

covered by the petition amendment has been suspended in accordance with Commission Regulation 155.5(d)(5) and will remain suspended until the petition is acted upon.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Chicago Board of Trade Supplement to Petition for Exemption From the Dual Trading Prohibition in Affected Contract Markets

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of supplement to a petition for exemption from the prohibition on dual trading for a potentially affected screen-based traded contract market.

SUMMARY: Chicago Board of Trade ("CBT" or "Exchange") has submitted to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") an additional update of its October 25, 1993 petition for exemption from the prohibition against dual trading. The supplement requests an exemption for a screen-based traded contract if the Commission determines that the contract is an affected contract market subject to the dual trading prohibition. Copies of the entire file, including any future submissions, will be available to the public upon request, except to the extent that the Exchange has requested confidential treatment.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the file are available from the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. Reference should be made to the CBT dual trading exemption petition file.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Berdansky, Special Counsel, Division of Trading and Markets, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581; telephone: (202) 418-5490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Sections 4j(a)(1) and (3) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and Regulation 155.5 thereunder, a board of trade may submit a petition to the Commission to exempt any of its

affected contract markets (markets with an average daily trading volume equal to or in excess of 8,000 contracts for four consecutive quarters) from the prohibition against dual trading. Regulation 155.5(d)(6) authorizes the Director of the Division of Trading and Markets ("Division"), or a designee of the Director, to publish notice of each exemption petition deemed complete under Regulation 155.5(d) and to make the petition available to the public as required by Section 4j(a)(5) of the Act.

CBT originally submitted a petition for dual trading exemption for ten affected contract markets on October 25, 1993. Subsequently, pursuant to letters dated March 25 and May 14, 1994, CBT supplemented its petition to include three additional affected contract markets. On November 7, 1997, the Commission issued a proposed Order granting CBT conditional dual trading exemptions for 13 affected contract markets.

Through a letter dated December 12, 1997, the Exchange notified the Division that the average daily trading volume for the U.S. Treasury Bond futures contract ("T-Bonds") traded on the Exchange's screen-based Project A system exceeded 8,000 contracts for each of four quarters during the volume year from December 1996 through November 1997. The Exchange requested the opportunity to submit materials by January 31, 1998, addressing whether a screen-based traded market should be considered an affected contract market subject to the dual trading provisions set forth in Section 4j of the Act and Regulation 155.5. On December 16, 1997, the Division granted that request, and informed CBT that the submission also had to include a complete dual trading exemption petition for the Project A traded T-Bond futures contract. On January 31, 1998, the Exchange submitted a petition supplement requesting an exemption from the dual trading prohibition for the Project A traded T-Bond futures contract if the Commission determines that the contract is an affected contract market. The supplement addressed the applicability of a dual trading prohibition to an electronic market, as well as the elements of the Exchange's trade monitoring system as they apply to Project A.

As noted by the Commission in promulgating Regulation 155.5, a contract market trading on an exchange floor will be considered separate from a contract market in the same commodity trading through a screen-based trading system. The Commission further stated that, while not excluding electronic trading from the dual trading

prohibition, the Commission was retaining the flexibility to consider the matter further. See FR 40335 (July 28, 1993). The Commission is currently considering whether screen-based trading systems, such as Project A, shall be subject to the dual trading provisions of Section 4j of the Act and Regulation 155.5.

Copies of the file containing all these materials and any future submissions, except to the extent that the Exchange has requested confidential treatment in accordance with 17 CFR 145.9, are available for inspection at the Commission's Office of the Secretariat, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581, and may be obtained by mail at that address or by telephone at (202) 418-5100.

Petition materials subject to CBT's request for confidential treatment may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") (5 U.S.C. § 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to FOIA, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of the Secretariat at the above address in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

If the Commission determines that the Project A traded T-Bond futures contract is subject to Section 4j of the Act and Regulation 155.5, CBT is deemed to have timely submitted its petition supplement for the purpose of Regulation 155.5(d)(5). Therefore, application of the dual trading prohibition against Project A trading of the T-Bond futures contract would be suspended until the petition is acted upon.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the BRAC 95 Realignment of Detroit Arsenal, Warren, MI

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces today the availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the realignment of Detroit Arsenal, Warren, Michigan, in accordance with the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101-510, as amended. The 1995 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) recommended the realignment of missions/functions from Detroit Army Tank Plant (DATP) on the east side of Detroit Arsenal to the west side of Detroit Arsenal.

The EA evaluates the environmental and socioeconomic effects associated with the proposed action and the alternatives. The proposed action is the relocation of personnel and functions from DATP on the east of Detroit Arsenal to the west side of Detroit Arsenal. Functions planned for the relocation within Detroit Arsenal would be combined with similar functions already present to achieve maximum efficiency. Due to a shortage of storage facilities to accommodate relocating and continuing functions the Army proposes to construct a 50,000-square-foot high-bay general-purpose warehouse on the west side of Detroit Arsenal. Upon disposal of DATP, Detroit Arsenal will consist of the western portion of the installation, plus Building 7 (research facility) and Building 8 (warehouse) located on the eastern portion.

Alternatives examined in the Final EA include renovation of existing facilities, construction of new facilities and the no action alternative. The Army's preferred alternative is implementation of the proposed action.

The EA, which is incorporated into the FNSI, examines potential impacts of the proposed action and alternatives on 15 resource areas and areas of environmental concern: land use, climate, air quality, water resources, geology, infrastructure, hazardous and toxic materials, permits and regulatory authorizations, biological resources, ecosystems, cultural resources, the sociological environment, economic development, quality of life and installation agreements.

The EA concludes that the implementation of the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the human environment. Issuance of a FNSI would be appropriate. An Environmental Impact Statement is not required prior to implementation of the proposed actions.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the EA or inquiries into the FNSI may be obtained

by writing to Mr. Joe Hand, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, or by calling (334) 694-3881, facsimile at (334) 690-2721.

Dated: February 27, 1998.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health), OASA (I,L&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-1773-000]

Northern States Power Company (Minnesota Company), Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin Company); Notice of Filing

February 24, 1998.

Take notice that on February 9, 1998, Northern States Power Company (Minnesota), and Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin) (collectively known as NSP) tendered for filing an Electric Service Agreement between NSP and NP Energy Inc., (Customer). This Electric Service Agreement is an enabling agreement under which NSP may provide to Customer the electric services identified in NSP Operating Companies Electric Services Tariff Original Volume No. 4. NSP requests that the Electric Service Agreement be made effective on January 12, 1998.

NSP is in response to the Commission's deficiency letter dated January 9, 1998. NSP is requesting that the filed Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement, as corrected by this filing, be accepted for filing effective January 1, 1998. NSP requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements in order for the Agreement to be accepted for filing on the date requested.

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 March 9, 1998. 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OA96-9-001]

PacifiCorp; Notice of Filing

February 24, 1998.

Take notice that on August 15, 1997, PacifiCorp tendered for filing its compliance filing in the above-referenced docket.

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, NE., Washington, DC 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 March 9, 1998. 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-237-000]

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

February 26, 1998.

Take notice that on February 17, 1998, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (TETCO), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas, 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP98-237-000 an abbreviated application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and Sections 157.7 and 157.18 of the Federal Energy