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Delegation of Authority: The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Daniel T. Madzellan, Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis for the Office of Postsecondary Education to perform the function of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

Dated: March 25, 2009.

Daniel T. Madzellan,

Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-98-L]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Western Systems Power Pool

AGENCY: Office Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Application.

SUMMARY: Thirteen members of the Western Systems Power Pool (WSPP) are authorized to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act. One authorized exporter, TransCanada Energy Marketing ULC (TCEM), has transferred its wholesale electric trading operations to an affiliate and requests that the electricity export authorization contained in Order No. EA-98-K be amended to reflect this change.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before April 30, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (Mail Code OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-586-5860).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On September 5, 1996, in Order No. EA-98-C, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized 42 members of the WSPP to export electric energy to Canada. In several subsequent proceedings in the EA-98 docket, the list of members authorized to export was modified to add, delete, or reflect corporate name changes. The most recent order, EA-98-K, was issued on November 9, 2007, and authorizes 13 WSPP member companies individually to transmit electric energy to Canada. The international transmission facilities authorized for use by those exporters are owned by the Bonneville Power Administration, also a WSPP member. The facilities consist of two 500-kV transmission lines and one 230-kV transmission line that interconnect with facilities of BC Hydro, and one 230-kV line that interconnects with West Kootenay Power, Limited. The construction and operation of these international transmission facilities was previously authorized by Presidential Permits PP-10, PP-46, and PP-36, respectively. The current authorization to various members of the WSPP to export electric energy to Canada will expire on April 25, 2012.

On February 23, 2009, WSPP submitted an application on behalf of TCEM, one of the 13 authorized exporters, informing DOE that TCEM would transfer its wholesale electric trading operations to its newly formed affiliate, TransCanada Energy Sales Ltd. (TES), effective March 1, 2009, and requested an order be issued to WSPP removing TCEM as an authorized exporter and adding TES.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Matthew K. Segers, Wright & Talisman, P.C., 1200 G Street, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005-3802.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy

Act of 1969, and a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program Web site at http://www.oe.energy.gov/permits_pending.htm, or by e-mailing Odessa Hopkins at Odessa.Hopkins@hq.doe.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 26, 2009.

Anthony J. Como,

Director, Permitting and Siting, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB)

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open teleconference.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a teleconference of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 86 Stat.770) requires that public notice of these teleconferences be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: April 15, 2009 at 1-2 p.m. EDT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Burch, STEAB Designated Federal Officer, Office of Commercialization and Project Management, Golden Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401, Telephone 303-275-4801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives, programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. No. 101-440).

Tentative Agenda: Discuss ways STEAB can support DOE's implementation of the Economic Recovery Act, commercialization efforts for both energy efficiency and renewable energy, consider potential collaborative activities involving the State Energy offices, and update members on their routine business matters.

Public Participation: The teleconference is open to the public.

Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the teleconference. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gary Burch at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral comments must be received five days prior to the teleconference; reasonable provision will be made to include requested topic(s) on the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the teleconference in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the teleconference will be available for public review and copying within 60 days on the STEAB Web site, <http://www.steab.org>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on March 24, 2009.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Notice of Final Policy; Revised Policy on Determining Net Requirements of Pacific Northwest Utility Customers Under Sections 5(b)(1) and 9(c) of the Northwest Power Act

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of final policy.

SUMMARY: In July 2007, the Bonneville Power Administration released its Long-Term Regional Dialogue Final Policy (RD Policy) and associated Record of Decision (ROD). The RD Policy proposed specific, related changes to BPA's May 2000 Policy on Determining Net Requirements Under Sections 5(b)(1) and 9(c) of the Northwest Power Act (5(b)/9(c) Policy) that BPA identified as necessary for the successful implementation of the RD Policy. Accordingly, BPA conducted a limited-scope review of its 5(b)/9(c) Policy for the purpose of supporting the implementation of the RD Policy.

Section II.B.8 of the RD Policy describes the limited changes to the 5(b)/9(c) Policy. BPA issued its 2008 Proposal for Modifications to BPA's Policy on Determining Net Requirements Under Sections 5(b) and 9(c) of the Northwest Power Act for public comment in September 2008. Proposed modifications to the 5(b)/9(c)

Policy were limited to the changes stated in the RD Policy and necessary enabling language. Upon review and consideration of comment, BPA is now releasing its Revised Policy on Determining Net Requirements of Pacific Northwest Utility Customers Under Sections 5(b)(1) and 9(c) of the Northwest Power Act and its associated ROD.

DATES: On March 19, 2009, the BPA Administrator signed the 5(b)/9(c) ROD adopting the Revised Policy on Determining Net Requirements of Pacific Northwest Utility Customers Under Sections 5(b)(1) and 9(c) of the Northwest Power Act.

ADDRESSES: The Revised 5(b)/9(c) Policy and ROD are available on the BPA Web site at <http://www.bpa.gov/power/pl/regionaldialogue/implementation/documents/>. Copies are also available by contacting BPA's Public Information Center at (800) 622-4520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Wilson, Regional Dialogue Program Manager, at (503) 230-7638.

Issued in Portland, Oregon on March 20, 2009.

Stephen J. Wright,

Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP09-81-000]

Atmos Energy Corporation; Notice of Application

March 24, 2009.

Take notice that on March 13, 2009, Atmos Energy Corporation, Lincoln Centre II, 5430 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75240, filed in Docket No. CP09-81-000, an application pursuant to section 7(f) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, and part 157 of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), for a service area determination for the Bristol, Tennessee and Bristol, Virginia area, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web 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. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-

mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to James H. Jeffries IV, Moore & Van Allen PLLC, Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Suite 4700, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202-4003, telephone 704-331-1000, e-mail jimjeffries@mvalaw.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify Federal and State agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all Federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the