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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OR12-10-000]

Explorer Pipeline Company; Notice of Amendment to Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on May 17, 2012, pursuant to Rule 215 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.215 (2011), Explorer Pipeline Company (Explorer) filed an amendment to its March 23, 2012 Petition to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a declaratory order approving (1) priority capacity and (2) the overall rate structure for Explorer's proposed diluent pipeline extension project (Diluent Extension Project). In its Petition, Explorer described the Diluent Extension Project as involving the construction of a new pipeline segment from Peotone, Illinois to Manhattan, Illinois, where Explorer's pipeline system will interconnect with Enbridge's Southern Lights pipeline. In light of recent industry developments, Explorer states in its amendment that it seeks to make the priority capacity and overall rate structure it requests in its Petition available to shippers who commit to a different interconnection project. Accordingly, Explorer requests that the Commission grant the Petition, subject to this amendment.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in this proceeding 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) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. 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. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioner.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an

eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St. NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceedings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also 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 email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on Thursday, June 14, 2012.

Dated: June 5, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP12-467-000]

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on May 22, 2012, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC (CenterPoint), 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas, pursuant to its blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP82-384-000, et. al., filed an application in accordance to sections 157.210 and 157.217(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) as amended, to replace compression facilities at the Ruston Storage Compressor Station located in Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, 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 or call

toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

The Ruston Storage Compressor Station (Ruston) was constructed in 1969 and consists of one 4,000 horsepower (hp) Worthington MLV-14 reciprocating compressor unit which was originally installed over 40 years ago. CenterPoint has determined that Ruston needs additional operating flexibility to dedicate compression directly to storage injection and since CenterPoint can no longer purchase replacement parts for the existing compressor unit, CenterPoint proposed to replace the Worthington unit with a 4,735 hp CAT unit, comprised of a skid-mounted control enclosure, fuel gas metering skid, and appurtenant facilities. The proposed replacement will (1) increase Line F's available year-round, firm capacity east of Ruston, from 147.4 MMcf/day to 162.5 MMcf/day; (2) increase Ruston's injection deliverability from 33 MMcf/day to 34.5 MMcf/day; and (3) increase Line F's available peak day capacity east of Ruston, from 286.4 MMcf/day to 291.3 MMcf/day. The proposed replacement will not result in any changes to the certificated parameters of the Ruston Storage Field. The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$13.9 million, which will be financed by available funds and/or short-term borrowings.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to B. Michelle Willis, Manager, Regulatory and Compliance, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, P.O. Box 21734, Shreveport, Louisiana 71151, (318) 429-3708, or email at Michelle.Willis@CenterPointEnergy.com.

This filing is available for review at the Commission or may 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. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free at (866) 206-3676, or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. 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 intervenors to file electronically.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after 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 regulations under the 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 filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie Project—Rate Order No. WAPA-157

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed transmission service rates.

SUMMARY: Western Area Power Administration (Western), a power marketing administration within the Department of Energy (DOE), is proposing an adjustment to the Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie Project (Intertie) transmission service rates. The current rates, under Rate Schedules INT-FT4 and INT-NFT3, expire September 30, 2012. The existing rates are being adjusted to provide sufficient revenue to cover all annual costs, including interest expense, and to repay capital investment obligations within the required period. Western will

prepare and provide a brochure detailing information on the proposed rates. The proposed rates, under Rate Schedules INT-FT5 and INT-NFT4, are scheduled to become effective on October 1, 2012, and remain in effect through September 30, 2017. Publication of this **Federal Register** notice initiates the formal process for the proposed rate adjustment.

DATES: The consultation and comment period ends September 10, 2012. Western will present a detailed explanation of the proposed rates at a public information forum on June 28, 2012, at 1 p.m. MST in Phoenix, Arizona. Western will accept oral and written comments at a public comment forum on July 10, 2012, at 10 a.m. MST in Phoenix, Arizona. Western will also accept written comments any time during the 90 day consultation and comment period.

ADDRESSES: The public information forum and public comment forum will be held at Western's Desert Southwest Customer Service Regional Office, located at 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009-5313, on the dates cited above. Written comments should be sent to Darrick Moe, Regional Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, email moe@wapa.gov. Written comments may also be faxed to (602) 605-2490, attention: Jack Murray. Western will post information about the rate process on its Web site at <http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrmt/Intertie/RateAdjust.htm>. Western will also post official comments received via letter, fax, and email to this Web site. Written comments must be received by the end of the consultation and comment period to be considered in Western's decision

process. As access to Western facilities is controlled, any U.S. citizen wishing to attend any meeting held at Western must present an official form of picture identification such as a U.S. driver's license, U.S. passport, U.S. Government ID, or U.S. Military ID at the time of the meeting. Foreign nationals should contact Western 30 days in advance of the meeting to obtain the necessary form for admittance to Western.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jack Murray, Rates Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6457, (602) 605-2442, email jmurray@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Rate Schedules INT-FT4 and INT-NFT3 for Rate Order No. WAPA-130 were approved on an interim basis by the Deputy Secretary of Energy on September 28, 2007, for a 5-year period beginning on October 1, 2007, and ending September 30, 2012.¹ The schedules received final approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on March 18, 2008.² Under Rate Schedule INT-FT4, the existing rate for long-term firm and short-term firm point-to-point transmission service is \$15.24 per kilowatt year (kW-year). The proposed rate for long-term firm and short-term firm point-to-point transmission service under Rate Schedule INT-FT5 is \$19.68/kW-year. Under Rate Schedule INT-NFT3, the existing rate for nonfirm point-to-point transmission service is 1.74 mills per kilowatt hour (mills/kWh). The proposed rate for nonfirm point-to-point transmission service under Rate Schedule INT-NFT4 is 2.25 mills/kWh. The following table compares the existing and proposed rates for transmission service:

COMPARISON OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED RATES

Transmission service	Existing rates	Proposed rates	Percent change
Firm Point-to-Point	\$15.24/kW-year	\$19.68/kW-year	29.1
Nonfirm Point-to-Point	1.74 mills/kWh	2.25 mills/kWh	29.3

The proposed rates are expected to become effective October 1, 2012, and remain in effect through September 30, 2017. The proposed rates are designed to recover an annual revenue requirement that includes operation and maintenance, purchase power, purchase of transmission capacity, interest, other

expenses, and capital investment repayment.

The rate increase results primarily from lower-than-projected sales of 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission service and higher-than-projected costs for purchased power that have occurred since the existing rates were established.

The existing rates were based on projected sales of 500-kV transmission service increasing each year during the 5-year evaluation period. The actual demand for transmission capacity was less than expected and the projected sales did not materialize. As a result, the revenue derived from the sales of 500-kV transmission service over the 5-year

¹ 72 FR 57563 (October 10, 2007)

² 122 FERC ¶ 62,236 (March 18, 2008)