

Electronic Filing Specifications for the Index of Customers and Discount Report" (Notice). The Notice requires pipelines to implement the electronic Index of Customers on April 1, 1996. In addition, pursuant to Part 154.111(a) of the Commission's Regulations upon implementation of the electronic Index of Customers, the pipelines' obligation to provide for an Index of Customers in its tariff will cease. Therefore, this instant filing is submitted pursuant to the aboveforementioned Sections of the Commission's Regulations.

Transco states that it is serving copies of the instant filing to its customers, State Commissions, and other interested parties.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with §§ 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in § 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. GT96-55-000]

Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

April 4, 1996.

Take notice that on April 1, 1996 Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, First Revised Sheet No. 491. The proposed effective date for this tariff sheet is May 1, 1996.

WNG states that pursuant to Order No. 581 and RM95-4-000, it is filing to remove the Index of Customers from its FERC Gas Tariff and is concurrently filing a diskette containing its Index of Customers for April 1, 1996. WNG has also posted the Index of Customers on its EBB.

WNG states that a copy of its filing was served on all jurisdictional

customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Notice of Request for Amendment of Project License to Allow a Temporary Suspension of the Minimum Flow Requirement for a Period of 5 to 10 Years

April 4, 1996.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Request for Amendment of Project License to Allow a Temporary Suspension of the Minimum Flow Requirement for a Period of 5 to 10 Years.

b. *Project No:* 5276.

c. *Date Filed:* May 16, 1995.

d. *Applicants:* Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and Northern Electric Power Company, LP.

e. *Name of Project:* Hudson Falls Project.

f. *Location:* On the Hudson River in Washington County, New York.

g. *File Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contacts:*

Keith Corneau, Manager, Environmental/Regulatory Affairs, Adirondack Hydro Development Corporation, Civic Center Plaza, Suite 100, 5 Warren Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801, (518) 761-3095

Mr. Sam S. Hirschey, P.E., Manager, Hydro Licensing & Regulatory Compliance, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, 300 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, NY 13202, (315) 428-6941

i. *FERC Contact:* Sean Murphy, (202) 219-2964.

j. *Comment Dates:* May 8, 1996.

k. *Description of Amendment:* Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and Northern Electric Power Company, LP (licensees) request a temporary suspension of the minimum flow requirement for a period of up to 10 years. The licensees request that they be allowed to work with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), General Electric (GE), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the removal of pure polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from the shale bedrock of the bypassed reach. The licensees' contribution to the removal of the PCBs would be to suspend the minimum flow to the bypassed reach for a period of up to 10 years. The suspension of flow to the bypassed reach would allow the EPA, GE, and the DEC to inspect the reach and determine the appropriate remedial measures. During the suspension of minimum flows the licensees propose to divert the minimum flows through the project intake canal, turbines, and/or auxiliary release works. Flows in excess of the projects hydraulic capacity would be spilled over the project dam. The licensees propose to immediately return the minimum flow to the bypassed reach upon the notice of the DEC. If the remediation of the PCB problem is not complete after five years, the involved parties would review the progress made and make recommendations on continuing or ending the flow suspension.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS" "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the

Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5456-8]

Clean Air Act; Acid Rain Provisions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of the 1996 EPA SO₂ allowance auctions results.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Title IV of the Clean Air Act and 40 CFR Part 73, the EPA is responsible for implementing a program to reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO₂), a precursor of acid rain. The centerpiece of the SO₂ control program is the allocation of transferable allowances, or authorizations to emit SO₂, which are distributed in limited quantities to existing utility units and which eventually must be held by virtually all utility units to cover their SO₂ emissions. These allowances may be transferred among polluting sources and others, so that market forces may

govern their ultimate use and distribution, resulting in the most cost-effective sharing of the emissions control burden. EPA is directed under Section 416 of the Act to conduct annual sales and auctions of a small portion of allowances (2.8%) withheld from the total allowances allocated to utilities each year. Sales and auctions are expected to stimulate and support the allowance market and to provide a public source of allowances, particularly to new units for which no allowances are allocated. In the Fall of 1992, EPA delegated the administration of the EPA allowance auctions and sales to the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT). Today, the Acid Rain Division is giving notice of the results of the fourth annual SO₂ allowance auctions that were conducted by the CBOT on March 25, 1996.

For rules governing the conduct of the auctions and sales see 40 CFR Part 73, Subpart E.

I. Offers

A. Total Allowances Available for Auction

In the spot auction (year 1996 allowances sold), a total of 158,000 allowances were offered for sale: 150,000 that were withheld from the utilities and an additional 8,000 that were voluntarily contributed from utilities. In the 6-year advance auction (year 2002 allowances sold), a total of 32,000 allowances were offered for sale: 25,000 that were unsold from the 1995 direct sale and an additional 7,000 that were contributed from utilities. In the 7-year advance auction (year 2003 allowances sold), a total of 107,000 allowances were offered for sale: 100,000 that were withheld from the utilities and an additional 7,000 that were contributed. The minimum prices that utilities would accept for their contributed allowances are listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1.—1996 AUCTION OFFERS (SPOT)

Minimum price*	Quantity	Cumulative total
\$75	600	600
80	600	1,200
100	600	1,800
120	600	2,400
125	600	3,000
150	2,500	5,500
150	2,500	8,000

*No offers were sold in the 1996 Auction (Spot).

2002 AUCTION OFFERS (6 YEAR ADVANCE)

Minimum price*	Quantity	Cumulative total
\$75	400	400
80	400	800
100	400	1,200
120	400	1,600
125	400	2,000
199	5,000	7,000

*No offers were sold in the 2002 Auction (Six Year Advance).

2003 AUCTION OFFERS (7 YEAR ADVANCE)

Minimum price*	Quantity	Cumulative total
\$75	400	400
80	400	800
100	400	1,200
120	400	1,600
125	400	2,000
199	5,000	7,000

*No offers were sold in the 2003 Auction (Seven Year Advance).

II. Bids

A. 1996 Spot Auction Results

CBOT received 139 bids requesting 911,735 year 1996 allowances. 47 bids were successful and 150,000 allowances were sold. No contributed allowances to the spot auction were sold. Spot auction proceeds totaled \$10,221,536.89.

Per EPA regulations, unsuccessful bidder's names are not revealed.

TABLE 2.—SPOT AUCTION BIDS (1995)

Bids	Quantity	Bidder's name	Cumulative total
\$300.00	1	New England School of Law—Environmental Law Society	1
200.00	1	Thomas M. Cooley Environmental Law Society	2
175.00	4	University of Michigan Environmental Law Society	6
175.00	1	University of Minnesota Environmental Law Society	7
160.00	1	CUNY Environmental Law Students Association	8
151.88	1	Valparaiso University School of Law	9