

abandonment, and Natural proposes rolled-in treatment for the costs of the project. This 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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

The 2012 NGPL Storage Optimization Project includes the following:

(1) In Washington County, Iowa, at its Compressor Station No. 205 (CS 205), Natural proposes to construct a new 3,550 horsepower (hp) gas fired compressor unit, abandon dual 6-inch meter runs, and install new dual 10-inch meter runs. At its Keota St. Peter Reservoir, Natural proposes to increase the peak day withdrawal at full inventory by 35 MMcf/d for a total peak day withdrawal rate of 100 MMcf/d.

(2) In Effingham County, Illinois, Natural proposes to construct a new "greenfield" compressor station (CS 206A) consisting of a 22,000 hp electric motor driven centrifugal compressor unit, and associated facilities.

(3) In Clinton County, Illinois, Natural proposes to abandon in place two 2,800 hp gas fired compressor units at CS 310.

(4) In Piatt County, Illinois, Natural proposes to abandon in place three 2,800 hp gas fired compressor units at CS 311; and

(5) In Harrison County, Texas, Natural proposes to reduce the cushion gas inventory by 5 Bcf at its North Lansing Storage Field and retain the 5 Bcf of cushion gas capacity for operational needs, without changing the certificated total capacity, certificated working gas capacity, or certificated cushion gas capacity of the field.

Any questions regarding this Application should be directed to Bruce H. Newsome, Vice President, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC, 3250 Lacey Road, 7th Floor, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515-7918, phone (630) 725-3070 or bruce_newsome@kindermorgan.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is

issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify Federal and State agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all Federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

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 below listed comment date, 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 with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. 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.

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 commenters 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 commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters 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.

Motions to intervene, protests and comments 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 electronic filings.

Comment Date: October 21, 2011.

Dated: September 30, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL11-66-000]

Martha Coakley, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, et al. v. Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Central Maine Power Company, et al.; Notice of Complaint

Martha Coakley, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, George Jepsen, Attorney General of the State of Connecticut, Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel, Maine Office of the Public Advocate, New Hampshire Office of the Consumer Advocate, Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, Vermont Department of Public Service, Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, The Energy Consortium, Power Options, Inc., Industrial Energy Consumer Group v. Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Central Maine Power Company, New England Power Company, New Hampshire Transmission LLC, Northeast Utilities Service Company, on behalf of its operating company affiliates: The Connecticut Light and Power Company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, NSTAR Electric & Gas Corporation, The United Illuminating Company, Unitil Energy

Systems, Inc., Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, Vermont Transco, LLC, ISO New England Inc.

Notice of Complaint

Take notice that on September 30, 2011, Pursuant to sections 206 and 306 of the Federal Power Act ("FPA"), 16 U.S.C. 824e and 825e and Rule 206 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), 18 CFR 385.206 (2011), Martha Coakley, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Massachusetts Attorney General), Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (CT PURA), Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (Mass DPU), New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (NH PUC), George Jepsen, Attorney General of the State of Connecticut (Connecticut Attorney General), Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel, Maine Office of the Public Advocate, New Hampshire Office of the Consumer Advocate, (NH OCA), Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, Vermont Department of Public Service (VDPS), Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), Associated Industries of Massachusetts, The Energy Consortium, Power Options, Inc., and the Industrial Energy Consumer Group (IECG) (collectively Complainants) filed a formal complaint against Bangor Hydro-Electric Company (BHE); Central Maine Power Company (CMP), New England Power Company, New Hampshire Transmission LLC d/b/a NextEra (NHT); NSTAR Electric and Gas Corporation (NSTAR), Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO), on behalf of its operating company affiliates: The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P), Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO), and Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH), The United Illuminating Company (UI), Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company (Unitil), Vermont Transco, LLC (Vermont Transco) (collectively, New England Transmission Owners or TOs) and ISO New England Inc. (ISO-NE or ISO) (collectively Respondents) seeking an order to reduce the 11.14 percent base return on equity (Base ROE) used in calculating formula rates for transmission service under the ISO-NE Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) to a just and reasonable level at 9.2 percent.

Complainants certify that copies of the Complaint were served on the contacts for the TOs and ISO-NE as listed on the Commission's list of Corporate Officials and on parties and

the regulatory agencies the State Complainants reasonably expect to be affected by this Complaint.

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 and 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. The Respondent's answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent's answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainants.

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.

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: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on October 20, 2011.

Dated: September 30, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-46-000]

Kern River Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Mountain Pass Lateral Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or

Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Mountain Pass Lateral Project proposed by Kern River Gas Transmission Company (Kern River) in the above-referenced docket. Kern River requests authorization to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline to provide service to a Molycorp Minerals, LLC facility in California.

The proposed Mountain Pass Lateral Project includes approximately 8.6 miles of 8-inch-diameter lateral pipeline, a pig¹ launcher and receiver, and a tap and meter station. The project would be located in eastern San Bernardino County, California.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Mountain Pass Lateral Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis. The BLM will adopt and use the EA to consider the issuance of a right-of-way grant for the portion of the project on Federal lands. The FWS will use the Biological Assessment, included with the EA as Appendix D, for formal consultation with FERC under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public viewing on the FERC's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, State, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups;

¹ A "pig" is a tool that is inserted into and moves through the pipeline, and is used for cleaning the pipeline, internal inspections, or other purposes.