eFiling system at http://www.ferc.gov. Persons without Internet access should send an original and 14 copies of their motion to the Secretary of the Commission at the address indicated previously. Persons filing Motions to Intervene on or before the comment deadline indicated above must send a copy of the motion to the Applicant. All filings, including late interventions, submitted after the comment deadline must be served on the Applicant and all other intervenors identified on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. Persons on the service list with e-mail addresses may be served electronically; others must be served a hard copy of the filing.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (http://www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to http:// www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm.

### Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF05-10-000]

# Northern Star Natural Gas LLC; Notice of an Informational Meeting for the **Proposed Northern Star LNG Project**

October 12, 2005.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) is issuing this notice to announce the date, time, and location of an informational meeting for Northern Star's Bradwood Landing liquefied natural gas (LNG) Project proposed for Clatsop and Columbia Counties, Oregon, and Cowlitz County, Washington. The purpose of this meeting is for staff to conduct an informational workshop to explain the public's role in the FERC's Pre-filing environmental review process. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 26, 2005, starting at 7 p.m. (p.s.t) (ending by 10 p.m.), at the multipurpose room, Julius A. Wendt Elementary School, 265 S. 3rd St., Cathlamet, Washington 98612; (telephone number: (360) 795-3261).

This event is posted on the Commission's calendar located at http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/ EventsList.aspx along with other related information. For additional information, please contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 502-8004.

#### Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

### **Sunshine Act Meeting**

October 13, 2005.

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to section 3(a) of the government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. No. 94-409), 5 U.S.C 552b:

**AGENCY HOLDING MEETING:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

DATE AND TIME: October 20, 2005, 10 a.m.

PLACE: Room 2C, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

STATUS: Open.

# MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Agenda.

\*Note—Items listed on the agenda may be deleted without further notice.

# **CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Telephone (202) 502-8400. For a recorded listing item stricken from or added to the meeting, call (202) 502-8627.

This is a list of matters to be considered by the Commission. It does not include a listing of all papers relevant to the items on the agenda; however, all public documents may be examined in the Public Reference Room.

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Item No.	Docket No.	Company		
ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA				
A-1 A-2 A-3	AD02-1-000	Agency Administrative Matters. Customer Matters, Reliability, Security and Market Operations. Winter Energy Market Assessment 2005–2006.		
MARKETS, TARIFFS, AND RATES—ELECTRIC				
E-1	ER02-1406-006, ER02-1406-007, ER02-1406-009, ER03-1372-003.	Acadia Power Partners, LLC		
	ER99–3855–004, ER99–3855–005, ER01–1099–008, ER03–1368–002.	Cleco Power LLC.		
	ER99–2300–006, ER99–2300–007, R03–1369–002.	Cleco Marketing & Trading LLC.		
	ER99–2928–003, ER99–2928–004, ER99–2928–005, ER03–1371–002.	Cleco Evangeline LLC.		

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	ER01-1397-004, ER01-1397-005, ER01-1397-006, ER03-1370-003, EL05-113-000, EL05-113-001.	Perryville Energy Partners, LLC.
E–2	ER99–1005–004 ER02–725–005, ER05–1441–000	Kansas City Power & Light Company. Great Plains Power, Inc.
E-3	EL05–3–000 ER04–691–057, ER04–691–060	Kansas City Power and Light Company and Great Plains Power, Inc. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.
E-4	EL04–104–054, EL04–104–057   OMITTED.	Public Utilities With Grandfathered Agreements in the Midwest ISO Region.
E–5	ER98–1466–003, ER05–1314–000, ER05–1314–001.	Allegheny Power.
	ER00-814-004 ER01-2067-004 ER01-2068-004, ER05-1429-000 ER01-332-003 ER00-2924-004 ER02-1638-003	Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC. Allegheny Energy Supply Gleason Generating Facility, LLC. Allegheny Energy Supply Wheatland Generating Facility, LLC. Allegheny Energy Supply Hunlock Creek, LLC. Green Valley Hydro, LLC. Buchanan Generation, LLC.
E-6	OMITTED.	
E-7	ER05-1212-000	Allegheny Energy, Inc. Monongahela Power Company, The Potomac Edison Company, Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC, Allegheny Energy OVEC Supply Company, LLC.
E-8 E-9	ER05-667-000, ER05-667-001, ER05-667-002, ER05-667-003. OMITTED.	Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.
E–10	ER05–719–000	Entergy Services, Inc.
E-11	RT01-74-000	Carolina Power & Light Company, Duke Energy Corporation, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, GridSouth Transco, L.L.C.
E-12	ER04-961-002, ER04-961-003	Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.
E-14	ER04–691–046, ER04–691–050 EL04–104–044, EL04–104–048	Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. Public Utilities With Grandfathered Agreements in the Midwest ISO Region.
E-15	ER94–1188–036	LG&E Energy Marketing, Inc.
L-13	ER98-4540-005	Louisville Gas and Electric Company.
	ER99–1623–005	Kentucky Utilities Company.
	ER98-1279-007	Western Kentucky Energy Corporation.
	ER98-1278-011	WKE Station Two, Inc.
	EL05-99-000	LG&E Energy Marketing, Inc.
E-16	ER03-1003-002	Michigan Electric Transmission Company.
E–17	ER04-121-003	ISO New England, Inc.
E-18	OMITTED.	
E–19	EL03-15-000	City of Anaheim, California.
	EL03-20-000	City of Riverside, California.
E-20	EL05-16-000	Aquila Merchant Services, Inc. v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
E–21	ER04-981-001	Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company.
	EL04-109-001	Connecticut Department of Public Utility Counsel and Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel.
E-23	ER05–763–001, ER04–1209–002, EL05–29–001, ER05–410–002. OMITTED.	Southern California Edison Company.
E-24	ER98–3809–000	3E Technologies, Inc.
L 47	ER97-2867-000	AC Power Corporation.
	ER99-2369-000	ACES Power Marketing LLC.
	ER98-4685-000	ACN Power, Inc.
	ER00-105-000	Al Energy, Inc.
	ER97-512-000	A'Lones Group, Inc.
	ER00-861-000	Alrus Consulting, LLC.
	ER97-2132-000	Atlantic Energy Technologies, Inc.
	ER01-2355-000	Beacon Generating, LLC.
	ER00-679-000 ER98-701-000	Black River Power, LLC. California Polar Power Broker, L.L.C.
	ER01-1701-000	Callaway Golf Company.
	ER02-246-000	Cambridge Electric Light Company.
	ER00-2945-000	Candela Energy Corporation.
	ER01–2138–000	Capital Energy, Inc.
	ER90-225-000	Chicago Electric Trading, L.L.C.
	ER99-964-000	Cielo Power Market, L.P.
	ER97-1968-000	Colonial Energy, Inc.
	ER05-737-000	Commerce Energy Inc.
	ER02-246-000	Commonwealth Electric Company.
	ER98-1790-000	Competisys LLC.

