### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6885-000]

### Richard Moss; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

January 12, 2010.

On January 31, 2008, Richard Moss, licensee for the Cinnamon Ranch Hydroelectric Project, filed an Application for a New License pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. The Cinnamon Ranch Hydroelectric Project is located on the Middle, Birch, and Pellisier Creek near the Town of Benton, California.

The license for Project No. 6885 was issued for a period ending December 31, 2009. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 6885 is issued to Richard Moss for a period effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before December 31, 2010, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders

otherwise. If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Richard Moss is authorized to continue operation of the Cinnamon Ranch Hydroelectric Project, until such time as the Commission acts on its application for a subsequent license.

#### Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER10-539-000]

## Palmco Power OH, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

January 8, 2010.

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Palmco Power OH, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR Part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR Part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is January 28, 2010.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at http://www.ferc.gov. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for 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 e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed dockets(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER10-537-000]

## Palmco Power MD, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

January 8, 2010.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP10-21-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line
Company, LLC; Notice of Intent To
Prepare an Environmental Assessment
for the Proposed Mobile Bay South II
Expansion Project and Request for
Comments on Environmental Issues

January 11, 2010.

The Staff of the Federal Energy
Regulatory Commission (FERC or
Commission) will prepare an
environmental assessment (EA) that will
discuss the environmental impacts of
the Mobile Bay South II Expansion
Project (Project) involving construction
and operation of facilities by
Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line
Company, LLC (Transco) in Choctaw
County, Alabama. This EA will be used
by the Commission in its decisionmaking process to determine whether
the project is in the public convenience
and necessity.

The Notice of Intent (NOI) explains the scoping process that will be used to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the Project. Your input will help determine which issues will be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period for this Project will close on February 12, 2010.

Comments on the Project may be submitted in written form or electronically, as described in the public participation section of this notice.

This NOI is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing for this project, which includes affected landowners; federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; parties to this proceeding; and local libraries and newspapers. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (http://www.ferc.gov/for-citizens/citizenguides.asp). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in FERC's proceedings.

## Summary of the Proposed Project

Transco proposes to install one additional 8,180 horsepower compressor unit and related auxiliary equipment at Compressor Station 85 located at the interconnection of the Mobile Bay Lateral and Transco's mainline in Choctaw County, Alabama, minor modifications, including installation of gas coolers, at the existing Compressor Station 83 in Mobile County, Alabama, and a new tap, valve, and associated piping to interconnect with an additional meter station to be constructed, owned, and operated by Florida Gas Transmission Company. LLC ("Florida Gas") adjacent to its existing Citronelle meter station in Mobile County, Alabama.

A location map depicting the proposed facilities is attached to this NOI as Appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental

impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

In the EA we will discuss impacts that could occur as results of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources.
- Aquatic resources Vegetation and wildlife.
- Threatened and endangered species.
- Land use, recreation, and visual resources.
  - Cultural resources.
  - Socioeconomics.
  - Air quality and noise.
  - Reliability and safety.
  - Cumulative impacts.

We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or 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.

# **Currently Identified Environmental Issues**

We have already identified issues that we think deserve attention based on our previous experience with similar

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not printed in the **Federal Register**, but they are being provided to all those who receive this notice in the mail. Copies of the NOI can be obtained from the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link, Commission's Public Reference Room, or by calling (202) 502–8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the end of this notice.