

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP12-468-000]

Atlas Pipeline Mid-Continent WestTex, LLC; Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.; Notice of Application

Take notice that on May 30, 2012, Atlas Pipeline Mid-Continent WestTex, LLC (Atlas) and Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. (Pioneer), filed in the above referenced docket a joint application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, for a limited jurisdiction certificate authorizing Atlas and Pioneer to construct and operate a jointly-owned 10.2-mile natural gas pipeline (the Driver Residue Pipeline) in Midland County, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The pipeline will be used to transport natural gas from a natural gas processing plant (the Driver Plant), which Atlas and Pioneer are planning to construct to interconnections with three gas transmission pipeline systems. Atlas and Pioneer are the only parties that will transport gas on the proposed pipeline and therefore are seeking general waivers of the Commission's tariff and rate regulations. 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.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed for Atlas to James F. Bowe, Jr., King & Spalding, 1700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006, by telephone at (202) 737-0500 or by email at jbowe@kslaw.com and Gerald Shrader, Vice President and General Counsel, Atlas Pipeline Mid-Continent, LLC, 110 W. 7th Street, Suite 2300, Tulsa, OK 74119, by telephone at (918) 574-3851 or jshrader@atlaspipeline.com or for Pioneer to Bryan L. Clark, Senior Counsel, Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc., 5205 North O'Connor Blvd., Suite 200, Irving, TX 75039, by telephone at (972) 969-3765 or bryan.clark@pxd.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 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.

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 commentors 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 commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors 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: June 29, 2012.

Dated: June 8, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Commission Staff Attendance**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that members of the Commission's staff may attend the following teleconference related to the transmission planning activities of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP):

Seams FERC Order 1000 Task Force

June 11, 2012, 9 a.m.-11 p.m. CDT

The above-referenced teleconference is open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at www.spp.org.

The discussions at the meetings described above may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

Docket No. ER09-35-001, *Tallgrass*

Transmission, LLC

Docket No. ER09-36-001, *Prairie Wind*

Transmission, LLC

Docket No. ER09-548-001, *ITC Great*

Plains, LLC

Docket No. ER11-4105-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. EL11-34-001, *Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER11-3967-002, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER11-3967-003, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER12-1179-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER12-1415-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER12-1460-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER12-1610-000, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

For more information, contact Luciano Lima, Office of Energy Markets Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 502-6210 or luciano.lima@ferc.gov.

Dated: June 8, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4306-035]

City of Hastings, MN; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 4306-035.

c. *Date filed:* May 21, 2012.

d. *Applicant:* City of Hastings, Minnesota.

e. *Name of Project:* Mississippi River Lock and Dam No. 2.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Mississippi River in the City of Hastings in Dakota County, Minnesota.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contacts:* Mr. Thomas Montgomery, P.E., Public Works Director, City of Hastings, Minnesota, 1225 Progress Drive, Hastings, MN 55033-1955, (651) 480-6188, and email TMontgomery@ci.hastings.mn.us, and Mr. Mark Stover, Hydro Green Energy, LLC, 900 Oakmont Lane, Suite 310, Westmont, IL 60559, (877) 556-6566 x 711, and email mark@hgenergy.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Kelly Houff, (202) 502-6393, and email Kelly.Houff@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* July 9, 2012.

All documents 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/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. 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 seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of the Application:* The City of Hastings, Minnesota proposes to delete the two hydrokinetic turbines from the Mississippi Lock and Dam No. 2 conventional hydropower project, which were authorized to be part of the conventional project in 2008. Only one of the hydrokinetic units was deployed, and the unit has been removed and out of service since mid-2010 due to potential flood waters. All components of the unit are no longer in service and the tailrace of the conventional hydropower project has been returned to its pre-hydrokinetic unit condition.

Therefore, the licensee proposes to amend the license to delete from the license: two hydrokinetic turbines rated at 35 kW each, suspended below a 68-foot-wide, 40-foot-long floating barge tethered to the existing dam structure and anchored for stability using anchors and spuds; two synchronous alternating current (AC) generating units that sit atop the barge; a 225-ampere molded case circuit breaker along with a 480-volt, three-phase feeder connecting the hydrokinetic units to the existing power plant distribution system; and appurtenant facilities. In addition, the licensee proposes to delete articles 57 through 70 of the license, and Exhibits

F-7, F-8, and G-1 of the license as they pertain to the hydrokinetic units.

l. A copy of the application 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 (P-4306-035) excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "PROTEST," or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

o. *Agency Comments:* Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.