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	ER96-2624-000	Cumberland Power, Inc.
	ER01-2071-000	Desert Power, L.P.
	ER94-1161-000	Direct Electric Inc.
	ER94-1099-000	Eclipse Energy, Inc.
	ER99-3098-000	EGC 1999 Holding Company, L.P.
	ER98-2020-000	Energy Clearinghouse Corp.
	ER98-2918-000	Energy PM, Inc.
	ER96-358-000	Energy Resource Management Corp.
	ER01-2221-000	Energy Transfer-Hanover Ventures, LP.
	ER00-874-000	Energy West Resources, Inc. EnergyOnline, Inc.
	ER96–138–000 ER99–254–000	ENMAR Corporation.
	ER98-3233-000	Environmental Resources Trust, Inc.
	ER01-666-000	EWO Marketing, L.P.
	ER97-382-000	Exact Power Co., Inc.
	ER96-918-000	Federal Energy Sales, Inc.
	ER00-1258-000	First Electric Cooperative Corporation.
	ER97-3580-000	First Power, LLC.
	ER02-687-000	FMF Energy, Inc.
	ER96-1933-000	Gelber Group, Inc.
	ER01-1078-000	George Colliers, Inc.
	ER01-2405-000	GNA Energy, LLC.
	ER98-4334-000	Golden Valley Power Company.
	ER01–3023–000 ER01–2129–000	Hinson Power Company, LLC. Holt Company of Ohio.
	ER96-1819-000	ICC Energy Corporation.
	ER95-802-000	IEP Power Marketing, LLC.
	ER98-3478-000	INFINERGY Services, LLC.
	ER00-1519-000	InPower Marketing Corporation.
	ER01-688-000	IPP Energy LLC.
	ER00-2306-000	It's Electric & Gas, L.L.C.
	ER95-784-000	J. Anthony & Associates Ltd.
	ER95-295-000	Kaztex Energy Ventures, Inc.
	ER95-232-000	Kimball Power Company.
	ER03-1259-000	Kloco Corporation.
	ER94-1672-000	Lambda Energy Marketing Company.
	ER02-30-000	Longhorn Power, LP.
	ER01-1507-000 ER00-1781-000	Lumberton Power, LLC. Marquette Energy, LLC.
	ER99-801-000	Metro Energy Group, LLC.
	ER99-1156-000	Michigan Gas Exchange, L.L.C.
	ER95-78-000	Mid-American Reesources, Inc.
	ER96-2027-000	Midwest Energy, Inc.
	ER99-1293-000	Monmouth Energy, Inc.
	ER01-2509-000	Morrow Power, LLC.
	ER02-1238-000	MPC Generating, LLC.
	ER94-1593-000	National Power Exchange Corp.
	ER95-192-000	National Power Management Company.
	ER01-352-000	Natural Gas Trading Corporation.
	ER98-2618-000	Nautilus Energy Company.
	ER99–2537–000 ER97–2681–000	Navitas, Inc.
	ER96-2892-000	New Millennium Energy Corp. NGTS Energy Services.
	ER98-1915-000	Nine Energy Services, LLC.
	ER94-152-000	North American Energy Conservation, Inc.
	ER97-1716-000	North Atlantic Utilities Inc.
	ER01-904-000	North Carolina Power Holdings, LLC.
	ER98-622-000	North Star Power Marketing, LLC.
	ER02-41-000	North Western Energy Marketing, LLC.
	ER98-3048-000	Northeast Electricity Inc.
	ER98-1125-000	Northeast Empire L.P. #2.
	ER01-1479-000	Northwest Regional Power, LLC.
	ER02-845-000	Northwestern Wind Power, LLC.
	ER97-181-000	Oceanside Energy, Inc.
	ER01-2783-000	ODEC Power Trading, Inc.
	ER99-2883-000	Old Mill Power Company.
	ER95-379-000	Peak Energy, Inc.
	ER03-372-000	Peak Power Generating Company.
	ER01-1821-000	Power Dynamics, Inc.
	ER99-3275-000	Power Management Co., LLC.
	ER96-2303-000	Power Providers Inc.

