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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM10-11-000]

Integration of Variable Energy Resources; Notice Extending Comment Period

March 3, 2010.

On February 23, 2010, Edison Electric Institute (EEI) filed a motion requesting an extension of the period in which to file comments in response to the Commission's January 21, 2010 Notice of Inquiry (NOI) in this proceeding.¹ EEI requests a fourteen-day extension of the comment period, which would result in a comment due date of April 12, 2010. Additionally, on February 26, 2010, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) filed a motion requesting an extension of at least fourteen days.²

¹ *Integration of Variable Energy Resources*, 130 FERC ¶ 61,053 (2010).

² BPA indicates, however, that its preference would be for a twenty-one day extension of the comment period.

Upon consideration, notice is hereby given that the period during which interested parties may file comments in response to the Commission's NOI in this proceeding is extended by fourteen days. Comments are now due on or before April 12, 2010.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-379-003]

Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Electric Compressor Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

March 2, 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 Electric Compressor Project (Project) involving construction and operation of facilities by Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC (Pine Prairie) in Evangeline 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 April 2, 2010.

Comments may be submitted in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice.

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 Pine Prairie provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a

number of typically asked questions, and 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

Pine Prairie proposes to construct and operate the Project at and near the existing Pine Prairie Energy Center (PPEC) in Evangeline Parish, Louisiana. The Project would provide Pine Prairie with additional operational flexibility, and reduce fuel costs. The Project consists of the following facilities:

- Four 5,750 horsepower (hp) electric motor driven compressors in lieu of four previously authorized, as yet unbuilt, 4,700 hp natural gas engine driven compressors; and
- Two additional 5,750 hp electric motor drive compressor units.

In support of the Project, Pine Prairie or the local electric utility would construct the following non-jurisdictional electric power facilities:

- An electric substation at the existing PPEC;
- Approximately 1,200 feet of electric distribution line on poles at the PPEC;
- Approximately 2.1 miles of radial electric transmission line;
- A Tie-In to the existing electric transmission line; and
- Relocation to the north side of Ambrose Road of approximately 700 feet of electric distribution line.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.¹

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would disturb about 34.26 acres of land for the aboveground facilities. Nonjurisdictional facilities would account for approximately 33.12 acres of disturbed land. Following construction, all of the above acres would be maintained for permanent operation of the project's facilities.

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 us² to

¹ 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.

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