

DOCKET#MG00-6,007, DOMINION TRANSMISSION, INC.  
OTHER#SMG00-6,008, DOMINION TRANSMISSION, INC.

CAG-15.

DOCKET#OR00-3,000, COLONIAL PIPELINE COMPANY  
OTHER#SOR95-9,000, COLONIAL PIPELINE COMPANY

**Consent Agenda—Energy Projects—Hydro**

CAH-1.

DOCKET#P-2436,139, CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

CAH-2.

DOCKET#P-6879,027, SOUTHEASTERN HYDRO-POWER, INC.  
OTHER#SP-6879,026, SOUTHEASTERN HYDRO-POWER, INC.

CAH-3.

OMITTED

CAH-4.

DOCKET#P-5,045, PPL MONTANA, LLC, CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES OF THE FLATHEAD RESERVATION

**Consent Agenda—Energy Projects—Certificates**

CAC-1.

DOCKET#CP00-68,000, QUESTAR PIPELINE COMPANY  
OTHER#SCP00-68,001, QUESTAR PIPELINE COMPANY

CAC-2.

DOCKET#CP98-131,004, VECTOR PIPELINE L.P.

CAC-3.

DOCKET#CP01-179,000, GEORGIA STRAIGHT CROSSING PIPELINE LP

CAC-4.

DOCKET#CP96-206,001, TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPE LINE CORPORATION  
OTHER#SCP96-207,001, WILLIAMS GAS PROCESSING—GULF COAST COMPANY, L.P.

CAC-5.

DOCKET#CP01-66,000, EGAN HUB PARTNERS, L.P.

CAC-6.

DOCKET#CP00-48,003, TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY  
OTHER#S CP00-48,004, TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY

**ENERGY PROJECTS—HYDRO AGENDA**

H-1.

RESERVED

**ENERGY PROJECTS—CERTIFICATES AGENDA**

C-1.

RESERVED

**MARKETS, TARIFFS AND RATES—ELECTRIC AGENDA**

E-1.

RESERVED

**MARKETS, TARIFFS AND RATES—GAS AGENDA**

G-1.

RESERVED

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Western Area Power Administration**

**Intent To Relieve Path 15 Transmission Constraints**

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Request for Statements of Interest.

**SUMMARY:** The National Energy Policy Report announced on May 17, 2001, recommended that the President direct the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) to authorize the Western Area Power Administration (Western) to explore relieving the "Path 15" bottleneck through transmission expansion. The Path 15 bottleneck refers to transmission system constraints which severely limit the flow of electric power over the existing north-south transmission lines located in central California. These existing lines are owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).

On May 28, 2001, the Secretary directed the Administrator of Western to complete its planning to relieve Path 15 constraints, and determine whether outside parties are interested in helping finance and co-own the necessary system additions, including transmission lines. The level of interest will be a factor in the decision by the Secretary whether or not to build the system additions necessary to relieve the constraints. If the system additions are built under this process, Western will be a project manager for the construction efforts.

In this notice, Western is requesting Statements of Interest from parties interested in helping finance and co-own the system additions.

**DATES:** To be assured of consideration, all Statements of Interest should be received at Western's Sierra Nevada Regional Office by July 13, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The Statements of Interest should be mailed to: Mr. Howard Hirahara, Acting Regional Manager, Sierra Nevada Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710. Statements of Interest may also be faxed to (916) 985-1934 or e-mailed to [path15@wapa.gov](mailto:path15@wapa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information concerning the Statements of Interest, contact: Mr. Howard Hirahara, Acting Regional Manager, Sierra Nevada Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710, telephone (916) 353-4416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** It was recognized in the 1980s that, under certain power system conditions, the flow of electric power over Path 15 could be severely limited. Western, the Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC), and PG&E studied the possibility of constructing system additions to relieve Path 15 constraints as part of the planning effort for the California-Oregon Transmission Project (COTP.) The COTP was authorized by the Energy and Water Development Appropriation Act, 1985, Public Law 98-360, 98 Stat. 403, 416, (1984). In 1988, Western released a final Federal environmental impact statement (EIS), and TANC released a final environmental impact review under California law, on the transmission facilities needed for the COTP. The plan included system additions, known as the Los Baños-Gates Transmission Project, to relieve the Path 15 bottleneck. At that time, the Los Baños—Gates Transmission Project would have consisted of 84 miles of new 500-kilovolt (kV) AC transmission line, realignment of the existing Los Baños-Midway No. 2 500-kV transmission line into Gates Substation, modification of the Los Baños and Gates Substations to accommodate new equipment at several existing substations, and reconductoring of portions of the Gates-Arco-Midway 230-kV Transmission Line. It was subsequently determined in the Final EIS that the timing and need for the project were uncertain and if its construction was deferred it would be necessary to make minor modifications to the transmission system south of Tesla Substation to accommodate the increased power transfer demands that would be placed on the system. The COTP was built and placed in service in March 1993. For a variety of reasons, the Los Baños-Gates Transmission Project was not built.

Given the current energy problems in California, including the bankruptcy of the PG&E, the Secretary has now directed Western to complete its planning for the transmission project and to determine whether outside parties are interested in helping to finance and co-own the system additions. Western has general authority under the Department of Energy

Organization Act to construct, operate, and maintain transmission lines and attendant facilities. Western has project-specific authority under the Energy and Water Development Appropriation Act, 1985, *supra*, to construct or participate in the construction of system additions in the Los Baños-Gates area to relieve the Path 15 bottleneck.

Western's initial step is to identify all entities interested in participating in the financing and co-ownership of Path 15 system additions. For this initial step, interested parties should assume that the system additions would be very similar to those proposed in 1988 for the Los Baños—Gates Transmission Project. Western estimates that the cost of the Project today would be approximately \$200–300 million. Those entities should submit Statements of Interest including the following:

1. Name of requesting entity and experience in financing electric utility transmission projects.
2. Name, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address of management contact.
3. Name, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address of technical contact.
4. Amount of financing they are willing to contribute to the project.
5. Amount and type of ownership rights they seek.
6. Description of non-monetary contributions they are willing to offer to the project.
7. Description of the proposed participation in sufficient detail to enable Western to evaluate the proposal.
8. Amounts and types of transmission rights they wish to purchase.

Western then will analyze the Statements of Interest. The level of interest will be a factor in the decision by the Secretary whether or not to build the system additions necessary to relieve the Path 15 constraints.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, Western has received approval from the Office of Management and Budget for the collection of this information under control number 1910–1200.

Western will prepare the necessary environmental and feasibility studies and review easement and land acquisition issues related to the project. Western will review the 1988 COTP EIS and 1991 Supplement Analysis to determine what further action must be taken to comply with National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and other environmental laws and regulations.

Dated: June 2, 2001.

**Michael S. HacsKaylo,**  
*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Post-2004 Resource Pool—Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Allocation.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Area Power Administration (Western), a Federal power marketing agency of the Department of Energy, announces its Post-2004 Resource Pool—Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects (SLCA/IP) Proposed Allocation of Power. This allocation fulfills the requirements of Subpart C—Power Marketing Initiative of the Energy Planning and Management Program Final Rule. The Post-2004 Resource Pool Proposed Allocation of Power is Western's application of Subpart C—Power Marketing Initiative of the Energy Planning and Management Program Final Rule to the SLCA/IP.

**DATES:** All comments must be received by the end of the comment period, to be assured of consideration. The comment period on the Proposed Allocation of Power begins today and ends October 11, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments regarding the Proposed Allocation of Power should be directed to the following address: Mr. Burt Hawkes, Power Marketing and Contracts, CRSP Management Center, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 11606, Salt Lake City, UT 84147–0606. Comments may also be faxed to (801) 524–5017 or e-mailed to [POST2004SLCIP@WAPA.GOV](mailto:POST2004SLCIP@WAPA.GOV).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Burt Hawkes, Power Marketing and Contracts, (801) 524–3344, or Lyle Johnson, Public Utilities Specialist, (801) 524–5585. Written requests for information should be sent to CRSP Management Center, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 11606, Salt Lake City, UT 84147–0606.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Western will also consult with the applicants and interested parties at the combined public information forums and comment forums, which are planned for Albuquerque, New Mexico; Las Vegas, Nevada; Phoenix, Arizona; and Salt Lake City, Utah. Notification of the location and times of the forums will be given in a subsequent **Federal Register**

notice at least 30 days prior to the first of these forums. All documentation developed or retained by Western in developing the Proposed Allocation of Power will be available for inspection and copying at the CRSP Management Center, 150 East Social Hall Avenue, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, Utah. After all public comments have been thoroughly considered, Western will prepare and publish the Final Allocation of Power in the **Federal Register**.

Western published its decision on June 25, 1999, at 64 FR 34414, to apply Subpart C—Power Marketing Initiative of the Energy Planning and Management Program Final Rule, 10 CFR part 905 to the SLCA/IP. The Energy Planning and Management Program (Program), which was developed in part to implement section 114 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, became effective on November 20, 1995. Subpart C of the Program provides for the establishment of project-specific resource pools and the allocation of power from these pools to new preference customers. Western's power allocation criteria and call for applications for power were published in the **Federal Register** at 64 FR 48825, September 8, 1999, and revised and clarified in the **Federal Register** at 65 FR 11303, March 2, 2000. These established the framework for allocating power from the resource pool to be established from the SLCA/IP. Applications for power were accepted at Western's Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) Management Center until close of business on June 8, 2000. The Proposed Allocation of Power published herein is the result of Western's decision in response to those applications. Only comments relevant to the proposed allocations will be accepted during this period. A **Federal Register** notice of the final allocations of power will address the comments received during the comment period.

#### I. Proposed Allocation of Power

Western will respond to the comments received about the Proposed Allocation of Power and publish its final allocations after the public comment period ends. If any adjustments or corrections are necessary in a recipient's allocation, the fixed size of the pool will cause the change to affect the allocations of all other recipients. Western plans to enter into contracts with new customers after publication of that notice.

The SLCA/IP Post-2004 Power Pool will consist of 7 percent of the SLCA/IP firm power resources available on October 1, 2004. On this date, 7 percent of the firm power resources will be withdrawn from current customers and