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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL14-38-000]

Sunflower Electric Power Corporation v. Kansas Municipal Energy Agency Southwest Power Pool, Inc.; Notice of Complaint

Take notice that on April 10, 2014, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation (Complainant) filed a formal complaint against Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) and Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) (collectively, Respondents) pursuant to sections 206, 306, and 309 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824(e), 825(e), and 825(h) (2013) and Rule 206 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedures, 18 CFR 385.206 (2013), alleging that the Respondents have violated the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff, other SPP rules, and the Commission's rules and regulations under the Federal Power Act, as more fully explained in the Complaint.

The Complainant certifies that copies of the complaint were served on the contacts for the Respondents as listed on the Commission's list of Corporate Officials.

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. 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 5 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 email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 30, 2014.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL14-39-000]

Upper Peninsula Power Company, Integrys Energy Group, Inc., Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Partners GP Limited; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on April 10, 2014, Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO), Integrys Energy Group, Inc. (Integrys), and Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Partners GP Limited (BBIP GP), filed a petition for declaratory order requesting that the Commission declare that the proposed transfer of UPPCO's indirect interest in American Transmission Company to UPPCO's direct parent Integrys, as more fully described in the petition, will not violate section 305(a) 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.

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 email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s).

For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 12, 2014.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP14-88-000; Docket No. CP14-100-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Niagara Expansion Project and Northern Access 2015 Project, and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of two related projects proposed by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (TGP) and National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel). TGP's Niagara Expansion Project would involve construction and operation of facilities in Chautaugua and Erie Counties, New York and Mercer County, Pennsylvania. National Fuel's Northern Access 2015 Project would involve construction and operation of facilities

in Cattaraugus and Erie Counties, New York. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the projects are in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the projects. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on May 12, 2014.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for these projects. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of these planned projects and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the projects, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

TGP and National Fuel provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?". This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov).

Summary of the Proposed Projects

TGP proposes to construct and operate 3.1 miles of natural gas pipeline loop¹ and modifications at two existing compressor stations and one existing meter station, and other appurtenant facilities. The Niagara Expansion Project would provide TGP with 140,000 dekatherms per day of leased capacity from National Fuel. According to TGP and National Fuel, their projects would increase natural gas delivery capacity in the northeast region of the U.S.

TGP proposes to construct pipeline facilities and modify existing

compressor and meter station facilities to lease capacity from National Fuel. The Niagara Expansion Project would consist of the following facilities:

- 3.1 Miles of 30-inch-diameter natural gas looping pipeline in Chautauqua County, New York;
- modifications to piping at Compressor Station 219 in Mercer County, Pennsylvania;
- modifications to piping and installation of a new pig launcher at existing Compressor Station 224 in Chautauqua County, New York; and
- modifications to the existing Hamburg Meter Station in Erie County, New York.

National Fuel proposes to construct compression and metering facilities to provide the proposed leased capacity to TGP. The Northern Access 2015 Project would consist of the following facilities:

- a new 15,400 horsepower compressor station in Cattaraugus County, New York;
- 7,700 horsepower of additional compression ancillary facilities at the existing Concord Compressor Station in Erie County, New York; and
- modifications to allow for bi-directional flow at the existing East Eden Station in Erie County, New York.

The general locations of the projects' facilities are shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

TGP's project would disturb approximately 86 acres of land for the aboveground facilities and the pipeline. Following construction, about 18 acres would be maintained for permanent operation of the project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and allowed to revert to former uses. The entire proposed pipeline route parallels TGP's existing pipeline right-of-way.

National Fuel's project would disturb approximately 39 acres of land for the aboveground facilities. Following construction, about 18 acres would be maintained for permanent operation of the project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and allowed to revert to former uses. National Fuel's proposed facilities would be constructed adjacent to existing aboveground facilities and/or pipeline facilities.

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at www.ferc.gov using the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us³ to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. We will consider all filed comments during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed projects under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- land use;
- water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
- cultural resources;
- vegetation and wildlife, including migratory birds;
- air quality and noise;
- endangered and threatened species; and
- public safety.

We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed projects or portions of the projects, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

The EA will present our independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in the public record through eLibrary. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, we may also publish and distribute the EA to the public for an allotted comment period. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure we have the opportunity to consider and address your comments, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section beginning on page 5.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues of these projects to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA.⁴ Agencies that

³ "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.

⁴ The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency

¹ A pipeline loop is constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity.

would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

Consultations Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are using this notice to initiate consultation with applicable State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the projects' potential effects on historic properties.⁵ We will define the project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPOs as the projects develop. On natural gas facility projects, the APE at a minimum encompasses all areas subject to ground disturbance (examples include construction right-of-way, contractor/pipe storage yards, compressor stations, and access roads). Our EA for these projects will document our findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the projects. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before May 12, 2014.

For your convenience, there are three methods which you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances please reference the project docket number (CP14-88-000 and CP14-100-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or efiling@ferc.gov.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the *eComment*

feature on the Commission's Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. This is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature on the Commission's Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. With eFiling you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "*eRegister*." You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You may file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes Federal, State, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the projects. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed projects.

If we publish and distribute the EA, copies will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (appendix 2).

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an "intervenor" which is an official party to the Commission's proceeding. Intervenor play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to

appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are included in the User's Guide under the "e-filing" link on the Commission's Web site.

Additional Information

Additional information about the projects is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC Web site at 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 (i.e., CP14-88 or CP14-100). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. 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 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 www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx along with other related information.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2179-043]

Merced Irrigation District; Notice of Environmental Site Review

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with Commission and are available for public inspection:

- Type of Application:* New License.
- Project No.:* 2179-043.
- Date filed:* February 27, 2012.

responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.6.

⁵ The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Historic properties are defined in those regulations as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register for Historic Places.