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	ER96-1-000	Powertec International, LLC.
	ER01-2463-000	Pro-Energy Development LLC.
	ER95-968-000	Progas Power Inc.
	ER99-1876-000	<del>gas</del>
	ER96-404-018	PS Energy Group, Inc., Questar Energy Trading Company.
	ER02-809-000	Renewable Energy Resources LLC.
	ER96-1516-000	SEMCOR Energy.
	ER96-2591-000	Strategic Power Management, Inc.
	ER01-2217-002	Sunrise Power Company.
	ER96-2524-000	Symmetry Device Research, Inc.
	ER00-1250-000	Tacoma Energy Recovery Company.
	ER95-581-000	Tennessee Power Company.
	ER95-1787-000	Texaco Natural Gas Inc.
	ER01-2694-000	The Energy Group of America, Inc.
	ER99-3571-000	The Legacy Energy Group, LLC.
	ER01-373-002	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
	ER00-494-000	TransAlta Centralia Generation LLC.
	ER98-1055-000	TransAlta Energy Marketing (US) Inc.
	ER01-3148-000	TransAlta Energy Marketing Corp. (US).
	ER01-2234-000	Travis Energy & Environment, Inc.
	ER04-957-000	TXU Electric Delivery Company.
	ER96-105-000	U.S. Power & Light, Inc.
	ER01-1709-000	VIASYN, Inc.
	ER02-1046-000	Walton County Power, LLC.
	ER98-537-000	Western Energy Marketers, Inc.
	EL05-111-000	3E Technologies, Inc.
E-25	ER03-409-000, EL05-35-000	Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
	MARKETS, TARIFFS	S, AND RATES—MISCELLANEOUS
M–1	RM06-3-000	Prohibition of Energy Market Manipulation.
M–2	PL06-1-000	Enforcement of Statutes, Orders, Rules, and Regulations.
M–3	OMITTED.	Emoreement of otatates, orders, ridies, and riegulations.
M–4	RM06-2-000	Procedures for Disposition of Contested Audit Matters.
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G–1	RP04–248–005, RP04–251–006, RP04–248–006, RP04–251–007. RP98–39–000, RP98–39–029	El Paso Natural Gas Company.  Northern Natural Gas Company.
G–3	OMITTED.	Northern Natural Gas Company.
G–4	OMITTED.	
G-5	OR05-9-000	Flint Hills Resources Alaska, <i>LLC</i> v. <i>ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.</i> , Exxon Mob Corporation, Tesoro Alaska Company BP America Production Company, Bl Exploration (Alaska) Inc., OXY USA Inc., Union Oil Company of Californi Petro Star Inc., State of Alaska, BP Pipelines (Alaska) Inc., ConocoPhillip Transportation Alaska, Inc., ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, Koch Alask Pipeline Company, LLC., Unocal Pipeline Company.
G–6	OR89–2–016, OR89–2–017 OR96–14–005, OR96–14–006	Trans Alaska Pipeline System.  Exxon Company, U.S.A. v. Amerada Hess Pipeline Corporation.
		Tesoro Alaska Petroleum Company v. Amerada Hess Pipeline Corporation.
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	IS03-137-000, IS03-137-001	BP Pipelines (Alaska), Inc. ExxonMobil Pipeline Company. Phillips Transportation Alaska, Inc.
	IS03–137–000, IS03–137–001 IS03–141–000, IS03–141–001	BP Pipelines (Alaska), Inc. ExxonMobil Pipeline Company. Phillips Transportation Alaska, Inc. Unocal Pipeline Company.
	IS03-137-000, IS03-137-001	BP Pipelines (Alaska), Inc. ExxonMobil Pipeline Company. Phillips Transportation Alaska, Inc.
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H–1	IS03-137-000, IS03-137-001	BP Pipelines (Alaska), Inc. ExxonMobil Pipeline Company. Phillips Transportation Alaska, Inc. Unocal Pipeline Company. Williams Alaska Pipeline Company, L.L.C.  Y PROJECTS—HYDRO  Wind River Hydro, LLC.
	IS03–137–000, IS03–137–001	BP Pipelines (Alaska), Inc. ExxonMobil Pipeline Company. Phillips Transportation Alaska, Inc. Unocal Pipeline Company. Williams Alaska Pipeline Company, L.L.C.  Y PROJECTS—HYDRO  Wind River Hydro, LLC. Eastern Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation.
H–2	IS03–137–000, IS03–137–001	BP Pipelines (Alaska), Inc. ExxonMobil Pipeline Company. Phillips Transportation Alaska, Inc. Unocal Pipeline Company. Williams Alaska Pipeline Company, L.L.C.  Y PROJECTS—HYDRO  Wind River Hydro, LLC. Eastern Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation. Southern California Edison Company.
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H–2 H–3	IS03–137–000, IS03–137–001	BP Pipelines (Alaska), Inc. ExxonMobil Pipeline Company. Phillips Transportation Alaska, Inc. Unocal Pipeline Company. Williams Alaska Pipeline Company, L.L.C.  Y PROJECTS—HYDRO  Wind River Hydro, LLC. Eastern Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation. Southern California Edison Company. Public Service Company of Colorado.
H-2 H-3 C-1 C-2	IS03-137-000, IS03-137-001   IS03-141-000, IS03-141-001   IS03-142-000, IS03-142-001   IS03-143-000, IS03-143-001   IS03-144-000, IS03-144-001   IS03-144-000, IS03-144-001   IS03-144-0	BP Pipelines (Alaska), Inc. ExxonMobil Pipeline Company. Phillips Transportation Alaska, Inc. Unocal Pipeline Company. Williams Alaska Pipeline Company, L.L.C.  Y PROJECTS—HYDRO  Wind River Hydro, LLC. Eastern Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation. Southern California Edison Company. Public Service Company of Colorado.  ROJECTS—CERTIFICATES
H-2 H-3 C-1 C-2 C-3	IS03-137-000, IS03-137-001   IS03-141-000, IS03-141-001   IS03-142-000, IS03-142-001   IS03-143-000, IS03-143-001   IS03-144-000, IS03-144-001   IS03-144-000, IS03-144-001   IS03-144-0	BP Pipelines (Alaska), Inc. ExxonMobil Pipeline Company. Phillips Transportation Alaska, Inc. Unocal Pipeline Company. Williams Alaska Pipeline Company, L.L.C.  Y PROJECTS—HYDRO  Wind River Hydro, LLC. Eastern Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation. Southern California Edison Company. Public Service Company of Colorado.  ROJECTS—CERTIFICATES
H-2 H-3 C-1	IS03-137-000, IS03-137-001   IS03-141-000, IS03-141-001   IS03-142-000, IS03-142-001   IS03-143-000, IS03-143-001   IS03-144-000, IS03-144-001   IS03-144-000, IS03-144-001   IS03-144-0	BP Pipelines (Alaska), Inc. ExxonMobil Pipeline Company. Phillips Transportation Alaska, Inc. Unocal Pipeline Company. Williams Alaska Pipeline Company, L.L.C.  Y PROJECTS—HYDRO  Wind River Hydro, LLC. Eastern Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation. Southern California Edison Company. Public Service Company of Colorado.  ROJECTS—CERTIFICATES

