

requirement or section of the guidelines, please provide proposed language for the suggested change.

To Obtain a copy of the TGDC Draft Recommendations of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines: Due to the fact that the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines are more than 550 pages in length, the entire draft document has not been attached to this notice. A complete copy of the TGDC draft recommendations of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines is available from the EAC in electronic format. An electronic copy can be downloaded in PDF format or read in HTML version on EAC's Web site, <http://www.eac.gov>. In order to obtain a paper copy of the TGDC draft recommendations please mail a written request to Voluntary Voting System Guidelines Comments, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Ave., NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Prior to the passage of HAVA, the Federal Election Commission (FEC) published the 2002 Voting System Standards (VSS). HAVA mandated that the EAC update the VSS. In December of 2005 the EAC adopted the 2005 VVSG. The 2005 VVSG used many of the same requirements as the 2002 VSS but it expanded the security, accessibility, and usability sections. On March 29, 2006, the TGDC held its first meeting to discuss the next iteration of the VVSG. Since that time, the TGDC has held numerous public meetings and subcommittee conference calls to create a set of draft guidelines for recommendation to the EAC (all TGDC meeting materials can be found at <http://www.vote.nist.gov>). On August 17, 2007, the TGDC voted to complete final edits of their recommendations and submit them to the Executive Director of the EAC. The EAC received the draft guidelines from the TGDC on August 31, 2007.

The recommended guidelines currently consist of an Introduction and three distinct Parts. The Introduction is an overview of the requirements and explanations of new or expanded materials. Part 1 contains the equipment requirements including upgraded requirements for security and new usability benchmarks for voting machines. Part 2 details the documentation requirements for both the manufacturers and the Voting System Test Laboratories (VSTL). Part 2 also includes a section on the

submission of the Technical Data Package and requirements for full system user documentation. Part 3 contains the testing requirements for voting machines. This includes new material on open ended vulnerability testing and new benchmarks for performance testing. In addition to the introduction and the three parts, the guidelines contain (1) an appendix for "definitions of words with special meaning" specific to the requirements and (2) an appendix detailing all references and end notes.

Now that the TGDC has submitted its draft recommendations to the EAC for publication in the **Federal Register**, the EAC will begin its review and development process. This is a four phase plan:

*Phase I*—EAC will submit the TGDC's draft document to the **Federal Register** and provide a public comment feature on [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov). The public comment period will last for 120 days and all comments will be made available for public review. This public comment period is not required by law; however, the EAC thought it was extremely important to receive public input before proceeding with the process. During this public comment period the EAC will conduct public hearings regarding the TGDC's draft recommendations. The TGDC draft is currently available at <http://www.eac.gov>.

*Phase II*—EAC will collect and review all public comments submitted on the TGDC draft. After consideration of all public comments, the EAC will then perform an internal review.

*Phase III*—Based upon public comment and internal review of the TGDC document, the EAC will develop and publish its draft version in the **Federal Register**. The public will have another 120 days to comment on the EAC draft version. EAC will conduct public hearings to discuss its draft version.

*Phase IV*—EAC will collect and review all comments submitted and make final modifications. The final version of the VVSG will be adopted by vote of the Commission at a public meeting and then published in the **Federal Register**.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Effectiveness of Exempt Wholesale Generator or Foreign Utility Company Status

October 26, 2007.

Benton County Wind Farm ...	EG07-64-000
Scurry County Wind L.P. ....	EG07-65-000
Jeffers Wind 20, LLC .....	EG07-66-000
Mansfield 2007 Trust A .....	EG07-67-000
Mansfield 2007 Trust B .....	EG07-68-000
Mansfield 2007 Trust C .....	EG07-69-000
Mansfield 2007 Trust D .....	EG07-70-000
Mansfield 2007 Trust E .....	EG07-71-000
Mansfield 2007 Trust F .....	EG07-72-000
Airtricity Munnsville Wind Farm, LLC .....	EG07-73-000
CPV Liberty, LLC .....	EG07-74-000
Gas Natural BAN, S.A. ....	FC07-52-000
Transportista Eléctrica Centroamericana, S.A. ....	FC07-53-000

Take notice that during the month of September 2007, the status of the above-captioned entities as Exempt Wholesale Generators or Foreign Utility Companies became effective by operation of the Commission's regulations, with the exception of EG07-65-000, which became effective in July 2007. 18 CFR 366.7(a).

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-7-000]

#### Quicksilver Resources, Inc.; BreitBurn Operating L.P.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

October 26, 2007.

Take notice that on October 5, 2007, Quicksilver Resources, Inc. and BreitBurn Operating L.P. (collectively Petitioners), under Rule 207(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207(a)(2) (2007), filed a petition for a declaratory order requesting that the Commission disclaim jurisdiction over certain natural gas facilities because such facilities perform a gathering function exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction under section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of