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Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 26, 2009.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER09-644-000]

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company; Notice of Filing

March 4, 2009.

Take notice that on February 2, 2009, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company filed a compliance filing to comply with Commission Order No. 676-C, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 176-018]

City of Escondido and Vista Irrigation District; Notice of Technical Conference and Site Visit for Escondido Hydroelectric Project

March 5, 2009.

Technical Conference

On December 15, 2008, The City of Escondido and Vista Irrigation (co-applicants) filed an updated application to relicense the 1.8-MW Escondido Hydroelectric Project.

FERC staff will conduct two technical conferences for the purposes of gathering information and answering questions regarding the Escondido Project's Settlement Agreement and Updated License Application. The meetings will focus on obtaining public and agency input and requesting clarification from the applicants regarding the filed documents. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are invited to attend one or both of the meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues related to the Escondido Hydroelectric Project licensing proceeding.

A. Date, Time, and Location:

Morning Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

Time: 9 a.m. (PST).

Place: Civic Center Plaza, Mitchell Room.

Address: 210 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025.

Evening Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

Time: 7 p.m. (PST).

Place: Civic Center Plaza, Mitchell Room.

Address: 210 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025.

B. Directions to the Mitchell Room, Escondido City Hall: From San Diego, take Interstate 15 north to Hwy 78 east; From Los Angeles, take Interstate 5 south to Hwy 78 east, past Interstate 15; From Ontario/Riverside, take Interstate 15 south to Hwy 78 east; Then, turn right (south) on North Broadway, right again (west) on Valley Parkway (a one-way street), and park in the first or second public lot on the right (the second lot is referred to as the Art Center parking lot). A permit will be issued in the Mitchell Room for you to put on your dashboard that will allow you to exceed the posted parking time limit for either of these two lots. If these lots are both full, proceed west on Valley Parkway and make a right turn (north) on Escondido Blvd. Pass the Performing Arts Center (Lyric Theatre) and the flood control channel and turn right into the Woodward Avenue parking lot.

C. FERC Contact: Emily Carter, emily.carter@ferc.gov, 202-502-6512.

D. Purpose of Meeting: FERC staff will conduct two technical conferences for the purposes of gathering information and answering questions regarding the Escondido Hydroelectric Project's Settlement Agreement and Updated License Application. The meetings will focus on obtaining public and agency input and requesting clarification from the applicant's regarding the filed documents. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are invited to attend one or both of the meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues related to the Escondido Hydroelectric Project licensing proceeding.

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Site Visit

FERC staff, along with the applicants, will conduct a project site visit beginning at 8:45 a.m. on April 1, 2009. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend. All participants should meet at the Escondido Civic Center Plaza in the Mitchell Room. All participants are responsible for their own transportation to the site, but car pooling is encouraged as much as possible. Please be aware that several of the facilities on this tour are accessed via rough dirt roads. Vehicles must be suitable for off-road use and four-wheel drive is

recommended (and may be required in wet weather). Please bring water and wear suitable field attire and footwear.

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

Time: 8:45 a.m. (PST).

Place: Civic Center Plaza, Mitchell Room.

Address: 210 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL09-29-000; Docket No. EL09-30-000]

NorthWestern Corporation; Mountain States Transmission Intertie, LLC, NorthWestern Corporation; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

March 5, 2009.

By notice issued on February 25, 2009, Commission Staff established an informal technical conference in the above-referenced proceedings to be held on Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 1 p.m. (EDT), at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 (February 25 Notice).

The technical conference will afford Commission Staff and interested persons an opportunity to informally discuss issues associated with the Mountain States Transmission Intertie, LLC (MSTI) and Collector Projects proposed in the above-mentioned dockets. As indicated in the February 25 Notice, Commission Staff is now providing further details relating to the issues to be discussed at the conference.¹

Rates and Service on the MSTI and Collector Projects

- Explain the proposed rate structures for the Collector Project and for MSTI.
- Explain how transmission rates will be calculated for transmission service on the NorthWestern Corporation (Northwestern) system in relation to transmission service on the Collector Project and/or MSTI, and explain

whether the proposals will result in rate pancaking (i.e., separate rates for service on each entity or segment) or a form of "And" pricing.

- What cost-based alternatives to the MSTI project, not affiliated with NorthWestern, do customers have in the relevant geographic area?

- Identify any benefits to customers (other than the MSTI customers) associated with closing the 500kV loop in the Pacific Northwest. Describe how those benefits, if any, are reflected in the "negotiated" rates to MSTI customers.

Distinctions Between the MSTI and Collector Projects

- Setting aside the statement that MSTI is a stand-alone entity, what distinguishes the Collector Project from MSTI?

- Explain how and by whom service on MSTI will be scheduled, generation using the line will be dispatched, and the line will be maintained.

- Discuss the affiliation between NorthWestern and MSTI and distinguish it from the affiliate concerns addressed in *Chinook Power Transmission, LLC*, 126 FERC ¶ 61,134 (2009).

Open Season Issues

- To the extent the Collector Project or MSTI are sized with greater capacity than is requested in the open season, who will pay for the excess capacity? What rights will be associated with such additional payments? If projects are sized at less than the capacity requested in the open season, how will requests for capacity be rationed?

- Will customers have exit rights if the offered capacity is greater than or less than what they requested in the open season? If so, what are those exit rights? Are there any penalties for withdrawing?

- Explain whether and under what circumstances NorthWestern will permit customers to opt out of the Collector cluster study.

- Describe NorthWestern's pre-open season industry interest contact process and the results of those contacts.

Queue Issues

- Provide details about the current transmission service requests in NorthWestern's queue, including, but not limited to, the amount, when and how they were submitted, the terms of the requests, and any commitments made by those customers or NorthWestern with respect to those transmission service requests.

- Explain the reasoning for the preference afforded to MSTI customers that are currently in NorthWestern's

queue, and whether those customers have entered into binding agreements to date.

System Configuration and Siting Issues

- Describe the physical configuration of the Collector and MSTI Projects and how they are interconnected to the NorthWestern system, and each other.

- Describe the paths and sources of energy that may flow onto or from the Collector Project and MSTI through NorthWestern's existing system or from other systems.

- Describe any filings related to the Collector and MSTI Projects that have thus far been filed with Montana or Idaho state agencies.

- Has NorthWestern or MSTI obtained rights to eminent domain through all or any part of the MSTI project area?

Requested Waivers

- Explain the basis for and justification supporting the requests for waivers for the Collector Project, and specifically the waiver of the requirement to file unexecuted service agreements with the Commission and the waiver of the requirement regarding posting of transmission service request studies information.

The Petitioners² should be prepared to address these issues, as well as the concerns raised in the protests or by interested persons at the technical conference. Petitioners are also invited to provide additional support for the filings.

All interested persons are permitted to attend. For further information please contact either Timothy Duggan at (202) 502-8326 or e-mail Timothy.Duggan@ferc.gov, or Katie Detweiler at (202) 502-6426 or e-mail Katie.Detweiler@ferc.gov.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP09-194-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Technical Conference

March 4, 2009.

Take notice that the Commission will convene a technical conference in the above-referenced proceeding on

² Petitioners are NorthWestern Corporation and Mountain States Transmission Intertie, LLC.

¹ On March 3, 2009, NorthWestern filed an answer to protests in Docket Nos. EL09-29-000 and EL09-30-000. We note that NorthWestern answered some of the protestors' and Staff's concerns in that answer; however, Staff would still like to further discuss the topics listed in the instant notice, even where there is overlap with the answers already provided.