Dated: January 6, 2010. **Timothy J. Meeks,** *Administrator.* [FR Doc. 2010–569 Filed 1–13–10; 8:45 am] **BILLING CODE 6450–01–P**

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP10-12-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC; Notice of Staff Protest to Proposed Blanket Certificate Activity

January 7, 2010.

Commission staff (Protestor) hereby protests the prior notice request filed under the provisions of Part 157, subpart F, of the Commission's regulations, by Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (FGT) on October 29, 2009 in the above referenced docket. Pursuant to its Part 157, subpart F, blanket certificate authority, FGT proposes to replace, upgrade, and relocate portions of the existing St. Petersburg and Clearwater South Laterals and Block Valve 24-10 in the City of Clearwater, Pinellas County, Florida. Protestor seeks to have this prior notice request processed as a casespecific application filed under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157, subpart A, of the Commission's regulations.¹

Protestor notes that FGT did not provide documentation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to demonstrate the Project's compliance with the Endangered Species Act, as required under section 157.208(c)(9) of the Commission's regulations. Without the clearance from USFWS, environmental concerns cannot be adequately addressed before the protest period expires on January 8, 2010.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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¹Section 157.205(f) provides that a protested prior notice filing shall be treated as though it had filed a case-specific application under NGA section 7, unless, pursuant to section 157.205(g) the protestor withdraws its protest within 30 days after protests were due.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP10-134-000; RP09-423-000; RP09-423-002]

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Technical Conference

January 6, 2010.

Take notice that Commission Staff will convene a technical conference in the above-referenced proceedings on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 10 a.m. (EST), in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The purpose of the technical conference is to consider the issues raised by Columbia Gulf Transmission Company's (Columbia Gulf) Incentive Fixed Fuel filing in Docket No. RP10-134–000 and what changes, if any, might be necessary or appropriate. Because Columbia Gulf's Incentive Fixed Fuel filing presents interrelated issues with the Transportation Retainage Adjustment filing in Docket Nos. RP09-423-000 and RP09-423-002. the technical conference will also consider the issues raised in those dockets that relate to the Incentive Fixed Fuel proposal.

Commission Staff and interested persons will have the opportunity to discuss all of the issues raised by Columbia Gulf's filings. Specifically, Columbia Gulf should be prepared to address all the concerns raised in the protests, and if necessary, to provide additional technical, engineering and operational support for its proposals. Any party proposing alternatives to Columbia Gulf's proposals should also be prepared to similarly support its position.

FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an e-mail to *accessibility@ferc.gov* or call toll free (866) 208–3372 (voice) or (202) 502– 8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208– 2106 with the required accommodations.

All interested persons are permitted to attend. For further information please contact Anna Fernandez at (202) 502– 6682 or e-mail Anna Fernandez@ferc.gov.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9102-9]

Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Petition for Objection to Federal Operating Permit for American Electric Power Service Corporation, Southwest Electric Power Company

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). **ACTION:** Notice of final action.

SUMMARY: This document announces that the EPA Administrator has responded to a citizen petition asking EPA to object to the American Electric Power Service Corporation, Southwest Electric Power Company (AEP) operating permit issued by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. Specifically, the Administrator has partially granted and partially denied the petition submitted by Environmental Integrity Project, Sierra Club and Audubon (Petitioners), to object to the title V operating permit for AÉP to operate the John W. Turk, Jr. power plant in Fulton, Hempstead County, Arkansas (Turk plant).

Pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Clean Air Act (Act), the petitioner may seek judicial review of those portions of the petition which EPA denied in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit. Any petition for review shall be filed within 60 days from the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**, pursuant to section 307 of the Act.

ADDRESSES: You may review copies of the final order, the petition, and other supporting information at EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. EPA requests that if at all possible, you contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION **CONTACT** section to view copies of the final order, petition, and other supporting information. If you wish to examine these documents, you should make an appointment at least 24 hours before visiting day. The final order is also available electronically at: http:// www.epa.gov/region07/programs/artd/ air/title5/petitiondb/petitions/ aep turk response2008.pdf.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Barrett, Air Permits Section, Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733, telephone (214) 665–7227, or e-mail at *barrett.richard@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Act affords EPA a 45-day period to review, and, as appropriate, object to operating