

tendered for filing an Amended Energy Purchase Agreement for Market Based Sales Service between Midwest and the City of Colby, Kansas.

Midwest 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, 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 December 30, 1996. 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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[Docket Nos. RP95-271-008 and RP94-227-008]

Transwestern Pipeline Company; Notice of Refund Report

December 26, 1996.

Take notice that on December 20, 1996 Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern) tendered for filing a Report of Refunds showing refunds that were made to Transwestern's customers on December 2, 1996 pursuant to Section 1 of the Stipulation and Agreement (Settlement) filed in the referenced docket on May 21, 1996, and approved by the Commission on October 16, 1996.

Transwestern states that copies of the filing were served on its gas utility customers, interested state commissions, and all parties to this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426, in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before January 2, 1997. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER97-788-000, et al.]

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

December 24, 1996.

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

1. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-788-000]

Take notice that on December 13, 1996, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC), tendered for filing an executed Transmission Service Agreement between WPSC and Western Resources. The Agreement provides for transmission service under the Open Access Transmission Service Tariff, FERC Original Volume No. 11.

Comment date: January 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-789-000]

Take notice that on December 13, 1996, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC), tendered for filing an executed Transmission Service Agreement between WPSC and Wisconsin Power & Light Company. The Agreement provides for transmission service under the Open Access Transmission Service Tariff, FERC Original Volume No. 11.

Comment date: January 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Boston Edison Company

[Docket No. ER97-790-000]

Take notice that on December 13, 1996, Boston Edison Company (Boston Edison), tendered for filing a Service Agreement under Original Volume No. 8, FERC Order 888 Tariff (Tariff) for The Power Company of America, LP (The Power Company). Boston Edison requests that the Service Agreement become effective as of December 1, 1996.

Edison states that it has served a copy of this filing on The Power Company and the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.

Comment date: January 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. Pennsylvania Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-791-000]

Take notice that on December 13, 1996, Pennsylvania Power & Light Company (PP&L), filed a Service Agreement dated December 9, 1996, with Sonat Power Marketing L.P. (Sonat) under PP&L's FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 1. The Service Agreement adds Sonat as an eligible customer under the Tariff.

PP&L requests an effective date of December 13, 1996, for the Service Agreement.

PP&L states that copies of this filing have been supplied to Sonat and to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Comment date: January 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. Portland General Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-792-000]

Take notice that on December 13, 1996, Portland General Electric Company (PGE), tendered for filing under PGE's Final Rule pro forma tariff (FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 8, Docket No. OA96-137-000), an executed Service Agreement for Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service with Aquila Power Corporation.

Pursuant to 18 CFR 35.11, PGE respectfully requests the Commission grant a waiver of the notice requirements of 18 CFR 35.3 to allow the Service Agreements to become effective December 6, 1996.

A copy of this filing was caused to be served upon Aquila Power Corporation as noted in the filing letter.

Comment date: January 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Louisville Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-793-000]

Take notice that on December 16, 1996, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing a copy of a Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement between Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Entergy Services, Inc. under LG&E's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment date: January 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Louisville Gas and Electric Company
[Docket No. ER97-794-000]

Take notice that on December 16, 1996, 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: January 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Louisville Gas and Electric Company
[Docket No. ER97-795-000]

Take notice that on December 16, 1996, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing a copy of a Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement between Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Wisconsin Electric Power Company under LG&E's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment date: January 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. Louisville Gas and Electric Company
[Docket No. ER97-796-000]

Take notice that on December 16, 1996, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing a copy of a Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement between Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Wabash Valley Power Association under LG&E's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment date: January 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. Louisville Gas and Electric Company
[Docket No. ER97-797-000]

Take notice that on December 16, 1996, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing a copy of a Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement between Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Cinergy Services, Inc. under LG&E's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment date: January 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Louisville Gas and Electric Company
[Docket No. ER97-798-000]

Take notice that on December 16, 1996, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing a copy of a Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement between Louisville Gas and Electric

Company and American Electric Power Service Corporation under LG&E's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment date: January 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Central Illinois Public Service Company
[Docket No. ER97-799-000]

Take notice that on December 16, 1996, Central Illinois Public Service Company (CIPS), submitted nineteen service agreements, dated between November 1, 1996 and December 16, 1996, establishing the following as customers under the terms of CIPS' Open Access Transmission Tariff: AES Power, Inc., American Electric Power Services Corp., Carolina Power & Light Co., Central Illinois Light Co., Cinergy Services, Inc., Duke/Louis Dreyfus L.L.C., Engelhard Power Marketing, Illinois Power Co., Illinova Power Marketing Division, Jpower, Inc., Kentucky Utilities Co., Koch Power Services, Inc., MidCon Power Services Corp., QST Energy Trading Inc., Tennessee Power Co., Virginia Electric and Power Co., Western Resources, Wisconsin Electric Power Co. and Wisconsin Power and Light Co.

