

available to answer questions and accept oral and written comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Proposed Action:* BPA proposes to rebuild a 32-mile section of the Albany-Eugene 115-kV No. 1 Transmission Line. No major work has been done on the line since it was built in 1940. Many of the structures, the electric wire (conductor), and associated structural components (cross arms, insulators, and dampers) are physically worn and structurally unsound in places. The wood transmission poles have lasted beyond the expected 55 to 60 years and now need to be replaced due to age, rot, and deterioration. Rebuilding the deteriorated line would maintain reliable electrical service and avoid risks to the safety of the public and maintenance crews.

Proposed activities would include establishing temporary access to the line, improving some access roads, developing staging areas for storage of materials, removing and replacing existing wood pole structures and associated structural components and conductor, and revegetating areas disturbed by construction activities. The existing structures would be replaced with structures of similar design within or near to their existing locations. The line would continue to operate at 115-kV. Danger trees and brush located off the existing right-of-way (ROW) would be removed. A danger tree is a tree located off the ROW that is a present or future hazard to the transmission line. A tree is identified as a danger tree if it would contact BPA facilities should it fall, bend, grow within a swing displacement of the conductor, or grow into the conductor. Danger tree removal would take place concurrently with project construction.

*Process to Date:* In February 2010, BPA announced its proposed rebuild and its intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the

proposed project. BPA held a public meeting in March 2010, in Junction City, Oregon. Two comment letters were received during the comment period, which closed on March 27, 2010. Since that time BPA has determined that a significant number of danger trees would need to be removed to prevent damage to the line and that a different kind of NEPA document—an EIS rather than an EA—is required because of the potential for significant environmental impact.

*Alternatives Proposed for Consideration:* In addition to the Proposed Action, BPA will evaluate the No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, BPA would not rebuild the line; current operation and maintenance activities would continue.

*Public Participation and Identification of Environmental Issues:* The potential environmental issues identified for most transmission line projects include land use, cultural resources, visual impact, sensitive plants and animals, erosion/soils, wetlands, floodplains, and fish and water resources. BPA has established a 30-day scoping period during which affected landowners, concerned citizens, special interest groups, local governments, and any other interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the proposed EIS. Scoping will help BPA ensure that a full range of issues related to this proposal is addressed in the EIS, and also help identify significant or potentially significant impacts that may result from the proposed project. When completed, the Draft EIS will be circulated for review and comment, and BPA will hold at least one public comment meeting for the Draft EIS. BPA will consider and respond in the Final EIS to comments received on the Draft EIS. BPA's subsequent decision will be documented in a Record of Decision.

Maps and further information are available from BPA at the address above.

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**Stephen J. Wright,**

*Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP11-9-000]

**Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

October 22, 2010.

Take notice that on October 14, 2010, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), Post Office Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251-1396, filed a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Transco's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-426, for authorization to abandon an inactive section of pipeline. Specifically, Transco seeks to abandon, in place, an approximately 10.3-mile, 12-inch pipeline (Supply Lateral) located in offshore Louisiana extending from East Cameron Block 57 to Vermilion Block 22. Transco states that the Supply Lateral, which has been pigged and filled with sea water, will be cut, capped and the pipeline ends buried to the required 3-foot cover. Additionally, Transco avers that the proposed abandonment of the Supply Lateral will not involve the physical removal of any facilities, 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. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Nan Miksovsky, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, Post Office Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251-1396, telephone no. (713) 215-3422.

Any person may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. Any person filing to intervene or the Commission's staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the

time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM11-2-000]

#### Smart Grid Interoperability Standards; Notice of Technical Conference

October 22, 2010.

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a conference on November 14, 2010, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eastern time in conjunction with the NARUC/FERC Collaborative on Smart Response (Collaborative), in the International D Ballroom at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center in Atlanta, GA. The technical conference will be open to the public and advance registration is not required. The Commission is holding this conference together with a number of State regulatory authorities that also are considering the adoption of Smart Grid Interoperability Standards (Standards) in their States.

On October 6, 2010, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) informed the Commission by letter of the posting of several groups of Standards which NIST identified as ready for consideration by regulators. Commissioners from State public utility commissions and the Commission will receive briefings on the first set of Standards posted by NIST at the technical conference.

Interested regulators may consider these Standards because they include emerging technology standards that may affect all electric facilities including generation, transmission, and distribution facilities as well as metering and communications at all levels. This technical conference provides an opportunity for both the Commission and interested State

regulatory authorities to hear directly from NIST and others involved in the standards development process. The Commission will issue an agenda at a later date.

Transcripts of the technical conference will be made available. Instructions for obtaining transcripts will be published at a later date.

Prior to the technical conference other topics will be discussed by the Collaborative. Visit NARUC's Web site, <http://annual.narucmeetings.org/>, for detailed information on the agenda for that portion of the meeting, which begins at 8:15 a.m. Following the technical conference, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., the Collaborative will hold an informal, off-the-record discussion about the Standards, the Standards setting process, and the issues that their adoption may present. These portions of the meeting will also be open to the public, but will not be recorded.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an e-mail to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov) or call toll free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 208-1659 (TTY), or send a FAX to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this conference, please contact Sandra Waldstein at (202) 502-8092 or [sandra.waldstein@ferc.gov](mailto:sandra.waldstein@ferc.gov).

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD10-7-000]

#### ILP Effectiveness Evaluation 2010; Additional Notice of Multi-Stakeholder Technical Conference on the Integrated Licensing Process

October 21, 2010.

As announced in the May 18, 2010, "Notice of Interviews, Teleconferences, Regional Workshops And Multi-Stakeholder Technical Conference On The Integrated Licensing Process," a technical conference will be held on November 3, 2010, from 11 a.m. (EST) to 3 p.m. (EST) in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. While we encourage interested parties

to attend the technical conference in person, a limited number of phone lines will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis for interested parties to participate via teleconference. If you would like to participate via teleconference, e-mail Stephanie Obadia at [sobadia@kearnswest.com](mailto:sobadia@kearnswest.com) by October 29, 2010 to receive the toll-free telephone number and password to join the teleconference. Also, please register to attend the technical conference by e-mailing Stephanie Obadia at [sobadia@kearnswest.com](mailto:sobadia@kearnswest.com) by October 29, 2010.

For more information about this conference, please contact David Turner at (202) 502-6091 or [david.turner@ferc.gov](mailto:david.turner@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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#### Transmission Vegetation Management Practices; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

October 21, 2010.

On October 5, 2010 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission announced that a Technical Conference on Transmission Vegetation Management Practices would be held on Tuesday, October 26, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This staff-led conference will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The conference will be open for the public to attend and advance registration is not required. Members of the Commission may attend the conference.

Attached is an agenda for this meeting. The conference will be Webcast. Anyone with Internet access who desires to listen to this event can do so by navigating to <http://www.ferc.gov>'s Calendar of Events and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to the webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for webcasts and offers the option of listening to the meeting via phone-bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit <http://www.CapitolConnection.org> or call 703-993-3100.

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