

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.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS”, “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.

p. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described applications. A copy of the applications 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.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04–274–000]

#### Kern River Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

January 25, 2005.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding commencing at 10:00 am (EST) on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of exploring a possible settlement in the above-referenced proceeding.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission’s regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact Thomas J. Burgess (202–502–6058).

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RM05–2–000]

#### Policy for Selective Discounting by Natural Gas Pipelines; Notice of Extension of Time

January 25, 2005.

On January 21, 2005, the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA) filed a motion for an extension of time to file comments in response to the Commission’s Notice of Inquiry (NOI) issued November 22, 2004, in the above-docketed proceeding. 109 FERC ¶ 61,202. INGAA states that additional time is needed because of the broad scope of the Commission’s inquiry in this proceeding and because preparation of a response will require significant input from gas industry members. INGAA also states that an extension is needed due the press of Commission deadlines in other natural gas industry proceedings. INGAA finally states that the American Gas Association, American Public Gas Association, Independent Petroleum Association of America, Illinois Municipal Gas Association, Natural Gas Supply Association and Process Gas Consumers either support or do not oppose the request for additional time.

Upon consideration, notice is hereby given that an extension of time for filing comments on the NOI is granted to and including March 2, 2005.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[IL–224–1; FRL–7867–6]

#### Adequacy Status of Metro-East St. Louis, IL Submitted 1-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of adequacy.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that EPA has found that the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the Metro-East St. Louis, Illinois 1-hour ozone maintenance plan are adequate for conformity purposes. On March 2, 1999, the DC Circuit Court ruled that submitted State Implementation Plans (SIPs) cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. As a result of our finding, Metro-East St. Louis can use the motor vehicle emissions budgets from the submitted 1-hour ozone maintenance plan for future conformity determinations. These budgets are effective February 17, 2005. The finding and the response to comments will be available at EPA’s conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp.htm>, (once there, click on the “Conformity” button, then look for “Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity”).

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document, whenever “we”, “us” or “our” is used, we mean EPA.

#### Background

Today’s notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region 5 sent a letter to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on January 10, 2005, stating that the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the Metro-East St. Louis, Illinois submitted 1-hour ozone maintenance plan for 2007 are adequate. This finding has been announced on EPA’s conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp.htm>, (once there, click on the “Conformity” button, then look for “Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity”).

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. EPA’s conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.