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C–6 C–7		Dominion Transmission, Inc. Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation.

#### Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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# **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12533-001]

# Christopher James Phil; Notice of Surrender of Preliminary Permit

October 12, 2005.

Take notice that Christopher James Phil, permittee for the proposed May Creek Project, has requested that its preliminary permit be terminated. The permit was issued on March 8, 2005, and would have expired on February 29, 2008. The project would have been located on May Creek and Lake Isabel in Snohomish County, Washington.

The permittee filed the request on September 26, 2005, and the preliminary permit for Project No. 12533 shall remain in effect through the thirtieth day after issuance of this notice unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday, part-day holiday that affects the Commission, or legal holiday as described in section 18 CFR 385.2007,

in which case the effective date is the first business day following that day. New applications involving this project site, to the extent provided for under 18 CFR Part 4, may be filed on the next business day.

### Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD05-17-000]

# Electric Energy Market Competition Task Force; Notice Requesting Comments on Wholesale and Retail Electricity Competition

October 13, 2005.

#### Overview

Section 1815 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 requires the Electric Energy Market Competition Task Force to conduct a study of competition in wholesale and retail markets for electric energy in the United States. Over the past several years, wholesale competition has developed unevenly in many regions of the country. Moreover, fewer than 20 States have adopted retail choice programs that allow some electricity consumers to choose their retail electric generation supplier. The purpose of this study is to analyze and report to Congress on the critical elements for effective wholesale and retail competition, the status of each element, impediments to realizing each element, and suggestions for overcoming these impediments.

In recent years, some states and the Federal government have taken steps to encourage competition in the electric power industry. In the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Congress established an inter-agency task force, known as the "Electric Energy Market Competition Task Force" (the Task Force), to conduct a study and analysis of competition within the wholesale markets and retail markets for electric energy in the United States. The Task Force consists of 5 members:

(1) 1 employee of the Department of Justice, appointed by the Attorney General of the United States—J. Bruce McDonald, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division; (202) 514–1157, bruce.mcdonald@usdoj.gov.

(2) 1 employee of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, appointed by the Chairperson of that Commission— Michael Bardee, Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel-Markets, Tariffs, and Rates; (202) 502— 8068. michael.bardee@ferc.gov.

(3) 1 employee of the Federal Trade Commission, appointed by the Chairperson of that Commission— Michael Wroblewski, Assistant General Counsel for Policy Studies; (202) 326— 2166, mwroblewski@ftc.gov.

(4) 1 employee of the Department of Energy, appointed by the Secretary of Energy—David Meyer, Deputy Director, Division of Permitting, Siting, and Analysis, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; (202) 586–1411, David.Meyer@hq.doe.gov.

(5) 1 employee of the Rural Utilities Service, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture—Karen Larsen, Office of Assistant Administrator, Electric Programs (202) 720–9545, Karen.Larsen@usda.gov.

Section 1815(c) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 requires the Task Force to "consult with and solicit comments from any advisory entity of the task force, the States, representatives of the electric power industry, and the public." This Notice begins this process. The Task Force also will publish a draft final report for public comment, before submitting the final version to Congress as required by Section 1815(b)(2)(B).

Listed below is a series of questions for which the Task Force seeks public comment. For both wholesale and retail competition for electric power, we focus on the current state of competition and on factors that help support competition, or that otherwise may limit competition, among suppliers and buyers in regional wholesale markets and retail markets at the state level. The questions listed below are by no means exhaustive. The Task Force encourages commentors to raise any other additional factors that affect competition in wholesale and retail electric power markets. It is not necessary to respond to each question. Rather, it would be helpful for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 110 FERC ¶ 62,227 (2005).