

*Systems, Inc., Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, Vermont Transco, LLC, ISO New England Inc.*

### Notice of Complaint

Take notice that on September 30, 2011, Pursuant to sections 206 and 306 of the Federal Power Act (“FPA”), 16 U.S.C. 824e and 825e and Rule 206 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), 18 CFR 385.206 (2011), Martha Coakley, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Massachusetts Attorney General), Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (CT PURA), Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (Mass DPU), New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (NH PUC), George Jepsen, Attorney General of the State of Connecticut (Connecticut Attorney General), Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel, Maine Office of the Public Advocate, New Hampshire Office of the Consumer Advocate, (NH OCA), Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, Vermont Department of Public Service (VDPS), Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), Associated Industries of Massachusetts, The Energy Consortium, Power Options, Inc., and the Industrial Energy Consumer Group (IECG) (collectively Complainants) filed a formal complaint against Bangor Hydro-Electric Company (BHE); Central Maine Power Company (CMP), New England Power Company, New Hampshire Transmission LLC d/b/a NextEra (NHT); NSTAR Electric and Gas Corporation (NSTAR), Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO), on behalf of its operating company affiliates: The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P), Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO), and Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH), The United Illuminating Company (UI), Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company (Unitil), Vermont Transco, LLC (Vermont Transco) (collectively, New England Transmission Owners or TOs) and ISO New England Inc. (ISO-NE or ISO) (collectively Respondents) seeking an order to reduce the 11.14 percent base return on equity (Base ROE) used in calculating formula rates for transmission service under the ISO-NE Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) to a just and reasonable level at 9.2 percent.

Complainants certify that copies of the Complaint were served on the contacts for the TOs and ISO-NE as listed on the Commission’s list of Corporate Officials and on parties and

the regulatory agencies the State Complainants reasonably expect to be affected by this Complaint.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. The Respondent’s answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent’s answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainants.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the “eFiling” link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the “eLibrary” link and is 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 docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on October 20, 2011.

Dated: September 30, 2011.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-46-000]

#### **Kern River Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Mountain Pass Lateral Project**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or

Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Mountain Pass Lateral Project proposed by Kern River Gas Transmission Company (Kern River) in the above-referenced docket. Kern River requests authorization to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline to provide service to a Molycorp Minerals, LLC facility in California.

The proposed Mountain Pass Lateral Project includes approximately 8.6 miles of 8-inch-diameter lateral pipeline, a pig<sup>1</sup> launcher and receiver, and a tap and meter station. The project would be located in eastern San Bernardino County, California.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Mountain Pass Lateral Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The U.S. Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis. The BLM will adopt and use the EA to consider the issuance of a right-of-way grant for the portion of the project on Federal lands. The FWS will use the Biological Assessment, included with the EA as Appendix D, for formal consultation with FERC under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public viewing on the FERC’s Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,  
Public Reference Room, 888 First  
Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington,  
DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, State, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups;

<sup>1</sup> A “pig” is a tool that is inserted into and moves through the pipeline, and is used for cleaning the pipeline, internal inspections, or other purposes.

newspapers and libraries in the project area; and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are properly recorded and considered prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that the FERC receives your comments in Washington, DC on or before October 31, 2011.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (CP11-46-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has dedicated eFiling expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the *eComment* feature, which is located on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to *Documents and Filings*. An *eComment* is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature, which is located on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to *Documents and Filings*. With *eFiling*, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New *eFiling* users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You may file a paper copy of your comments at the following address:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Although your comments will be considered by the Commission, simply filing comments will not serve to make the commenter a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR

385.214).<sup>2</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, CP11-46). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Dated: September 30, 2011.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2567-041]

#### **Northern States Power Company; Notice of Application To Amend License and Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests**

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

<sup>2</sup>Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment to License.

b. *Project No:* 2567-041.

c. *Date Filed:* August 23, 2011.

d. *Applicant:* Northern States Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Wisconsin Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Chippewa River, near the towns of Lafayette and Anson, in Chippewa County, Wisconsin.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* William P. Zawacki, Director of Hydro Plants, Xcel Energy, 1414 W. Hamilton Ave., P.O. Box 8, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0008; and Matthew J. Miller, Hydro Licensing Specialist, Xcel Energy, 1414 W. Hamilton Ave., P.O. Box 8, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0008.

i. *FERC Contact:* Christopher Chaney; (202) 502-6778;

[christopher.chaney@ferc.gov](mailto:christopher.chaney@ferc.gov).

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests, is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies should be mailed to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the *eComment* system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments.

Please include the project number (P-2567-041) on any comments, motions, or recommendations filed.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee is seeking to amend the license for the Wisconsin Hydroelectric Project to authorize the proposed rehabilitation of two of the project's six units. The project's total authorized installed capacity would increase by 1,400 kW [from 36,000 kW to 39,000 kW] and the maximum hydraulic capacity would increase by 720 cubic feet per second (cfs) [from 9,600 cfs to 10,320 cfs].

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at