Overview of the Section 999 Research Portfolio (Unconventional Resources, Small Producers, and NETL Complementary Research).

1 p.m.–4:45 p.m. Overview of *Draft* 2011 Annual Plan.

4:45 p.m.–5 p.m. Public Comment. 5 p.m. Adjourn.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The Designated Federal Officer and the Chairman of the Committee will lead the meeting for the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, vou should contact Elena Melchert at the address or telephone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least two business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the 5 minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, Room 1G–033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC, on August 4, 2010.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP10-474-000]

Corning Natural Gas Corporation; Notice of Application

August 4, 2010.

Take notice that on July 26, 2010, Corning Natural Gas Corporation (Corning), 330 W. William Street, Corning, New York 14830, filed in the above referenced docket an application pursuant to section 7(f) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting the determination of a service area with which Corning may, without further Commission authorization, enlarge or expand its natural gas distribution facilities. Corning also requests a waiver of the Commission's accounting and

reporting requirements and other regulatory requirements ordinarily applicable to interstate natural gas pipelines under the NGA and other such relief the Commission may deem appropriate, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room 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, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Corning proposes to reconnect its natural gas distribution system in the State of New York to natural gas production in Pennsylvania, by returning two existing 12-inch-diameter pipeline stubs, each approximately 1,100 feet long to service at Douds Farm. Further, Corning proposes to expand its service area at Baxter Lake Road to interconnect existing Line 11 to one 12inch diameter pipeline, no more than 1,100 feet in length. Corning states that it will not distribute, transport, or sell natural gas to any customers in the State of Pennsylvania as a result of the proposed service area determination.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to S. Lorraine Cross, Counsel for Corning Natural Gas Corporation, Cross & Company PLLC, Suite 710, 10 G Street NE., Washington, DC 20002, at (202) 609–9862.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, 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.

This filing is accessible on-line at http://www.ferc.gov, using the "eLibrary" link and is 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 e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: August 25, 2010.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12679-003]

ORPC Alaska, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

August 4, 2010.

On April 1, 2010, and supplemented on July 26, 2010, ORPC Alaska, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Cook Inlet Tidal Energy Project to be located in Cook Inlet in the vicinity of Anchorage, Alaska, in the Municipality of Anchorage and Matanuksa-Susitna Borough, Alaska. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners'

express permission.

The proposed project will consist of the following: (1) Four 250-kilowatt TideGen turbine-generator modules with a combined capacity of 1 megawatt (MW); (2) an approximately 4,000-footlong underwater transmission cable from the module site to a shore station on Fire Island; (3) an approximately 4,600-foot-long transmission line connecting the shore station to an interconnection point on Fire Island; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Cook Inlet project would be 2,628 megawatt-

Applicant Contact: Monty Worthington, Director of Project Development, ORPC Alaska, LLC, 725 Christensen Drive, Suite A, Anchorage, AK 99501; phone: (907) 339-7939. FERC Contact: Jennifer Harper (202)

502-6136.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ ferconline.asp) under the "eFiling" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "eComment." For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov; call tollfree at (866) 208-3676; or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and eight copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at

http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ elibrary.asp. Enter the docket number (P-12679-003) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2106-059]

McCloud-Pit Project; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the McCloud-Pit **Hydroelectric Project and Intention To Hold Public Meetings**

July 30, 2010.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (18 CFR part 380 [FERC Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897]), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2106), located on the McCloud and Pit Rivers in Shasta County, California, and has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the project. The project occupies 1,621.9 acres of federal lands managed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Forest Service and 29.5 acres of federal lands managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

The draft EIS contains staff's analysis of the applicant's proposal and the alternatives for relicensing the McCloud-Pit Project. The draft EIS documents the views of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, affected Indian tribes, the public, the license applicant, and Commission staff.

A copy of the draft EIS is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at http://www.ferc.gov, using the "e-Library" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or tollfree at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ esubscription.asp to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online

All comments must be filed by Tuesday, September 28, 2010, and should reference Project No. 2106-059. Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (http:// www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp) under the "eFiling" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "eComment." For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and eight copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS (18 CFR 380.10). You must file your request to intervene as specified above. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, you are invited to attend a public meeting that will be held to receive comments on the draft EIS. The time and location of the meeting is as follows:

Morning Meeting

Date: September 9, 2010. Time: 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Place: Holiday Inn Hotel.

Address: 1900 Hilltop Dr., Redding,

CA.

Evening Meeting:

Date: September 9, 2010, Time: 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Place: Holiday Inn Hotel. Address: 1900 Hilltop Dr., Redding,

CA.

At these meetings, resource agency personnel and other interested persons will have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments and recommendations regarding the draft EIS. The meetings will be recorded by a court reporter, and all statements (verbal and written) will become part of the Commission's public record for the project. This meeting is posted on the Commission's calendar located at http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/ EventsList.aspx along with other related information.

¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.