

Board will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

Minutes

Minutes and a transcript of the teleconference will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board may also be found at the Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

Issued at Washington, D.C., on March 12, 1998.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-261-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

March 11, 1998.

Take notice that on March 4, 1998, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed in Docket No. CP98-261-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate an interconnection between ANR and DePere Energy LLC (DePere) for the ultimate delivery of natural gas to DePere's proposed power plant in DePere, Wisconsin, under ANR's blanket certificate pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

ANR's proposed interconnection facilities will consist of metering facilities and a tap. The total cost of the

facilities will be approximately \$615,000, which will be fully reimbursed by DePere. ANR will initially provide deliveries to DePere at the interconnection pursuant to the provisions of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1. The proposed interconnection will accommodate up to 60 MMcf/d.

ANR states that the construction of the proposed interconnection facilities will have no effect on its peak day and annual deliveries, that its existing tariff does not prohibit additional interconnections, that deliveries will be accomplished without detriment or disadvantage to its other customers and that the total volumes delivered will not exceed total volumes authorized prior to this request.

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 Procedural Rules (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 shall be deemed to be authorized effective 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-406-000]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

March 11, 1998.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding on Thursday, March 19, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement in the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a

party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact William J. Collins at (202) 208-0248.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-373-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice Rescheduling Informal Settlement Conference

March 11, 1998.

Take notice that the informal settlement conference scheduled to convene in this proceeding on March 12, 1998 has been canceled and rescheduled for March 17, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, contact Edith A. Gilmore at (202) 208-2158 or Sandra J. Delude at (202) 208-0583.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2077-000 NH/VT]

New England Power Company; Notice of New England Power Company's Request to Use Alternative Procedures in Filing a License Application

March 11, 1998.

On March 9, 1998, the existing licensee, New England Power Company (New England Power), filed a request to use alternative procedures for submitting an application for new

license for the existing Fifteen Mile Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2077. The project is located on the Connecticut River, in Grafton County, New Hampshire, and Caledonia and Essex Counties, Vermont, and consists of the 10.56-MW McIndoes Development, 140.4-MW Comerford Development, and 140.4-MW Moore Development. New England Power has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all resource agencies, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and others affected by the proposal, and that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case.

New England Power has submitted a communications protocol that is supported by most interested entities. New England Power has also executed a settlement agreement with state and federal resource agencies and NGOs, which is attached to its request for use of alternative procedures.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on New England Power's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to Section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations.¹ Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date.

The alternative procedures being requested here combine the pre-filing consultation process with the environmental review process, allowing the applicant to complete and file an Environmental Assessment (EA) in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which the applicant consults with

agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs during preparation of the application for the license and before filing it, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the pre-filing consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

Applicant Prepared EA Process and Fifteen Mile Falls Project Schedule

New England Power has distributed an Initial Consultation Document for the proposed project to stated and federal resource agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs. New England Power has been engaged in settlement discussions, and met with the participants on February 12, 1998, for final approval by the participants. New England Power has submitted a proposed schedule for the APEA process that leads to the filing of a new license application by March 1999. New England Power has scheduled a presentation to the Commission staff at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC, on March 19, 1998, in the afternoon.

Comments

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission, any comments on New England Power's proposal to use the alternative procedures to file an application for the Fifteen Mile Falls Hydroelectric Project.

Filing Requirements

The comments must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Dockets—Room 1A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

All comment filings must bear the heading "Comments on the Alternative Procedures," and include the project name and number (Fifteen Mile Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2077).

For further information on this process or on the presentation, please contact William Guey-Lee of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at 202-219-2938 or E-mail at William.Gueylee@FERC.Fed.US.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-72-002]

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

March 11, 1998.

Take notice that on March 6, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing to become part of Northern's FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to become effective as follows:

Sheet Nos.	Effective date
Sub 39 Revised Sheet No. 50	January 1, 1998.
Sub 40 Revised Sheet No. 50	January 1, 1998.
Sub 41 Revised Sheet No. 50	January 1, 1998.
Sub 42 Revised Sheet No. 50	March 1, 1998.
Sub 43 Revised Sheet No. 50	April 1, 1998.
Sub 39 Revised Sheet No. 51	January 1, 1998.
Sub 40 Revised Sheet No. 51	January 1, 1998.
Sub 41 Revised Sheet No. 51	January 1, 1998.
Sub 42 Revised Sheet No. 51	March 1, 1998.
Sub 43 Revised Sheet No. 51	April 1, 1998.
Sub 37 Revised Sheet No. 53	January 1, 1998.
Sub 38 Revised Sheet No. 53	January 1, 1998.
Sub 39 Revised Sheet No. 53	March 1, 1998.
Sub 40 Revised Sheet No. 53	April 1, 1998.

Northern states that this filing establishes a revised 1997-1998, System Balancing Agreement (SBA) Cost Recovery surcharge to be effective January 1, 1998.

Northern states that copies of the filing were served upon Northern's customers and interested State Commissions.

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 Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be

¹ Order No. 596, Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects, 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).