

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. OA08-40-000; Docket No. OA08-31-000; Docket No. OA08-56-000]

**PacifiCorp; NorthWestern Corporation; NorthWestern Corporation; Notice of FERC Staff Attendance**

January 22, 2008.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that on the January 24, 2008, members of its staff will attend a stakeholder meeting sponsored by a number of transmission service providers in Northwestern United States. The purpose of the meeting is to coordinate transmission planning studies for a number of proposed transmission projects in the Northwest. The meeting will be held at the Portland, OR Airport Sheraton from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The meeting is open to all stakeholders and staff's attendance is part of the Commission's ongoing outreach efforts. The meeting may discuss matters at issue in the above captioned dockets.

For further information, contact Saeed Farrokhpay at [saeed.farrokhpay@ferc.gov](mailto:saeed.farrokhpay@ferc.gov); (916) 294-0233.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP07-208-000]

**Rockies Express Pipeline LLC; Notice of Technical Conference**

January 22, 2008.

On January 28, 2008, staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP) will hold a technical conference concerning issues raised by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the REX East Project. In particular, construction impacts dealing with the biological assessment and the Migratory Bird Treaty Conservation Agreement will be discussed.

The technical conference will be held on Monday, January 28, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. (EST) in Room 3M-2B at the Commission Headquarters in Washington, DC.

Information concerning any changes to the above may be obtained from the

Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 502-8004 or toll free at 1-866-208-FERC (208-3372).

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP08-84-000]

**Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Technical Conference**

January 23, 2008.

Take notice that the Commission will convene a technical conference in the above-referenced proceeding on Friday, February 8, 2008, at 10 a.m. (EDT), in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's December 28, 2007 Order<sup>1</sup> directed that a technical conference be held to address the issues raised by Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.'s (Southern Star) November 30, 2007, tariff filings to reflect annual adjustments to its fuel and loss reimbursement percentages (FLRPs). Commission Staff and parties will have the opportunity to discuss all of the issues raised by Southern Star's filing including, but not limited to, technical, engineering and operational issues, and issues related to the interpretation of tariff provisions governing Southern Star's FLRPs.

FERC 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 202-502-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

All interested persons are permitted to attend. For further information please contact Timothy Duggan at (202) 502-8326 or e-mail [Timothy.Duggan@ferc.gov](mailto:Timothy.Duggan@ferc.gov) or Deborah Frazier at (202) 502-6089 or e-mail [Deborah.Frazier@ferc.gov](mailto:Deborah.Frazier@ferc.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc., 121 FERC ¶ 61,306 (2007).

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of FERC Staff Attendance at Southwest Power Pool Board of Directors/Members Committee Meeting and Southwest Power Pool Regional State Committee Meeting**

January 23, 2008.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that members of its staff may attend the meetings of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Regional State Committee Board of Directors, SPP Members Committee and SPP Board of Directors as noted below. Their attendance is part of the Commission's ongoing outreach efforts.

*SPP Regional State Committee Annual Meeting:* January 28, 2008 (1 p.m.-5 p.m.), Hyatt Regency Austin—Town Lake, 208 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, TX 78704, 512-477-1234.

*SPP Board of Directors/Members Committee:* January 29, 2008 (8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.), Hyatt Regency Austin—Town Lake, 208 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, TX 78704, 512-477-1234.

The discussions may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:  
Docket No. ER06-451, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. EL06-71, *Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. v. Southwest Power Pool*  
Docket No. ER07-319, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. ER07-371, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. EL07-27, *East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc., et al. and*  
Docket No. ER07-396, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER07-1255, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. ER07-1311, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. ER07-1417, *Midwest Independent System Operator, Inc.*  
Docket No. EL07-87, *Xcel Energy Services Inc. v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc., John Deere Wind Energy*  
Docket No. ER08-242, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. ER08-340, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. OA08-5, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. OA08-60, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*  
Docket No. OA08-61, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

These meetings are open to the public.

For more information, contact Patrick Clarey, Office of Energy Market

Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (317) 249-5937 or [patrick.clarey@ferc.gov](mailto:patrick.clarey@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-56-000]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 24, 2008.

Take notice that on January 16, 2008, Northern Natural Gas Company, (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in Docket No. CP08-56-000, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.210 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to install and operate 0.5 mile of a 36-inch diameter extension to its existing NBPL IA/MN State E-Line, located in Worth County, Iowa, 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, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Northern states that the modifications proposed are necessary to meet Owatonna Public Utilities' request for firm capacity of 5 MMcf/d, effective November 1, 2008. Northern estimates the cost of construction to be \$1,178,383, which will be financed with internally generated funds.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Michael T. Loeffler, Senior Director, Certificates and External Affairs, Northern Natural Gas Company, 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha Nebraska 68124, call (402) 398-7103 or Donna Martens, Senior Regulatory Analyst, call (402) 398-7138.

Any person or the Commission's Staff 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 and, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205), 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 Nos. ER07-1250-000, ER07-1250-001, ER07-1250-002, ER07-1250-003]

#### PowerGrid Systems, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

January 23, 2008.

PowerGrid Systems, Inc. (PowerGrid) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate schedule. The proposed market-based rate schedule provides for the sale of energy and capacity at market-based rates. PowerGrid also requested waivers of various Commission regulations. In particular, PowerGrid requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by PowerGrid.

On January 23, 2008, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development-West, granted the requests for blanket approval under part 34 (Director's Order). The Director's Order also stated that the Commission would publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** establishing a period of time for the filing of protests. Accordingly, any person desiring to be heard concerning the blanket approvals of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by PowerGrid, should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE.,

Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. 18 CFR 385.211, 385.214 (2007). The Commission encourages the electronic submissions of protests using the FERC Online link at <http://www.ferc.gov>.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests is February 22, 2008.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition to such blanket approvals by the deadline above, PowerGrid is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of PowerGrid, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approvals of PowerGrid's issuance of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Director's Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order 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. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2206-034]

#### Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.; Notice of Application for Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

January 24, 2008.

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the