portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to federal, state, and local agencies; public interest groups; interested individuals; affected landowners; newspapers; libraries; and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the Meeker to Cheyenne Expansion Project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send in your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 9, 2009.

For your convenience, there are three methods in which you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances please reference the project docket number CP09–58–000 with your submission. The docket number can be found on the front of this notice. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has dedicated eFiling expert staff available to assist you at 202–502–8258 or efiling@ferc.gov.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the *Quick Comment* feature, which is located on the Commission's Internet Web site at http://www.ferc.gov under the link to Documents and Filings. A Quick Comment is an easy method for interested persons to submit text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature, which is located on the Commission's Internet website at *http://www.ferc.gov* under the link to *Documents and Filings*. eFiling involves preparing your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper, and then saving the file on your computer's hard drive. You will attach

that file as your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "Sign up" or "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing;" or

(3) You may file your comments via mail to the Commission by sending an original and two copies of your letter to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 1, PJ11.1.

Environmental Mailing List

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. This includes all landowners who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within distances defined in the Commission's regulations of certain aboveground facilities.

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Information Request (Appendix 2). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an "intervenor," which is an official party to the proceeding. Intervenors play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in a Commission proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are included in the User's Guide under the "e-filing" link on the Commission's Internet Web site.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1–866–208–FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (http://www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support@ferc.gov

or toll free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to https://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx along with other related information.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

March 10, 2009.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that

the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-therecord communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are 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, please contact FERC, Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

Docket No.	File date	Presenter or requester
Prohibited: 1. CP09–54–000	3_4_09	Commission Staff ¹
Exempt:	0 4 03	Commission Stan.
1. CP04–36–000	3–4–09	Hon. Walter S. Felag, Jr.
2. CP08-458-000	3–4–09	Kenneth Warn.
3. CP07-444-000	3–9–09	Kenneth Warn.
4. CP09-54-000	2-12-09	Hon. Dave Freudenthal.
5. CP09-54-000	3–10–09	David Swearington.
6. EL09–29–000, EL09–30–000	2–27–09	Hon. Brad Molnar.
7. P–2210–169	2–23–09	T. P. Rogers. ²
8. P-12429-000	3–9–09	Dan Jewell.

¹ Memorandum to the File, Summary of Meeting.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2244-022]

Energy Northwest; Notice of Staff Participation in Meeting

March 10, 2009.

On April 27, 2009, Office of Energy Projects staff (staff) will host a meeting in Olympia, Washington to: (1) Discuss the Packwood Lake Hydroelectric Project (project) draft environmental assessment (EA) (issued on February 5, 2009), and comments filed therein; (2) to discuss and attempt to resolve differences between the staff's recommended alternative in the draft EA with the 10(j) recommendation filed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; and (3) facilitate the processing of the National Marine Fisheries Service's biological opinion, the Washington State Department of Ecology's water quality certification, and the Forest Service's modified 4(e) conditions for the project.

The meeting will start at 9 a.m. at the Washington Public Utility District Association building, located at 212 Union Avenue SE., Olympia, WA 98501. For directions please contact Audrey Desserault of Energy Northwest at (509) 377–8468, or via e-mail at: *AJDESSERAULT@energy-northwest.com*. For further information about the meeting please contact Carolyn Templeton of the Commission's staff at (202) 502–8785, or via e-mail at: *Carolyn.Templeton@ferc.gov*.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Electronic Tariff Filings; Notice of Technical Conference Regarding Electronic Tariff Filing

March 10, 2009.

Take notice that on April 28, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, a technical conference will be held to discuss the implementation of electronic tariff filing. In Order No. 714, the Commission adopted regulations requiring that, as of April 1, 2010, tariff and tariff related filings must be made

electronically. The first technical conference was held on December 3, 2008.

This conference will cover: the data fields and formatting to be included in the Table of Contents on the Commission's public viewer; issues that have arisen with respect to the testing site, including the need for dates or versioning in the comma separated value files and the error codes and descriptions; and a discussion of the means by which companies may, if they choose, include pending compliance tariff provisions in their baseline filings. Time permitting, participants also will be free to ask questions about other issues related to electronic tariff filing.

Background material on the standards and requirements can be found on the Commission's Web site (http://www.ferc.gov; click on eTariff under the Documents and Filings Heading).

The technical conference is open to the public. The conference will be held at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. In addition, the conference will be accessible via telephone. Staff anticipates posting any documents that may be referenced during the conference on the eTariff Web site so that they will be accessible to those using the telephone.

The telephone number for the conference will be posted on http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/etariff.asp and an RSS alert of the posting will be

² E-mail attaching informational filing.

 $^{^1}Electronic\ Tariff\ Filings,\ Order\ No.\ 714,\ 73\ FR$ 57,515 (Oct. 3, 2008), 124 FERC \P 61,270, FERC Stats. & Regs [Regulations Preambles] \P 31,276 (2008) (Sept. 19, 2008).