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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Implementing the National Broadband Plan; Comment Period Extension

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period for reply comments.

SUMMARY: On May 11, 2010, the Department of Energy (DOE) published in the **Federal Register** two requests for information (RFI) regarding the implementation of the National Broadband Policy. The comment period on the RFIs closed on July 12, 2010, and reply comments are due on July 26, 2010. This notice announces that the period for submitting reply comments is extended to August 9, 2010.

DATES: DOE will accept reply comments, data, and information regarding the National Broadband Plan RFI: Data Access and the National Broadband Plan RFI: Communications Requirement received no later than August 9, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Any comments submitted must identify the National Broadband Plan RFI: Data Access or the National Broadband Plan RFI: Communications Requirement, as appropriate. Comments may be submitted using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* broadband@hq.doe.gov.

Include "NBP RFI: Data Access" or "NBP RFI: Communications Requirement" in the subject line of the message.

- *Postal Mail:* U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6A245, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Please submit one signed original paper copy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Maureen C. McLaughlin, Senior Legal Advisor to the General Counsel (202) 586-5281; broadband@hq.doe.gov. For media inquiries, you may contact Jen Stutsman at (202) 586-4940.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 11, 2010, the DOE released two RFIs in the **Federal Register** regarding the implementation of the National Broadband Policy. (75 FR 26203, 75 FR 26206). The first RFI requested information from electric utilities, consumer groups, and other interested parties regarding the protection of and access to consumer energy usage data as federal, state, and private entities seek to develop Smart Grid technologies. The second RFI requested information on the evolving needs of electric utilities as Smart Grid technologies are more broadly deployed. These RFIs, intended to solicit opinions from a diversity of stakeholders, provided for the submission of comments by July 12, 2010, and the submission of reply comments by July 26, 2010. To date, DOE has received more than 80 comments from electric utilities, private corporations, and consumer groups.

Given the high volume of comment submission and the apparent public interest, the DOE has determined that an extension of the public reply comment period is appropriate and is hereby extending the reply comment period. DOE will consider any comments received by August 9, 2010 and deems any comments received between July 12, 2010 and July 22, 2010 to be timely submitted.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP10-470-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

July 15, 2010.

Take notice that on July 13, 2010, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in Docket No. CP10-470-000, an application pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, requesting authorization to construct and operate replacement pipeline segments across the San Francisco River in Greenlee County, Arizona, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also 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, call (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Susan C. Stires, Director, Regulatory Affairs, El Paso Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, or by calling (719) 667-7514 (telephone) or (719) 667-7534 (fax), EPNGRegulatoryAffairs@elpaso.com, or to Craig V. Richardson, Vice President and General Counsel, El Paso Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, or by calling (719) 520-4712 (telephone) or (719) 520-4898 (fax), EPNGLegalFERC@elpaso.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, 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