request for blanket approval under part 34, subject to the following:

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by MLCI should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests is August 19, 2004.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition by the deadline above, MLCI is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of MLCI, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of MLCI's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Director's Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also 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 filed to access the document. Comments, protests, and interventions 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.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-405-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes In FERC Gas Tariff

July 22, 2004.

Take notice that on July 20, 2004, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1 the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of August 19, 2004:

Ninth Revised Sheet No. 259 Fourth Revised Sheet No. 292A

Northern states that it is filing the above-referenced tariff sheets to provide establishment of non-telemetered Operational Zone delivery points in Northern's Market Area.

Northern further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of its customers and interested State Commissions.

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. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not 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 e-mail *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov*, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary. [FR Doc. E4–1698 Filed 7–29–04; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6717–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER04–688–000; ER04–689– 000; ER04–690–000; and ER04–693–000]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Technical Conference

July 22, 2004.

Parties are invited to attend a technical conference in the abovereferenced Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proceedings on July 28-29, 2004, at Commission Headquarters, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The technical conference will be held in Conference Room 3M2-A/B on both days. The July 28th technical conference will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. (e.s.t.). The July 29th technical conference will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. (e.s.t.). Arrangements have been made for parties to listen to the technical conference by telephone.

The purpose of the conference is to identify the issues raised in these proceedings, develop information for use by Commission staff in preparing an order on the merits, and to facilitate any possible settlements in these proceedings. The parties will discuss, among other things, the following issues related to the unexecuted agreements filed by PG&E in the above-referenced dockets: (1) The Parallel Operation Agreement between PG&E and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) (PG&E Original Rate Schedule FERC No. 228), (2) the Interconnection Agreement, (3) the Wholesale Distribution Tariff Service Agreement and (4) related issues to these Agreements.

Questions about the conference and the telephone conference call arrangements should be directed to: Julia A. Lake, Office of the General Counsel—Markets, Tariffs and Rates, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502–8370, Julia.lake@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas, Secretary. [FR Doc. E4–1699 Filed 7–29–04; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6717–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP04-379-000; CP04-380-000; and CP04-381-000]

Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLP; Notice of Application

July 23, 2004.

On July 16, 2004. Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLP (Pine Prairie), an affiliate of Sempra Energy, 12 Avery Place, Westport, CT, 06880 filed an application in Docket No. CP04–379–000, pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) to construct, install, own, operate, and maintain a new highdeliverability, salt-dome storage facility and interconnecting pipelines, located in Evangeline Parish Louisiana. Pine Prairie also requests blanket certificates under parts 157 and 284 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules and Regulations (Docket Nos. CP04-381-000 and CP04-380-000 respectively) and for authorization to provide open-access firm and interruptible natural gas storage services at market based rates. Pine Prairie's storage project will provide a total storage capacity of 24 Bcf of natural gas and a deliverability of 2.4 Bcf/day.

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 "e-Library" 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, (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Questions concerning this Application may be directed to James F. Bowe, Jr., Dewey Ballantine LLP, 1775 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20006-4605, 202-429-1444 (phone)/202-429-1579 (fax).

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 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.

Protests and interventions 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: August 18, 2004.

Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary. [FR Doc. E4–1679 Filed 7–29–04; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6717–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-409-000]

Pogo Producing Company; Notice of Application for Emergency Allocation of OCS Pipeline Capacity Under Section 5(E) of the OCSLA

July 23, 2004.

Take notice that on July 23, 2004, Pogo Producing Company (Pogo) filed an Application for Emergency Relief pursuant to Section 5(e) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), 43 U.S.C. 1334(e), requesting an emergency order allocating pipeline capacity on Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) upstream of the Toca, Louisiana processing plant (Toca Plant) to avoid unnecessary curtailment or shut-in of OCS oil and gas production connected into Southern's facilities beginning August 1, 2004 and for so long as the maintenance shut-down of the Toca No. 1 processing unit (Toca 1 Unit) continues, expected to be two to four weeks.

In the Application, Pogo states that because of reduced processing capability at the Toca plant operated by Enterprise Operating Partners, LLC, during the period of maintenance shutdown, Southern has notified all shippers that it intends to institute a 25 degree hydrocarbon dewpoint (HDP) limit under its FERC Gas Tariff at the Enterprise, Mississippi Monitoring Point. Such a limitation will require curtailments of oil and gas production on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) upstream of the Toca Plant. Pogo requests an emergency allocation of pipeline receipt point capacity upstream of the Toca Plant that will maximize OCS oil and gas production during the period of the Toca Unit 1 shut-down. Specifically, Pogo requests that the Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, enter an order directing Southern to cause gas supplies that enter Southern's system at the OCS interconnects with the Viosca Knoll Gathering System and Mississippi Canyon Pipeline Company to be diverted by setting the flow rate at those two pipeline interconnects at zero during the period of the Toca 1 Unit shut-down.