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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP14-8-000]

Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on October 16, 2013, Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC (Transwestern), 1300 Main Street, Houston TX 77002, filed in Docket No. CP14-8-000, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.208 and 157.210 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Transwestern seeks authorization to construct, own, operate, and maintain one refurbished 11,750 horsepower (hp) site-rated turbine, compressor, and ancillary facilities, including yard piping, at a new compressor station to be located in Maricopa County, Arizona. The proposed project will increase mainline capacity on Transwestern's Phoenix Lateral by 160 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/day). Transwestern proposes to perform these activities under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-534-000 [21 FERC ¶ 62,190 (1982)] all as more fully set forth in the application, which is open to the public for 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 or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Mr. Kelly Allen, Manager of Certificates and Reporting, Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC, 1300 Main Street, Houston TX 77002, or by calling (713)-989-2606 (telephone) or (713)-989-1205 (fax) or by email Kelly.Allen@energytransfer.com.

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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of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

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.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentors will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

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 (www.ferc.gov) under the "e-Filing" link. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Commissioner and Staff Attendance at North American Electric Reliability Corporation Meetings

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that members of the Commission and/or Commission staff may attend the following meetings:

North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Member Representatives Committee and Board of Trustees Meetings
Board of Trustees Corporate Governance and Human Resources Committee, Compliance Committee, and Standards Oversight and Technology Committee Meetings

The Westin Buckhead Atlanta, 3391 Peachtree Road NE., Atlanta, GA 30326.
November 6 (7:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.) and November 7 (8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.), 2013.

Further information regarding these meetings may be found at: <http://www.nerc.com/Pages/Calendar.aspx>.

The discussions at the meetings, which are open to the public, may address matters at issue in the following Commission proceedings:

Docket No. RC13-4, North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Docket No. RR13-9, North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Docket No. RR13-11, North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Docket No. RD13-9, North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Docket No. RD13-11, North American Electric Reliability Corporation
Docket No. RD13-12, North American Electric Reliability Corporation

For further information, please contact Jonathan First, 202-502-8529, or jonathan.first@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER13-2124-000]

Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.; Notice of Technical Conference

By order dated October 16, 2013, in Docket No. ER13-2124-000, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) directed staff to convene a technical conference regarding a proposal by Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO) to modify the allocation of real-time Revenue Sufficiency Guarantee (RSG) costs.¹ In its order, the Commission accepted and suspended for five months MISO's filing, subject to the outcome of the technical conference and further Commission order.

Take notice that such conference will be held on November 19, 2013, at the Commission's headquarters at 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) in Hearing Room 6. The technical conference will be led by Commission staff.

The purpose of the technical conference is to discuss the issues raised by MISO's proposed revisions to its real-time RSG cost allocation methodology. A subsequent notice detailing the topics to be discussed will be issued in advance of the conference. Following the conference, the parties will have an opportunity to file written comments that will be included in the formal record of the proceeding, which, together with the record developed to date, will form the basis for further Commission action.

FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an email to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free 1-866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-208-8659 (TTY); or send a fax to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

All parties are permitted to attend. For more information on this conference, please contact Cristie DeVoss at cristie.devoss@ferc.gov or

202-502-8441, or Melissa Nimit at melissa.nimit@ferc.gov or 202-502-6638.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Recommendation From the Western Area Power Administration To Pursue Regional Transmission Organization Membership

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Western Area Power Administration Recommendation to Pursue Regional Transmission Organization Membership.

SUMMARY: Western Area Power Administration (Western), Upper Great Plains Region (Western-UGP), a power marketing administration (PMA) of the Department of Energy (DOE), is publishing a recommendation to pursue formal negotiations with the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO), concerning membership. Western is seeking public comment from Western's customers, Tribes, stakeholders, and the public at large. A decision to pursue implementation of the recommendation will be posted to Western's Web site.

DATES: To ensure consideration, all comments should be received by Western at the address below on or before 4 p.m. MST December 16, 2013. Western will present a detailed explanation of the recommendation and listen to customer and stakeholder comments in Lincoln, Nebraska, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Moorhead, Minnesota, or Fargo, North Dakota. The specific times and locations of these forums will be posted on Western's Web site at <http://www.wapa.gov/ugp/powermarketing/AlternateOperationsStudy/AOS.htm>.

The information gathered and analyzed by Western subject matter experts, combined with stakeholder comments, detailed discussions with the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), and the SPP, formed the basis of the recommendation that is now being published for comment. A decision to pursue the recommendation will be informed by comments received in response to this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Western at: AOS@wapa.gov. Information

regarding the recommendation, including comments, letters, and other supporting documents made or retained by Western are for the purpose of pursuing this recommendation. Comments may also be delivered by mail to: Upper Great Plains Region, Western Area Power Administration, 2900 4th Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101-1266.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jody S. Sundsted, Power Marketing Manager, Upper Great Plains Region, Western Area Power Administration, 2900 4th Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101-1266, telephone (406) 255-2910, email sundsted@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Western-UGP markets Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program—Eastern Division (P-SMBP-ED) hydroelectric power and energy to preference entities in Montana east of the continental divide, North and South Dakota, western Minnesota and Iowa, and eastern Nebraska. In 1998, Western-UGP, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, and Heartland Consumers Power District implemented the Integrated Transmission System (IS). The IS includes approximately 9,848 miles of transmission lines owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Heartland Consumers Power District, and Western. Transmission service over the IS is provided under Western's Open Access Transmission Tariff, with Western-UGP serving as tariff administrator for the IS. Prior to the IS, the Joint Transmission System (JTS) was formed and documented in the Missouri Basin Systems Group (MBSG) Pooling Agreement dated January 31, 1963. The IS comprises transmission facilities located on both the eastern and western electrical interconnected systems separated by the Miles City DC tie and the Fort Peck Power Plant. Western-UGP also operates two balancing authority areas, WAUW and WAUE, within the IS that are also separated by the Miles City DC Tie and the Fort Peck Power Plant.

RTO History

RTOs are not a new concept within the utility industry. The concept of joint planning, joint power supply, cost sharing, and in some cases, joint transmission, has occurred for decades between utilities with a common mission and goal. In Western-UGP, the roots of RTO-like agreements can be traced back to the January 31, 1963, MBSG Pooling Agreement that was signed by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior and 105 utility systems across six states, for participation in the Federal transmission system. This agreement established the JTS, now

¹ Midcontinent Indep. Sys. Operator, Inc., 145 FERC ¶ 61,044 (2013).