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Dated: April 19, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP13–179–000]

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on April 16, 2013, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star), 4700 Highway 56, Owensboro, Kentucky, filed in Docket No. CP13–179–000, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.216(b) of the Commission’s regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), seeking authorization to abandon a portion of compression within its existing Tonganoxie Compressor Station located in Leavenworth County, Kansas, all as more fully set forth in the application. This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the “eLibrary” link and is 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 the 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.

Specifically, Southern Star proposes to abandon in place four compressor units (Units 1 through 4), each rated at 440 horsepower, at its Tonganoxie Compressor Station. These units, installed in 1949, were used in routing natural gas from Southern Star’s Ottawa Compressor Station and McLouth Gas Storage field to system deliveries in the St. Joe, Atchison, Fall City, and Tonganoxie-Fairfax areas. Southern Star has deemed the utilization of these units to be unnecessary in serving peak firm service, and the abandonment will save

on maintenance costs and avoid the need for future capital cost.

Any questions regarding the applications should be directed to David N. Roberts, Staff Analyst, Regulatory Compliance, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc., 4700 Highway 56, Owensboro, KY 42301, or call (270) 852–4654.

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.

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 commenter’s 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 commenter’s will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentary, 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 five copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: April 23, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Washoe Project-Rate Order No. WAPA–160

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Non-Firm Power Formula Rate.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western) extends, on an interim basis, the existing Washoe Project formula rate through September 30, 2017. The existing Non-Firm Power Formula Rate Schedule SNF–7 expires on July 31, 2013. The formula rate will be in effect until the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) places the formula rate into effect on a final basis or until it is replaced by another rate.

DATES: This action is effective as of July 31, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Thomas R. Boyko, Regional Manager, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630–4710, (916) 353–4418, email: boyko@wapa.gov, or Ms. Regina Rieger, Rates Manager, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630–4710, (916) 353–4629, email: rieger@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Delegation Order No. 00–037.00, effective December 6, 2001, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to Western’s Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand, or to disapprove such rates to FERC. This extension is issued pursuant to the Delegation Order and DOE rate extension procedures at 10 CFR 903.23(a).

On April 16, 2009, FERC confirmed and approved the existing formula rate for the Washoe Project, Stampede Division (Project), Non-Firm Power

Formula Rate Schedule SNF-7,¹ Rate Order No. WAPA-136.² Rate Schedule SNF-7 expires on July 31, 2013. This formula rate is calculated annually after determining the Project's reimbursable expenses and revenue collected in accordance with the Stampede Energy Exchange Services Contract. Since the Project has no Federally-owned transmission, a contractor accepts delivery of Project generation, approximately 12,000 megawatt-hours annually, to serve project use obligations, then pays Western for energy received in excess of project use loads. Pursuant to Rate Schedule SNF-7, any remaining reimbursable expenses are transferred into the Central Valley Project power revenue requirement. The existing formula rate methodology collects annual revenue sufficient to recover annual expenses, including interest, capital requirements, and deficit recovery, thus ensuring Project repayment within the cost recovery criteria set forth in DOE Order RA 6120.2.

Rate extensions are authorized under 10 CFR 903.23. Rates previously confirmed and approved by FERC, for which no adjustment is contemplated, may be extended by the Deputy Secretary on an interim basis following notice of proposed extension at least 30 days before expiration.³ On February 22, 2013, Western published a notice of the proposed extension in the **Federal Register**.⁴

Following review of Western's proposal within DOE, I hereby approve, on an interim basis, Rate Order No. WAPA-160, which extends, without adjustment, the existing Non-Firm Power Formula Rate Schedule SNF-7 through September 30, 2017. Rate Order No. WAPA-160 will be submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on a final basis.

Dated: April 23, 2013.

Daniel B. Poneman,
Acting Secretary.

Order Confirming and Approving an Extension of the Washoe Project, Stampede Division, Non-Firm Power Formula Rate Schedule

Section 302 of the Department of Energy (DOE) Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152) transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy the power marketing functions of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and the

Bureau of Reclamation under the Reclamation Act of 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388), as amended and supplemented by subsequent laws, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h(c)), and other acts that specifically apply to the project involved.

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00, effective December 6, 2001, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration (Western); (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand, or to disapprove such rates to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). This extension is issued pursuant to the Delegation Order and DOE rate extension procedures at 10 CFR 903.23(a).

Background

On April 16, 2009, FERC confirmed and approved the existing formula rate for the Washoe Project, Stampede Division (Project), Non-Firm Power Formula Rate Schedule SNF-7,¹ Rate Order No. WAPA-136.² FERC approved Rate Schedule SNF-7 for 5 years beginning August 1, 2008, through July 31, 2013. On February 22, 2013, pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23(a), Western filed a notice in the **Federal Register** proposing to extend, without adjustment, Rate Schedule SNF-7, as Rate Order No. WAPA-160.³ Consistent with its regulations at 10 CFR 903.23(a), Western did not hold a consultation and comment period.

Discussion

The Project's Non-Firm Power Formula Rate Schedule SNF-7 expires on July 31, 2013. The formula rate, calculated annually, transfers reimbursable expenses not recovered by contract into the Central Valley Project power revenue requirement. The existing formula rate methodology collects annual revenue sufficient to recover annual expenses, including interest, capital requirements, and deficit recovery, thus ensuring Project repayment within the cost recovery criteria set forth in DOE Order RA 6120.2.

For the extension period, August 1, 2013, through September 30, 2017, there is no adjustment to the formula rate. Under the formula rate, the forecasted annual revenue is \$361,000, a reduction of approximately \$418,000 from the prior rate period, August 1, 2008, through July 31, 2013, due to completion of deficit repayment. The Project is scheduled to recover the remaining \$1.6 million deficit by 2015 and all appropriate costs. Rate Order No. WAPA-160 extends the existing Rate Schedule SNF-7 through September 30, 2017, thereby continuing to ensure Project repayment within the cost recovery criteria.

Order

In view of the above and under the authority delegated to me, I hereby extend, on an interim basis, the existing Non-Firm Power Formula Rate Schedule SNF-7. Rate Order No. WAPA-160 extends, without adjustment, the existing formula rate through September 30, 2017. The formula rate shall be in effect pending the FERC confirmation and approval of this extension or substitute rate on a final basis.

Dated: April 23, 2013.

Daniel B. Poneman,
Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9806-5]

2013 Annual Meeting of the Ozone Transport Commission

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency is announcing the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC). This OTC meeting will explore options available for reducing ground-level ozone precursors in a multi-pollutant context. The Commission will be evaluating potential measures and considering actions in areas such as performance standards for electric generating units (EGUs) on high electric demand days, oil and gas boilers serving EGUs, small natural gas boilers, stationary generators, energy security/energy efficiency, architectural industrial and maintenance coatings, consumer products, institution commercial and industrial (ICI) boilers, vapor recovery at gas stations, large

¹ See *U.S. Dept. of Energy, Western Area Power Admin.*, Docket No. EF08-5161-000, 127 FERC ¶ 62,043 (2009).

² See 73 FR 42565 (July 22, 2008).

³ See 10 CFR 903.23(a) (2012).

⁴ See 78 FR 12308 (February 22, 2013).

¹ See *U.S. Dept. of Energy, Western Area Power Admin.*, Docket No. EF08-5161-000, 127 FERC ¶ 62,043 (2009).

² See 73 FR 42,565 (July 22, 2008).

³ See 78 FR 12,308 (February 22, 2013).