



PINE PRAIRIE
ENERGY CENTER
A PAA Natural Gas Storage Company

July 30, 2013

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Kimberly Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC
Docket No. CP11-1-000
Notice of Phase III Activity

Dear Secretary Bose:

On May 19, 2011, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") issued an *Order Issuing Certificate, Requiring New Open Season and Amending Tariff* ("May 19 Order") in the above-referenced docket authorizing Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC ("Pine Prairie") to construct, own and operate its Phase III Expansion Project.¹ All conditions precedent to the May 19 Order have been satisfied, and the Commission subsequently granted Pine Prairie clearance to commence construction of the Phase III Expansion Project.²

Pine Prairie's Phase III Expansion Project consists of increasing the storage facility's total working gas storage capacity from 48.0 Bcf to 80.0 Bcf by (1) continued solution mining of the in-service Cavern Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 and (2) construction of new Cavern Nos. 6 and 7 and related facilities.

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (B) of the May 19 Order and Section 157.20(c)(1) of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 157.20(c)(1) (2013), Pine Prairie hereby notifies the Commission that it is continuing to solution mine Cavern Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 to the capacities authorized by the May 19 Order. Pine Prairie will provide a subsequent notice when it commences facilities construction, as authorized by the May 19 Order.

Pine Prairie will continue to prepare and file quarterly status reports during the period that capacity expansion activities are limited to continued solution mining. Pine Prairie will prepare and file bi-weekly status reports once it commences construction of the Phase III facilities. Pine Prairie respectfully requests waiver of the May 19, 2013 Order's Environmental Condition No. 7 as the Commission may deem necessary to permit this schedule for filing of status reports.

¹ *Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC*, 135 FERC ¶ 61,168 (2011) ("May 19 Order").

² *Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC*, Docket No. CP11-1-000 (unpublished delegated order issued April 22, 2013).

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Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda L. Hanks

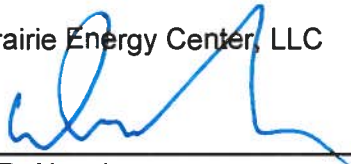
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cc: Eric Tomasi, Project Manager, FERC staff
All Parties, Docket No. CP11-1-000

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I, Daniel D. Noack, being duly sworn, do hereby state that I am a Vice President – Operations of Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC, that I am authorized to execute this Verification; that I have read the foregoing documents and am familiar with the contents thereof; and that all statements and matters set forth in the foregoing document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC



Daniel D. Noack
Vice President – Operations

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30 day of July 2013.



Notary Public


My Commission Expires: 10/11/2016



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document on each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Rule 2010 of the Commission's Practice of Procedure.

Dated at Houston, Texas this 30th day of July 2013.


Amanda L. Hanks
Counsel for Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC