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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL11-9-000]

#### **CAIifornians for Renewable Energy, Inc., (CARE), and Barbara Durkin v. National Grid, Cape Wind, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities; Notice of Complaint**

December 1, 2010.

Take notice that on December 1, 2010, pursuant to the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824d, 824e, 825e, and 825h (2008) and Rule 206 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206, (2010), CAIifornians for Renewable Energy, Inc. (CARE) and Barbara Durkin (Complainants) filed a complaint against National Grid, Cape Wind, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (Collectively Respondents), alleging that the Respondents are violating the Federal Power Act by approving a contract for capacity and energy that exceeds the utilities' avoided cost cap and which also usurps the Commission's exclusive jurisdiction to determine the wholesale rates for electricity under its jurisdiction.

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, 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. The Respondent's answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent's answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainants.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EG10-65-000; EG10-66-000; EG10-67-000; EG10-68-000; EG10-69-000; EG10-70-000; EG10-71-000]

#### **Top of the World Wind Energy, LLC; Kit Carson Windpower, LLC; Chestnut Flats Wind, LLC; Minco Wind, LLC; Arizona Solar One LLC; Criterion Power Partners, LLC; Sundevil Power Holdings, LLC; Notice of Effectiveness of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status**

December 1, 2010.

Take notice that during the month of November 2010, the status of the above-captioned entities as Exempt Wholesale

Generators became effective by operation of the Commission's regulations. 18 CFR 366.7(a) (2010).

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*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-14-000]

#### **Columbia Gulf Transmission Company and Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed East Cameron Block 23A Field Line Abandonment Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

December 1, 2010.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the East Cameron Block 23A Field Line Abandonment Project involving abandonment of facilities by Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf) and Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on January 3, 2011.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Columbia Gulf provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

### Summary of the Proposed Project

Columbia Gulf and Southern propose to abandon approximately 9.3 miles of pipeline in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Approximately 3.0 miles of pipeline would be abandoned onshore, and approximately 6.3 miles of pipeline would be abandoned offshore.

The project would abandon:

- Approximately 6.3 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline (known as Segment 5823 [OCS-G04321]) and appurtenances extending from the producer's platform located in East Cameron Block 23 Offshore Facilities to the shoreline;

- Approximately 3.0 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline onshore to a point near the site of Meter No. 4216 where a blind flange would be installed that physically separates the offshore pipeline from the remainder of the onshore pipeline located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana;

- Meter No. 641 (near the producer's platform) and appurtenances; and

- The gas transportation services provided by Columbia Gulf and Southern through the East Cameron Block 23 Offshore Facilities, if any.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

### Land Requirements for Construction

Abandonment of the facilities would disturb a total of about 0.37 acre (including all necessary workspaces) at three discrete onshore and offshore locations:

- One 60-foot by 20-foot excavation area within the existing pipeline right-of-way at Meter Station 4216 (29° 39' 49.50" North Latitude, 92° 43' 51.00" West Longitude);

- One 60-foot by 30-foot spoil placement area within and immediately adjacent to the existing pipeline right-of-way at Meter Station 4216; and

- One 15-foot by 25-foot excavation (hand-jetted) area within the existing right-of-way at a pipeline interconnect in State waters (29° 34' 34.24" North Latitude, 92° 45' 9.83" West Longitude).

### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and

Necessity. NEPA also requires us<sup>2</sup> to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received will be considered during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- Land use;
- Water resources and wetlands;
- Cultural resources;
- Vegetation and wildlife;
- Air quality and noise; and
- Endangered and threatened species.

We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be presented in the EA. The EA will be placed in the public record and, depending on the comments received during the scoping process, may be published and distributed to the public. A comment period will be allotted if the EA is published for review. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section beginning on page 4.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated the proposal relative to their responsibilities. Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

### Consultations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are using this

notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian Tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.<sup>3</sup> We will define the project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPO as the project is further developed. On natural gas facility projects, the APE at a minimum encompasses all areas subject to ground disturbance (examples include construction right-of-way, contractor/pipe storage yards, compressor stations, and access roads). Our EA for this project will document our findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 3, 2011.

For your convenience, there are three methods which you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances please reference the project docket number (CP11-14-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the *eComment* feature, which is located on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to *Documents and Filings*. An eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature, which is located on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to *Documents and Filings*. With eFiling you can provide comments in a variety

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

<sup>2</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.

<sup>3</sup> The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Historic properties are defined in those regulations as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register for Historic Places.

of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “eRegister.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a “Comment on a Filing”; or

(3) You may file a paper copy of your comments at the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

#### Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes Federal, State, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission’s regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If the EA is published for distribution, copies will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (Appendix 2).

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an “intervenor” which is an official party to the Commission’s proceeding. Intervenor’s play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission’s final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are included in the User’s Guide under the “e-filing” link on the Commission’s Web site.

#### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the

Commission’s Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the “eLibrary” link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on “General Search” and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP11–14). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission’s calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL11–4–000]

#### Coso Energy Developers; Coso Finance Partners; Coso Power Developers; Notice Of Filing

December 1, 2010.

Take notice that on November 18, 2010, Coso Energy Developers, Coso Finance Partners, and Coso Power Developers, pursuant to section 207 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207 (2010), filed a request for waiver of the interconnection financial security (IFS) deposit requirement set forth in section 9.3.1 of the California Independent System Operator Corporation’s Large Generator Interconnection Process for Queue Requests in a Cluster Window (Cluster LGIP).

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, 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 on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL11–6–000]

#### Alta Wind I, LLC; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

December 1, 2010.

Take notice that on November 19, 2010, Alta Wind I, LLC filed a Petition for Declaratory Order requesting that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) disclaim jurisdiction, under section 201 of the Federal Power Act, over owner lessors and owner participants associated with a sale and leaseback transaction related to a generation project under development.