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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Commission Staff Attendance

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that members of the Commission's staff may attend the following meetings and/or teleconferences related to the transmission planning activities of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP):  
Seams FERC Order No. 1000 Task Force—August 17, 2012.  
Seams FERC Order No. 1000 Task Force—August 24, 2012.  
Seams FERC Order No. 1000 Task Force—August 31, 2012.

The above-referenced teleconferences are open to the public.

Further information may be found at [www.misoenergy.org](http://www.misoenergy.org).

The discussions at the meeting described above may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

Docket No. ER09-35-001, *Tallgrass Transmission, LLC*.  
Docket No. ER09-36-001, *Prairie Wind Transmission, LLC*.  
Docket No. ER09-548-001, *ITC Great Plains, LLC*.  
Docket No. ER09-659-002, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. ER11-4105-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. EL11-34-001, *Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.*  
Docket No. ER12-1179-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. ER12-1401-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. ER12-1401-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. ER12-1415-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. ER12-1460-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. ER12-1586-001, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. ER12-1610-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. ER12-1772-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. ER12-1779-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER12-2366-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. EL12-2-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. EL12-60-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc., et al.*

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#### Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Supplemental Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Line MB Loop Extension Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

On August 1, 2012, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) filed its intent to modify the Line MB Loop Extension Project (project) in Baltimore and Harford Counties, Maryland, by incorporating the Alternative Route 16.55A into its proposed route and dropping the BGE Route Alternative from further consideration. On April 16, 2012, a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment (original NOI) was issued for the project as originally planned. This Supplemental Notice of Intent (supplemental NOI) addresses these changes. The original NOI is attached to this document, so certain information included in it will not be repeated in the supplemental NOI including the original project description, information about becoming an intervenor, and how to find additional information about the project.

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 project involving construction and operation of the facilities planned by Columbia, including the supplemental facilities. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are receiving this supplemental NOI, you may be affected by Alternate Route 16.55A. This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on these supplemental facilities for the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on September 10, 2012.

This supplemental NOI is being sent to the affected landowners along the Alternative Route 16.55A facilities proposed by Columbia for the project on August 1, 2012. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this modification to the planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern. We invite you to file comments; but, we request that you file comments only pertinent to Alternative Route 16.55A.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

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 Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

#### Summary of the Planned Project

Columbia plans to construct about 21.4 miles of 26-inch-diameter pipeline in Baltimore and Harford Counties, Maryland. The new pipeline would primarily be installed within or adjacent to its existing rights-of-way.

The planned supplemental facilities would include the Alternative Route 16.55A which would be about 4.1 miles of 26-inch-diameter pipeline departing from the existing Line MA near milepost (MP) 16.55 and ending at MP 21. It would begin where the existing Line MA corridor crosses Dunstan Lane and would parallel Stansbury Mill Road eastward to Allison Road. From this point it would parallel Allison Road