CIPS requests an effective date of November 16, 1996 for these service agreements. Accordingly, CIPS requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. Copies of this filing were served upon the foregoing customers and the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Comment date: January 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Montaup Electric Company
[Docket No. ER97-800-000]

Take notice that on December 16, 1996, Montaup Electric Company (Montaup), filed (1) executed unit sales service agreements under Montaup FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. III; and (2) executed service agreements for the sale of system capacity and associated energy under Montaup's FERC electric tariff, Original Volume No. IV. The service agreements under both tariff are between Montaup and following companies (buyers):

1. TransCanada Power Corp. (TPC)
2. PanEnergy Power Services, Inc. (PTMS)
3. Eastern Power Distribution, Inc. (EPD)
4. Federal Energy Sales, Inc. (FES)
5. Coral Power, L.L.C. (CORAL)
6. Equitable Power Sources Company (EPSC)
7. Baltimore Gas & Electric Co. (BG&E)
8. Southern Energy Marketing, Inc. (Southern Energy)
9. CPS Utilities (CPS)

Montaup requests a waiver of the sixty-day notice requirement so that the

service agreements may become effective as of December 16, 1996. No transactions have occurred under any of the agreements.

Comment date: January 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Entergy Services, Inc.
[Docket No. ER97-801-000]

Take notice that on December 16, 1996, Entergy Services, Inc. (Entergy Services), on behalf of Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Entergy Gulf States, Inc., Entergy Louisiana, Inc., Entergy Mississippi, Inc., and Entergy New Orleans, Inc. (collectively, the Entergy Operating Companies), tendered for filing a Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement between Entergy Services, as agent for the Entergy Operating Companies, and Electric Clearinghouse, Inc. (ECT).

Comment date: January 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Wisconsin Power and Light Company
[Docket No. ER97-802-000]

Take notice that on December 16, 1996, Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L), tendered for filing a Form of Service Agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service establishing Western Resources as a point-to-point transmission customer under the terms of WP&L's Transmission Tariff.

WP&L requests an effective date of December 5, 1996, and accordingly seeks waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. A copy of this filing has been served upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

Comment date: January 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Central Vermont Public Service Corporation
[Docket No. ER97-803-000]

Take notice that on December 16, 1996, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (Central Vermont), tendered for filing an amendment to its FPC Rate Schedule 29, Supplement 2 which tracks a retail rate increase approved by the Vermont Public Service Board.

Central Vermont requests the Commission to waive its notice of filing requirement to permit the amendment to become effective according to its terms. In support of its request Central Vermont states that allowing the amendment to become effective as provided will enable the Company and its customers to achieve mutual benefits.

Comment date: January 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-804-000]

Take notice that on December 16, 1996, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), filed the Contract for Purchases and Sales of Power and Energy between FPL and Coral Power L.L.C. FPL requests an effective date of December 20, 1996.

Comment date: January 7, 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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[Docket Nos. CP95-194-001, CP95-194-003, CP96-027-000, and CP96-027-001]

Northern Border Pipeline Company; Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Northern Border Project and Notice of Public Meetings

December 26, 1996.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) and Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) in the above-referenced dockets, collectively referred to as the Northern Border Project.

The DEIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff

concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would have limited environmental impact.

The DEIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities:

Northern Border

- About 390.0 miles of new natural gas pipeline;
- About 303,500 horsepower (hp) of new compression;
- 9 new and 1 modified meter stations, 5 new pig launcher/receivers, 1 new office/warehouse building, and 16 new and 9 modified valves; and
- 13 new communication towers.

Natural

- About 85.7 miles of new natural gas pipeline;
- About 9,000 hp of new compression; and
- 3 new pig launcher/receivers and 17 new or modified valves.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to transport up to 1,226.3 million cubic feet per day of natural gas from producing regions in Canada and the Williston Basin in Montana and North Dakota to natural gas shippers and local distribution companies in the Midwest, primarily the Chicago area.

Specific Comment Request

The staff has identified and evaluated two system alternatives to the proposed combined facilities between Harper, Iowa and Chicago, Illinois, the Amarillo and Iowa/Illinois System Alternatives. To assist the staff in its evaluation of the system alternatives, we request specific comments on the impacts and benefits of using each of the alternatives as compared to the applicants' proposals. Area residents, local or state governments, and Northern Border and Natural are asked to comment on whether the Amarillo and/or the Iowa/Illinois System Alternatives are reasonable and practical and preferable to the combined proposed facilities between Harper and Chicago. Comments should also specifically address any impacts on project timing and related costs/benefits.

Comment Procedure

Written Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the DEIS may do so. Written comments must be received on or before February 18, 1997, reference Docket No. CP95-194-001, and be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

A copy of the written comments should also be sent to the FERC Project Manager identified below.

Public Meeting Schedule

Three public meetings to receive comments on the DEIS will be held at the following times and locations:

Date	Time	Location
Feb. 4, 1997	7:00 p.m. ..	Channahon, IL.
Feb. 5, 1997	7:00 p.m. ..	Princeton, IL.
Feb. 6, 1997	7:00 p.m. ..	Walcott, IA.

The meeting in Channahon, Illinois will be held at the Channahon Junior High School. The meeting in Princeton, Illinois will be held at the Bureau County Metro Center. The meeting in Walcott, Iowa will be held at the American Legion.

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the environmental impacts described in the DEIS. Anyone who would like to speak at the public meetings may get on the speakers list by contacting the FERC Project Manager or signing-up at the public meetings. Priority will be given to persons representing groups. Transcripts will be made of the meetings.

After these comments are reviewed, any significant new issues are investigated, and modifications are made to the DEIS, a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) will be published and distributed. The FEIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments received on the DEIS.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

The DEIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the DEIS have been mailed to federal, state, and local agencies,