direct contractual relationship with potential H-Prize contestants.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 16, 2014.

Sunita Satyapal,

Fuel Cell Technology Office Director.

[FR Doc. 2014–25596 Filed 10–27–14; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL15–8–000]

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., Farmers' Electric Cooperative, Inc., Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Roosevelt County Electric Cooperative, Inc., West Texas Municipal Power Agency (Complainants) v. Southwestern Public Service Company (Respondent); Notice of Complaint

Take notice that on October 20, 2014, pursuant to Rule 206 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206 and sections 201, 206, and 306 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824, 824(e), and 825(e), Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., Farmers' Electric Cooperative, Inc., Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Roosevelt County Electric Cooperative, Inc., and West Texas Municipal Power Agency (collectively, Complainants) filed a formal complaint against Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS or Respondent), alleging that the production formula rate of each of their respective Replacement Power Sales Agreements with SPC and that the open access transmission tariff formula rate applicable to pricing of transmission service over the facilities of SPS contain an unjust and unreasonable rate of return of common equity. In addition, the Complainants request that this proceeding be consolidated with Docket Nos. EL13–78–000 and EL12–59–000.

The Complainants certifies that copies of the complaint were served on the contacts for SPS as listed on the Commission's list of Corporate Officials.

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. The Respondent's answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent's answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainants.

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 5 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 electronic 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 email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 30, 2014.

Dated: October 21, 2014.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2014-25542 Filed 10-27-14; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL15-7-000]

Michigan Public Service Commission v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.; Notice of Complaint

Take notice that on October 17, 2014, pursuant to Rule 206 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's

(Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206 and sections 206, 306, and 309 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824e, 825e, and 825h, the Michigan Public Service Commission (Complainant), filed a formal complaint against Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (Respondent), alleging that the provision of the Respondent's Open Access Transmission, Energy and Operating Reserve Markets Tariff governing the allocation of System Support Resource costs within the American Transmission Company footprint are unjust and unreasonable.

The Complainant certifies that copies of the complaint were served on the contacts for the Respondent as listed in the Commission's list of Corporate Officials and on all Respondent parties in a related Docket No. ER14-2952-000.

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. The Respondent's answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent's answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainants.

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 5 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 electronic 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 email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call

(866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on November 6, 2014.

Dated: October 21, 2014.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2014-25541 Filed 10-27-14; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF14-10-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Dalton Expansion Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC's (Transco's) Dalton Expansion Project (Project) involving construction and operation of new pipeline and aboveground facilities in Georgia and the modification of Transco's existing mainline system in Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. 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 November 20, 2014.

You may submit comments in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are in the Public Participation section of this notice. In lieu of or in addition to sending written comments, the Commission invites you to attend the public scoping meetings scheduled as follows:

Date and time	Location
November 3, 2014, 7:00 p.m. EDT	Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road, Dalton, GA 30720, (706) 272-7676.
November 4, 2014, 7:00 p.m. EDT	VA-AmVets Center, 816 Old Bremen Rd, Carrollton, GA, (770) 841-6726.