

interconnection between the pipeline systems of CGT and Tennessee. CGT asserts that as a result of existing operations of the pipeline systems and the existence of a similar emergency interconnection located in Rowan County, Kentucky, the facilities proposed for abandonment are no longer needed. CGT further asserts that the proposed abandonment will have no impact on any existing customer.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make protest with reference to said application should on or before January 2, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required therein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for CGT to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Project No. 2145-029 and Docket No. EL97-12-000]

Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order or in the Alternative Application for Approval of Contracts for the Sale of Power for a Period Extending Beyond the Term of the License

December 11, 1996.

On November 22, 1996, pursuant to Rule 207 of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 385.207, and Section 22 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 815, Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington (Chelan County PUD), petitioned for a declaratory order that the Commission had in 1968 implicitly approved power sales contracts for project power extending beyond the license term, or in the alternative requested that the Commission now approve these power sales contracts for approximately five years beyond 2006 expiration date of the license. The Rocky Reach Project No. 2145 is located on the Columbia River in Chelan and Douglas Counties, Washington.

Section 22 provides that contracts for the sale and delivery of power for periods extending beyond the termination date of a license may be entered into upon the joint approval of the Commission and the appropriate state public service Commission or other similar authority in the state in which the sale or delivery of power is made. Chelan County PUD states in its application that Commission approval of the Rocky Reach Project power sales contracts is in the public interest because the revenues from those contracts have been pledged to secure repayment of bonds that Chelan County PUD issued to finance construction of the Rocky Reach Project and that the contracts were essential to the development of the project.

Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of practice and procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests and other comments, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules may become a party to the proceeding. Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be filed by [the 30th day following publication of this notice in the Federal Register]; must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "PROTESTS," or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as

applicable, and "Project No. 2145-029 and EL97-12-000." Send the filings (original and 14 copies) to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any filing must also be served upon each representative of the licensee specified in its application.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Project No. 2596-003 and Docket No. D196-5-001]

Rochester Gas & Electric Corp.; Notice of Availability of Navigability Report for the Genesee River, Request for Comments, and Notice of Pending Jurisdictional Inquiry

December 11, 1996.

Rochester Gas & Electric Corp. (RG&E) filed an application for subsequent license to continue operation on its Station 160 Project. On February 20, 1996, RG&E filed a petition for Declaratory Order requesting that the Commission determine whether the project is subject to the Commission's licensing jurisdiction pursuant to Section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act. (FPA).¹ The facility is located on the Genesee River, in Livingston County, New York.

As part of its review of RG&E's relicensing application, and the petition for Declaratory Order, staff is investigating the jurisdictional status of the project and has prepared a navigability report on the Genesee River.

Before making its decision, the staff will accept and consider comments on the navigability report. Comments may be filed no later than January 28, 1997.

Jurisdiction: Under Section 23(b)(1) of the FPA, a license is required for a hydroelectric project if it: (1) is located on navigable waters of the United States; (2) occupies lands or reservations of the United States; (3) uses surplus water on waterpower from a government dam; or (4) is located on a non-navigable Commerce Clause stream, affects the interests of interstate or foreign commerce, and has undergone construction or major modifications after August 26, 1935.²

Concurrent with the publication of this notice, all persons whose names appear on the official mailing list for Rochester Gas & Electric Corp.'s

¹ 16 USC 191a-825r.

² See *Farmington River Power Co. v. Federal Power Commission*, 455 F.2d 86 (2d Cir. 1972)

relicensing proceedings and its petition for Declaratory Order will receive a copy of the navigability report. Additional copies are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Comments should be filed within 45 days of the above date and should reference Project No. 2596-003 and Docket No. D196-5-001.

Comments on the navigability report should be filed with Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 N. Capitol St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Comments should be filed by January 28, 1997. For further information, please contact Etta Foster at (202) 219-2679.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-123-000]

**Southern Natural Gas Company;
Notice of Request Under Blanket
Authorization**

December 11, 1996.

Take notice that on November 25, 1996, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in the above docket, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to relocate certain delivery point facilities including metering and appurtenant facilities where it serves Mississippi Valley Gas Company (MVG). Such relocation is proposed to be performed by Southern under Southern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-406-000, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Southern proposes to relocate the existing meter at its existing Clayton Village Delivery Point which is currently located at the end of MVG's 2" Clayton Village Line. It stated that Southern proposes to relocate the facilities to a site at or near Mile Post 7.500 on Southern's 6-inch Starkville Lateral Line in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi. The estimated cost of the relocation of the delivery point facilities is approximately \$3,500. The new location will be more accessible to Southern's general operations in this area of its system.

Southern states that it will continue to transport gas to Clayton Village Delivery Point pursuant to its Rate Schedule FT

and its Rate Schedule IT. MVG does not propose to add or change any transportation demand to its firm service as a result of the relocation of the delivery point. Southern states that the installation of the proposed facilities will have no adverse impact on its peak day deliveries or firm requirements.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity is deemed to be authorized effective on the day after the time allowed for filing a protest.

If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER97-625-000, et al.]

**Central Vermont Public Service
Corporation, et al.; Electric Rate and
Corporate Regulation Filings**

December 11, 1996.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

**1. Central Vermont Public Service
Corporation**

[Docket No. ER97-625-000]

Take notice that on November 27, 1996, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (CVPS), tendered for filing the Forecast 1997 Cost Report required under Paragraph Q-2 on Original Sheet No. 19 of the Rate Schedule FERC No. 135 (RS-2 rate schedule) under which CVPS sells electric power to Connecticut Valley Electric Company Inc. (Customer). CVPS states that the Cost Report reflects changes to the RS-2 rate schedule which were approved by the Commission's June 6, 1989 order in Docket No. ER88-456-000.

Comment date: December 26, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**2. Central Vermont Public Service
Corporation**

[Docket No. ER97-626-000]

Take notice that on November 27, 1996, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (CVPS), tendered for filing the Forecast 1997 Cost Report required under Article 2.3 on Second Revised Sheet No. 18 of FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 3, of CVPS under which CVPS provides transmission and distribution service to the following Customers:

Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Lyndonville Electric Department
Village of Ludlow Electric Light Department
Village of Johnson Water and Light Department
Village of Hyde Park Water and Light Department
Rochester Electric Light and Power Company
Woodsville Fire District Water and Light Department

Comment date: December 26, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. United Illuminating Company

[Docket No. ER97-627-000]

Take notice that on November 26, 1996, The United Illuminating Company (UI) submitted for informational purposes all individual Purchase Agreements executed under UI's Wholesale Electric Sales Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 2 during the six-month period of May 1, 1996 to October 31, 1996.

Comment date: December 26, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**4. Jersey Central Power & Light
Company; Metropolitan Edison
Company; Pennsylvania Electric
Company**

[Docket No. ER97-628-000]

Take notice that on November 26, 1996, GPU Service, Inc. (GPU), on behalf of Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company and Pennsylvania Electric Company (jointly referred to as GPU Energy), filed Service Agreements between GPU and Atlantic Electric, Delmarva Power & Light Company, Heartland Energy Services, Inc., New England Power Company, and The Power Company of America, LP. (Transmission Customers). These Service Agreements specify that the Transmission Customers have agreed to the rates, terms and conditions of the GPU Companies' open access transmission tariff filed on July 9, 1996 in Docket No. OA96-114-000.

GPU requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements for