

individually its market power mitigation strategies and a response to the Commission regarding Edison's proposed treatment of existing contracts.

**Docket No. ER97-2355-000**

In Docket No. ER97-2355-000, Edison filed a Transmission Owner Tariff and a Wholesale Distribution Access Tariff. The Transmission Owner Tariff describes the rates, terms, and conditions of service to be provided through the California ISO over Edison's transmission facilities. The Wholesale Distribution Access Tariff describes the rates, terms, and conditions of service to be provided to wholesale customers over Edison's distribution facilities. Edison requests that its filing be made effective on the same date that the ISO and PX Tariffs are made effective.

**Docket No. ER97-2358-000**

In Docket No. ER97-2358-000, PG&E tendered for filing a proposed Transmission Owner Tariff, a Wholesale Distribution Tariff, and Cost Support for PG&E specific rates associated with the ISO. The Transmission Owner Tariff describes the rates, terms, and conditions of service to be provided through the California ISO over PG&E's transmission facilities. The Wholesale Distribution Access Tariff describes the rates, terms, and conditions of service to be provided to wholesale customers over PG&E's distribution facilities. PG&E requests that its filing be made effective at the same time the separately filed ISO and PX Tariffs are made effective.

**Docket No. ER97-2364-000**

In Docket No. ER97-2364-000, SDG&E tendered for filing a Transmission Owner Tariff, which revises the rates, terms, and conditions of service to be provided through the California ISO over SDG&E's transmission facilities. The proposed Transmission Owner's Tariff would supersede SDG&E's Open Access Tariff presently on file with the Commission. SDG&E requests that its filing be made effective at the same time the separately filed ISO and PX Tariffs are made effective.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filings should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 or 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before June 6, 1997. In addition, parties

submitting motions or protests must submit two copies of their filing on a computer diskette, one in WordPerfect 6.1 format, and one in a DOS file in the ASCII format (with 1" margins and 10 characters per inch). The two computer files should be labeled (\_\_\_\_.WP and \_\_\_\_\_.ASC) to avoid confusion. Filings must include a one page executive summary.

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 must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER97-2196-000]

**Southern Company Services, Inc.; Notice of Filing**

April 7, 1997.

Take notice that on March 21, 1997, Southern Company Services, Inc. (SCS), acting on behalf of Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company, Mississippi Power Company, and Savannah Electric and Power Company (collectively referred to as Southern Companies) filed two (2) agreements for firm point-to-point transmission service between SCS, as agent for Southern Companies, and Federal Power Sales, Inc. and three (3) agreements for non-firm transmission service between SCS, as agent for Southern Companies, and (i) Central and Southwest Services, Inc., (ii) Central Louisiana Electric Company, Inc., and (iii) Southern Energy Trading and Marketing, Inc. under Part II of the Open Access Transmission Tariff of Southern Companies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such petitions and protests should be filed on or before April 17, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine 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.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER97-1786-000, et al.]

**Public Service Company of Colorado, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings**

April 4, 1997.

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

**1. Public Service Company of Colorado**

[Docket No. ER97-1786-000]

Take notice that on March 28, 1997, Public Service Company of Colorado tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**2. UtiliCorp United Inc.**

[Docket Nos. ER96-2756-000, ER96-2763-000, and ER96-2764-000]

Take notice that on March 18, 1997, UtiliCorp United Inc. tendered for filing a Notice of Withdrawal in the above-referenced dockets.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**3. Commonwealth Edison Company**

[Docket Nos. ER96-3113-000 and OA97-88-000]

Take notice that on March 21, 1997, Commonwealth Edison Company tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced dockets.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**4. Western Resources, Inc.**

[Docket Nos. ER97-1127-000 and ER97-1143-000]

Take notice that on March 31, 1997, Western Resources, Inc. tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced dockets.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**5. Public Service Company of Colorado**

[Docket No. ER97-1788-000]

Take notice that on March 28, 1997, Public Service Company of Colorado tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**6. Northern Indiana Public Service Company**

[Docket No. ER97-2201-000]

Take Notice that on March 21, 1997, Northern Indiana Public Service Company tendered for filing an executed Service Agreement between Northern Indiana Public Service Company and AYP Energy, Inc.

Under the Service Agreement, Northern Indiana Public Service Company agrees to provide services to AYP Energy, Inc. under Northern Indiana Public Service Company's Power Sales Tariff. Northern Indiana Public Service Company and AYP Energy, Inc. request waiver of the Commission's sixty-day notice requirement to permit an effective date of March 15, 1997.

Copies of this filing have been sent to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**7. Northern Indiana Public Service Company**

[Docket No. ER97-2202-000]

Take Notice that on March 21, 1997, Northern Indiana Public Service Company tendered for filing an executed Standard Transmission Service Agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service between Northern Indiana Public Service Company and AYP Energy, Inc.

Under the Transmission Service Agreement, Northern Indiana Public Service Company will provide Point-to-Point Transmission Service to AYP Energy, Inc. pursuant to the Transmission Service Tariff filed by Northern Indiana Public Service Company in Docket No. ER96-1426-000 and allowed to become effective by the Commission, and as amended in Docket No. OA96-47-000. Northern Indiana Public Service Company, 75 FERC ¶ 61,213 (1996). Northern Indiana Public Service Company has requested that the Service Agreement be allowed to become effective as of February 21, 1997.

Copies of this filing have been sent to the Indiana Utility Regulatory

Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**8. Northern Indiana Public Service Company**

[Docket No. ER97-2203-000]

Take Notice that on March 21, 1997, Northern Indiana Public Service Company tendered for filing an executed Service Agreement between Northern Indiana Public Service Company and American Energy Solutions, Inc.

Under the Service Agreement, Northern Indiana Public Service Company agrees to provide services to American Energy Solutions, Inc. under Northern Indiana Public Service Company's Power Sales Tariff. Northern Indiana Public Service Company and American Energy Solutions, Inc. request waiver of the Commission's sixty-day notice requirement to permit an effective date of February 21, 1997.

Copies of this filing have been sent to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**9. Northern Indiana Public Service Company**

[Docket No. ER97-2204-000]

Take Notice that on March 21, 1997, Northern Indiana Public Service Company tendered for filing an executed Standard Transmission Service Agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service between Northern Indiana Public Service Company and Atlantic City Electric Company.

Under the Transmission Service Agreement, Northern Indiana Public Service Company will provide Point-to-Point Transmission Service to Atlantic City Electric Company pursuant to the Transmission Service Tariff filed by Northern Indiana Public Service Company in Docket No. ER96-1426-000 and allowed to become effective by the Commission, and as amended in Docket No. OA96-47-000. Northern Indiana Public Service Company, 75 FERC ¶ 61,213 (1996). Northern Indiana Public Service Company has requested that the Service Agreement be allowed to become effective as of February 27, 1997.

Copies of this filing have been sent to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**10. MidAmerican Energy Company**

[Docket No. ER97-2206-000]

Take notice that on March 21, 1997, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Commission a Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement and a Network Operating Agreement, both dated March 1, 1997 and entered into by MidAmerican and the City of Geneseo, Illinois (Geneseo) in accordance with MidAmerican's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

MidAmerican requests an effective date of March 1, 1997 for the Agreements and, accordingly, seeks a waiver of the Commission's notice requirement. MidAmerican has served a copy of the filing on Geneseo, the Iowa Utilities Board, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**11. American Electric Power Service Corporation**

[Docket No. ER97-2207-000]

Take notice that on March 19, 1997, American Electric Power Service Corporation, (AEPSC) tendered for filing executed service agreements under the AEP Companies' Power Sales Tariffs. The Power Sales Tariff was accepted for filing effective October 1, 1995, and has been designated AEP Companies' FERC Electric Tariff First Revised Volume No. 2. AEPSC requests waiver of notice to permit the service Agreement to be made effective for service billed on and after February 20, 1997.

A copy of the filing was served upon the parties and the State Utility Regulatory Commissions of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**12. Louisville Gas & Electric Company**

[Docket No. ER97-2208-000]

Take notice that on March 21, 1997, Louisville Gas and Electric Company tendered for filing copies of a service agreement between Louisville Gas and Electric Company and PanEnergy Power Services under Rate GSS.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**13. Louisville Gas and Electric Company**

[Docket No. ER97-2209-000]

Take notice that on March 21, 1997, Louisville Gas and Electric Company tendered for filing copies of service agreements between Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Electric Clearinghouse, Inc. under Rate GSS.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**14. Central Illinois Public Service Company**

[Docket No. ER97-2210-000]

Take notice that on March 21, 1997, Central Illinois Public Service Company (CIPS) submitted a service agreement, dated March 17, 1997, establishing CMS Marketing, Services and Trading (CMS) as a customer under the terms of CIPS' Open Access Transmission Tariff.

CIPS requests an effective date of March 17, 1997, for the service agreement. Accordingly, CIPS requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. Copies of this filing were served upon CMS and the Illinois Commerce Commission.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**15. Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.**

[Docket No. ER97-2214-000]

Take notice that on March 24, 1997, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) tendered for filing an amendment to Rate Schedule No. 85, an agreement with Baltimore Gas & Electric (BG&E) for the sale of energy and capacity.

Con Edison states that a copy of this filing has been served by mail upon BG&E.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**16. Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.**

[Docket No. ER97-2217-000]

Take notice that on March 24, 1997, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) tendered for filing a service agreement to provide non-firm transmission service pursuant to its Open Access Transmission Tariff to Atlantic Electric (Atlantic).

Con Edison states that a copy of this filing has been served by mail upon Atlantic.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**17. Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.**

[Docket No. ER97-2218-000]

Take notice that on March 24, 1997, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) tendered for filing a service agreement to provide non-firm transmission service pursuant to its Open Access Transmission Tariff to CNG Power Services Corporation (CNG).

Con Edison states that a copy of this filing has been served by mail upon CNG.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**18. Canal Electric Company**

[Docket No. ER97-2219-000]

Take notice that on March 20, 1997, Canal Electric Company, in connection with Financial Accounting Standards No. 106, Postretirement Benefits Other than Pensions (PBOPs) on an accrual basis, tendered for filing the 1996 actuarial report and its impact on Rate Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, 17 and 21 which are formula rate contracts. The 1996 figures indicate a reduction in postretirement costs of \$19,665.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**19. Cambridge Electric Light Company, Boston Edison Company**

[Docket No. ER97-2220-000]

Take notice that on March 21, 1997, Cambridge Electric Light Company tendered for filing, pursuant to Commission Rule 602, a Settlement Agreement which would resolve a dispute between Boston Edison Company (BECo) and Cambridge Electric Light Company (Cambridge) relating to the rate applied for transmission services by BECo to Cambridge under the New England Power Pool Agreement that implicates the terms of their support agreement for Substation No. 509.

*Comment date:* April 18, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**20. UtiliCorp United Inc.**

[Docket No. ES97-27-000]

Take notice that on March 26, 1997, UtiliCorp United Inc. filed an application, under § 204(a) of the Federal Power Act, seeking authorization to issue up to and including 5,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, pursuant to a Dividend Reinvestment and Common Stock Purchase Plan; up to 2,500,000 shares of common stock,

par value \$1.00 per share, pursuant to the Applicant's Restated Savings Plan; up to and including 10,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, in one or more public offerings; and up to \$500 million of debt securities to be issued from time to time in one or more series. Applicant also requests an exemption from the Commission's competitive bidding and negotiated placement requirements.

*Comment date:* May 1, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**21. Virginia Electric and Power Company**

[Docket No. OA97-566-000]

Take notice that on March 21, 1997, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Virginia Power) tendered for filing amendments to the Interconnection Agreement between Virginia Electric and Power Company (Virginia Power or the Company) and the PJM Group (Virginia Power Rate Schedule FPC No. 73). The purpose of the filing is to unbundle the generation and transmission components of the Virginia Power economy sales under that Tariff. The amendments reflect the actions taken by Virginia Power beginning on January 1, 1997 to effectively unbundle its sales under that rate schedule. Virginia Power has requested an effective date of January 1, 1997 for the amendments.

Copies of the filing were served upon the Virginia State Corporation Commission, the North Carolina Utilities Commission and the Manager of the PJM Interconnection.

*Comment date:* April 21, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**Standard Paragraph**

E. 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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11553-000 Alaska]

#### Lace River Hydroelectric Project; Notice of Intent To Conduct Environmental Scoping Meetings and a Site Visit

April 7, 1997.

