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Authority: Title V, Subtitle E of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA), Pub. L. 110-140.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Implementing the National Broadband Plan; Comment Period Extension

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period for reply comments.

SUMMARY: On May 11, 2010, the Department of Energy (DOE) published in the **Federal Register** two requests for information (RFI) regarding the implementation of the National Broadband Policy. The comment period on the RFIs closed on July 12, 2010, and reply comments are due on July 26, 2010. This notice announces that the period for submitting reply comments is extended to August 9, 2010.

DATES: DOE will accept reply comments, data, and information regarding the National Broadband Plan RFI: Data Access and the National Broadband Plan RFI: Communications Requirement received no later than August 9, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Any comments submitted must identify the National Broadband Plan RFI: Data Access or the National Broadband Plan RFI: Communications Requirement, as appropriate. Comments may be submitted using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* broadband@hq.doe.gov.

Include "NBP RFI: Data Access" or "NBP RFI: Communications Requirement" in the subject line of the message.

- *Postal Mail:* U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6A245, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Please submit one signed original paper copy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Maureen C. McLaughlin, Senior Legal Advisor to the General Counsel (202) 586-5281; broadband@hq.doe.gov. For media inquiries, you may contact Jen Stutsman at (202) 586-4940.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 11, 2010, the DOE released two RFIs in the **Federal Register** regarding the implementation of the National Broadband Policy. (75 FR 26203, 75 FR 26206). The first RFI requested information from electric utilities, consumer groups, and other interested parties regarding the protection of and access to consumer energy usage data as federal, state, and private entities seek to develop Smart Grid technologies. The second RFI requested information on the evolving needs of electric utilities as Smart Grid technologies are more broadly deployed. These RFIs, intended to solicit opinions from a diversity of stakeholders, provided for the submission of comments by July 12, 2010, and the submission of reply comments by July 26, 2010. To date, DOE has received more than 80 comments from electric utilities, private corporations, and consumer groups.

Given the high volume of comment submission and the apparent public interest, the DOE has determined that an extension of the public reply comment period is appropriate and is hereby extending the reply comment period. DOE will consider any comments received by August 9, 2010 and deems any comments received between July 12, 2010 and July 22, 2010 to be timely submitted.

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Scott Blake Harris,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP10-470-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

July 15, 2010.

Take notice that on July 13, 2010, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in Docket No. CP10-470-000, an application pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, requesting authorization to construct and operate replacement pipeline segments across the San Francisco River in Greenlee County, Arizona, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing 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 field to access the document. For assistance, call (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Susan C. Stires, Director, Regulatory Affairs, El Paso Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, or by calling (719) 667-7514 (telephone) or (719) 667-7534 (fax), EPNGRegulatoryAffairs@elpaso.com, or to Craig V. Richardson, Vice President and General Counsel, El Paso Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, or by calling (719) 520-4712 (telephone) or (719) 520-4898 (fax), EPNGLegalFERC@elpaso.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

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 with the Commission and must mail a copy to

the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. 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.

Motions to intervene, protests and comments 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: July 29, 2010.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13717-000]

Copper Valley Electric Association, Inc.; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

July 15, 2010.

On April 19, 2010, Copper Valley Electric Association, Inc. filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Silver Lake Hydroelectric Project, located on Silver Lake and Duck River, in the Valdez-Cordova Census Area, Alaska. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) A 400- to 600-foot-long, 100- to 125-foot-high roller-compacted concrete dam constructed at the outfall of Silver Lake to Duck River; (2) Silver Lake, with a surface area of 1,678 acres and a storage capacity of 165,200 acre-feet at elevation 425 feet mean sea level (msl)¹; (3) a 9-foot-diameter, 6,000-foot-long buried steel penstock; (4) a powerhouse containing three Francis turbine/generating units having a total installed capacity of 15 megawatts; (5) an open-channel tailrace; (6) an ecological return flow facility to support resident species within the bypassed reach of the Duck River; (7) a 50-foot-wide, 140-foot-long switchyard, with generation stepped down at the switchyard to serve local requirements; (8) approximately 4.5 miles of new roads to access the dam and powerhouse; (9) a 100-foot-long dock bulkhead with a 20-foot-wide, 30-foot-long seaplane/floatplane ramp; (10) a 300-foot-long, 150-foot-wide housing structure for plant operators; (11) a 40-foot-wide, 100-foot-long maintenance shop; and (12) appurtenant facilities. The proposed Silver Lake Hydroelectric

Project would have an average annual generation of 44.8 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Robert A. Wilkinson, Copper Valley Electric Association, Inc., P.O. Box 45, Mile 187 Glenn Highway, Glennallen, Alaska 99588-0045; phone: (907) 822-3171.

FERC Contact: Jennifer Harper, 202-502-6136.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp>) under the "eFiling" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "Quick Comment." For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov; call toll-free at (866) 208-3676; or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and eight copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13717-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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¹ Currently, Silver Lake has a surface area of 978 acres at 306 feet msl. The new dam will raise the surface elevation of Silver Lake to 425 feet msl, which will inundate about 700 acres (as calculated by Staff) of tribal land owned by the Chugach Alaska Corporation (Source: Permit Application filed April 19, 2010).