Williston Basin’s blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-487–000 for the construction, authorization, and abandonment of mainline natural gas facilities (compression and measurement) in McKenzie and Williams County, as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The facilities will allow Williston Basin to deliver incremental firm transportation service to shippers that signed precedent agreements resulting from an open season ended November 30, 2007. Williston Basin states that the estimated cost to construct the facilities is approximately $7,300,000. The filing may also be viewed on the web 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 to Keith A. Tiggelaar, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company, 1250 West Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503, or telephone (701) 530–1560 (e-mail keith.tiggelaar@wbip.com).

Any person or the Commission’s Staff may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission’s Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission’s Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.


Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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access to Western’s transmission lines and receive service over transmission lines owned by other utilities.

The Marketing Plan describes how SNR will market its power resources beginning January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2024. The Marketing Plan requires Western to establish a Resource Pool and to reallocate an amount of power for the period of January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2024. This public process will determine the exact amount of power Western will reallocate and revises the Eligibility Criteria the entities must meet to qualify for an allocation of power from Western during this period. After or simultaneous to publishing its final decision on the 2015 Resource Pool size and revised Eligibility Criteria, Western will publish a Call for 2015 Resource Pool Applications in this Federal Register notice which will begin the formal allocation process. The Marketing Plan will continue in full force and effect and will govern the formal allocation process. However, Western will apply the revised Eligibility Criteria developed through this process for the 2015 Resource Pool. Entities interested in an allocation of power from SNR must apply pursuant to the Call for 2015 Resource Pool Applications.

Acronyms and Definitions

CRD: Contract Rate of Delivery: The maximum amount of capacity made available to a Customer for a period specified under a contract.

Customer: A preference customer who has a contract to purchase power under the Marketing Plan.

Eligibility Criteria: Conditions that must be met to qualify for an allocation.

Existing Customer: A preference customer who had a contract to purchase firm power offered under a previous allocation process or Marketing Plan that extended through December 31, 2004. Note: The definition includes those entities who succeeded in interest to an Existing Customer, e.g., if Western approved the assignment of an Existing Customer’s Federal power allocation to another preference customer, the assigned Federal power falls within the definition.

Extension CRD: An Existing Customer’s CRD exclusive of diversity and curtailable power and peaking/excess capacity, as it may be adjusted in accordance with the Marketing Plan.

2015 Resource Pool Size

As described in the Marketing Plan, effective January 1, 2015, Western will recalculate the percentages of all Customers. For the period of January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2024, Western will derive each Customer’s new percentage in the manner described below.

Pursuant to the procedures established in the Marketing Plan, Western will determine the amount of Federal resources available for the 2015 Resource Pool in the following steps: 1. Western will adjust SMUD’s allocation to be consistent with the other Existing Customers. In other words, the Marketing Plan requires Western to adjust SMUD’s Base Resource percentages to equal what SMUD would have been required to contribute to the 2005 Resource Pool. Western will then adjust the ratio of each Existing Customer’s Extension CRD to the total of all Existing Customers’ Extension CRD. This step reflects what each Existing Customer’s allocation percentage would have been beginning January 1, 2005, if not for the Settlement Agreement with SMUD. Beginning January 1, 2015, SMUD will be treated as, and included with, all of the Existing Customers.

2. Once the Existing Customers’ allocation percentages have been adjusted as indicated in paragraph 1 above, Western will then reduce each Existing Customer’s right to purchase the Base Resource by 4 percent. This step reflects the amount that the Existing Customers would have been required to contribute to the 2005 Resource Pool if not for the Settlement Agreement with SMUD.

3. Finally, Western proposes to reduce all Customers’ right to purchase the Base Resource an additional 2 percent to create the 2015 Resource Pool. To clarify, this 2 percent reduction applies to all Customers, including those that received an allocation under the Marketing Plan through the 2005 Resource Pool.

The Marketing Plan provides for Western to reduce all Customers’ allocations by up to 2 percent. Western is proposing to reduce all Customers’ Base Resource percentage by 2 percent to provide for a 2015 Resource Pool sufficient to promote wide-spread use of Federal power. Through this Federal Register notice, Western is seeking comments on the proposed 2 percent reduction in its Customers’ allocations.

Revised Eligibility Criteria

The Marketing Plan established Eligibility Criteria to apply to all applicants seeking a resource pool allocation, including the following: Existing Customers may apply for a resource pool allocation if their Extension CRD, set forth in Appendix A of the Marketing Plan Federal Register 64 FR 34417, is not more than 15 percent of their peak load in the calendar year prior to the Call for Applications, and not more than 10 MW.

Western is proposing to delete the paragraph above from its Eligibility Criteria. Western believes that this criterion may be too restrictive to ensure full subscription of its resources. Further, the 2015 Resource Pool is based on a percentage of the Base Resource. The 2005 Resource Pool was determined from an Extension CRD which is no longer applicable. Western seeks comments on the change it is proposing to the Eligibility Criteria applicable under the Marketing Plan for applicants seeking an allocation of the 2015 Resource Pool.

Proposed 2015 Resource Pool Size and Revised Eligibility Criteria

The proposed 2015 Resource Pool size and revised Eligibility Criteria are preliminary and may be changed based on comments received. This Federal Register notice formally requests comments related to Western’s proposals. Western will respond to comments received on the 2015 Resource Pool size and revised Eligibility Criteria and publish its final decision on the 2015 Resource Pool size and revised Eligibility Criteria after the end of the public comment period. After, or simultaneous to, publishing its final decision on the 2015 Resource Pool size and revised Eligibility Criteria, Western will publish a Call for Application in the Federal Register which will begin the formal allocation process. The Marketing Plan will continue in full force and effect and will govern the formal allocation process. However, Western will apply the revised Eligibility Criteria developed through this process for the 2015 Resource Pool.

Authorities

The Marketing Plan for marketing power by SNR after 2004, published in the Federal Register (64 FR 34417) on June 25, 1999, was established pursuant to the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101–7352); the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388), as amended and supplemented by subsequent enactments, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485(c)); and other acts specifically applicable to the projects involved. This action falls within the Marketing Plan and, thus, is covered by the same authority.
Regulatory Procedure Requirements

Environmental Compliance

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.); the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); and DOE NEPA implementing regulations (10 CFR part 1021), Western completed an environmental impact statement (EIS) on its Energy Planning and Management Program. The Record of Decision was published in the Federal Register (60 FR 53181, October 12, 1995). Western also completed the 2004 Power Marketing Program EIS (2004 EIS), and the Record of Decision was published in the Federal Register (62 FR 22934, April 28, 1997). The Marketing Plan falls within the range of alternatives considered in the 2004 EIS. This NEPA review identified and analyzed environmental effects related to the Marketing Plan. This action falls within the marketing plan and, thus, is covered in the 2004 EIS. Determination Under Executive Order 12866

Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; accordingly, no clearance of this notice by the Office of Management and Budget is required.

Dated: April 22, 2008.

Timothy J. Meeks,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY


Adequacy Status of Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets in Submitted Early Progress Plan Imperial County 8-Hour Ozone for Transportation Conformity Purposes; California

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Adequacy.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that the Agency has found that the motor vehicle emissions budgets for 8-hour ozone in the Imperial County 8-hour Ozone Early Progress Plan are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. The Imperial County 8-hour Ozone Early Progress Plan was submitted to EPA on March 24, 2008 by the California Air Resources Board as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). As a result of our adequacy findings, the Southern California Association of Governments and the U.S. Department of Transportation must use these budgets in future conformity analyses once the finding becomes effective.

DATES: This finding is effective May 20, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adrienne Priselac, U.S. EPA, Region IX, Air Division AIR–2, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105–3901; (415) 972–3285 or priselac.adrienne@epa.gov.

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

Today’s notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region IX sent a letter to the California Air Resources Board on April 16, 2008 stating that the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the submitted Imperial County 8-hour Ozone Early Progress Plan for 2009 are adequate. The finding is available at EPA’s conformity Web site: http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm. The adequate motor vehicle emissions budgets are provided in the following table:

MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS BUDGETS

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1 The plan uses a comparable State term, reactive organic gases (ROG).

Transportation conformity is required by Clean Air Act section 176(c). EPA’s conformity rule requires that transportation plans, transportation improvement programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans (SIPs) 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.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP’s motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). We have described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in our July 1, 2004 preamble starting at 69 FR 40038 and we used the information in these resources in making our adequacy determination. Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA’s completeness review, and should not be used to prejudge EPA’s ultimate approval action for the SIP. Even if we find a budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.


Laura Yoshii,
Deputy Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY


Adequacy Status of Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets in Submitted Early Progress Plan Western Mojave Desert 8-Hour Ozone for Transportation Conformity Purposes; California

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Adequacy.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that the Agency has found that the motor vehicle emissions budgets for 8-hour ozone in the Western Mojave Desert 8-hour Ozone Early Progress Plan are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. The Western Mojave Desert 8-hour Ozone Early Progress Plan was submitted to EPA on March 24, 2008 by the