The Energy Policy Act of 1992 allows applicants to prepare their own environmental assessment (EA) for hydropower projects and file it with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) along with their license application as part of the "applicant-prepared EA" process. Lace River Hydro (LRH) intends to prepare an EA to file with the Commission for the proposed Lace River Hydroelectric Project. LRH will hold an environmental scoping meeting, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, to identify the scope of issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

#### Scoping Meeting

The time and location of the joint public and agency scoping meeting is:

*Date:* Thursday, May 1, 1997.

*Place:* Alaska Division of Governmental Coordination, Court Plaza Building, 240 Main Street, Suite 300, Juneau, Alaska.

*Time:* 12:00 p.m. (noon).

At the scoping meetings, LRH will: (1) Summarize the tentative environmental issues and concerns on the project, (2) outline those preliminary resources that they believe would not require a detailed analysis, (3) identify reasonable alternatives to be addressed in the EA, (4) solicit from the meeting participants all available baseline information, especially quantitative data, on the resource issues, and (5) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including views supporting or opposing AP&T's preliminary views.

All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited and encouraged to attend either or both meetings to assist in identifying and clarifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

To help focus discussions at the meetings, LRH will prepare and distribute to the participants prior to the meetings, the Initial Consultation Package and Scoping Document 1 for this project. Copies of this scoping document can be obtained by calling Mr. Earle V. Ausman of LRH at (907) 258-2420, or can be obtained directly at either meeting.

#### Site Visit

LRH will also conduct a site visit to the proposed Lace River Project on Wednesday, April 30, 1997. Those attending must meet at the Echo Bay (at the end of the road) by 10 a.m. and promptly leave for the project site, via floatplane. Because of the remoteness, snowpack that time of the year, and difficulty of ground access at the proposed project site, a flyover would provide an efficient view of the site. Those attending the site visit should be physically fit, must wear warm clothing and hip waders, and may be asked to sign a waiver of liability regarding floatplane use.

To charter enough floatplanes in advance of the visit, LRH must identify the number of individuals interested in flying over the project site. Therefore, if you intend on visiting the proposed project site, you *must* first register with Mr. Earle V. Ausman of LRH at (907) 258-2420 no later than April 24, 1997. If inclement weather prevents a site visit on April 30th, the alternate site visit will be Friday, May 2nd at the same time.

#### Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings. Because this meeting will be a NEPA scoping meeting under the APEA process, the Commission will not conduct a NEPA scoping meeting after the application and draft EA are filed with the Commission.

The scoping meeting will be recorded by a stenographer, and thus will become a part of the formal record of the proceedings for this project.

Those who choose not to speak during the scoping meeting may instead submit written comments on the project. Written comments should be mailed to: Mr. Earle V. Ausman, Lace River Hydro, 1503 West 33rd Avenue, Suite 310, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. All correspondence should show the following caption on the first page: Scoping Comments, Lace River Hydroelectric Project, Project No. 11553-000, Alaska.

For further information, please contact Mr. Earle V. Ausman at (907)

258-2420 or Mr. Carl Keller of the Commission at (202) 219-2831.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-223-000]

#### Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Montgomery-Columbus Abandonment and Replacement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

April 7, 1997.

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 abandonment of 87.4 miles of natural gas transmission pipeline and the construction and operation of 5.5 miles of natural gas transmission pipeline, proposed in the Montgomery-Columbus Abandonment and Replacement Project.<sup>1</sup> 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.

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) wants to abandon certain of its facilities in Alabama and replace a portion of its facilities that have deteriorated. The proposed abandonment and construction will not affect Southern's service obligations. Southern seeks authority to abandon in place:

- The 12-inch-diameter Montgomery-Columbus Mainline from milepost (MP) 79.709 to MP 143.289 in Dallas, Autauga, and Elmore Counties. This would include the removal of the East Flow Regulator/Meter Station at MP 81.401, and block valves, gate valves, and taps along the mainline;
- The 12-inch-diameter Montgomery-Columbus Loop between MP 81.209 and MP 100.729 in Dallas, Autauga, and Elmore Counties. Southern would also remove a tap and gate valves; and

<sup>1</sup>Southern Natural Gas Company's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.