

**15. Arizona Public Service Company**

[Docket No. ER98-2638-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 1998, Arizona Public Service Company (APS), tendered for filing a revised Service Agreement for providing Network Integration Transmission Service under APS' Open Access Transmission Tariff to the Arizona Public Service Company—Merchant Group.

A copy of this filing has been served on APS' Merchant Group and the Arizona Corporation Commission.

*Comment date:* May 12, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**16. Consumers Energy Company**

[Docket No. ER98-2639-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 1998, Consumers Energy Company (Consumers), tendered for filing an executed service agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service pursuant to the Joint Open Access Transmission Service Tariff filed on December 31, 1996 by Consumers and The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison) with Tennessee Valley Authority.

Copies of the filed agreement were served upon the Michigan Public Service Commission, Detroit Edison and the transmission customer.

*Comment date:* May 12, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of the this notice.

**17. Northern States Power Company (Minnesota and Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin))**

[Docket No. ER98-2640-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 1998, Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) and Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin) (collectively referred to as NSP), tendered for filing its Market-Based Rate Application.

NSP requests that this Market-Based Rates Electric Service Schedule, together with confirming changes to NSP's Electric Services Tariff, be made effective on the date of the Commission issues an order approving NSP's Market-Based Rate Application.

*Comment date:* May 12, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**18. Kentucky Utilities Company**

[Docket No. ER98-2643-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 1998, Kentucky Utilities Company (KU), tendered for filing non-firm transmission service agreements between KU, Conagra Energy Services, Inc., and OGE Energy Resources, Inc., under its Transmission Services Tariff

and service agreements with Tennessee Power Company and Illinois Municipal Electric Agency under its Power Services Tariff.

*Comment date:* May 12, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**19. Allegheny Power Service Corporation, on behalf of Monongahela Power Company, the Potomac Edison Company, and West Penn Power Company (Allegheny Power)**

[Docket No. ER98-2644-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 1998, Allegheny Power Service Corporation on behalf of Monogahela Power Company, The Potomac Edison company and West Penn Power Company (Allegheny Power), filed Supplement No. 29 to add Merchant Energy Group of the Americas, Inc., to Allegheny Power's Open Access Transmission Service Tariff which has been submitted for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Docket No. OA96-18-000. The proposed effective date under the Service Agreements is April 21, 1998.

Copies of the filing have been provided to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Maryland Public Service Commission, the Virginia State Corporation Commission, the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

*Comment date:* May 12, 1998, 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 these filings 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****Notice of Application Tendered for Filing with the Commission**

April 27, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Major Water Power Project, 5 Megawatts or Less.

b. *Project No.:* P-2964-006.

c. *Date Filed:* March 31, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* City of Sturgis, Michigan.

e. *Name of Project:* Sturgis Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the St. Joseph River in St. Joseph County, near Centreville, Michigan.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:*

Mr. John J. Griffith, P.E., Electric Department Superintendent, City of Sturgis, 130 North Nottawa, Sturgis, MI 49091

Mr. John E. Fisher, P.E., Chairman, Lawson-Fisher Associates P.C., 525 West Washington Ave., South Bend, Indiana 46601

i. *FERC Contact:* Patrick K. Murphy (202) 219-2659.

j. *Comment Date:* 60 days from the date of this notice.

k. *Description of Project:* The existing run-of-river project consists of: (1) An 800-foot-long dam, comprised of a 300-foot-long spillway and an 500-foot-long earthen portion; (2) two powerhouses (old & new); and (3) an 18-mile-long 14.4/24.9 KV WYE transmission line. The old powerhouse houses two turbine-generator units (each 550 kilowatts (KW)); the new powerhouse houses two units (each 750 KW) totaling 1,300-kw generating capacity. The Sturgis Project reservoir has a surface area of 580 acres and a storage volume of approximately 6,550 acre-feet at 825 feet surface elevation. There is no new construction proposed for power purposes.

l. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the MICHIGAN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (SHPO), as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR at 800.4.

m. Pursuant to Section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional

scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of this notice and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission

April 27, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Exemption of a Constructed Small Hydroelectric Power Project 5 Megawatts or less.

b. *Project No.:* 11613-000.

c. *Date filed:* February 25, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* Ronald Lizotte.

e. *Name of Project:* HE 257.

f. *Location:* In the Tiller Ranger District, Umpqua National Forest, Francis Creek, Sections 27 and 28, Tn.29S., R.1W. Willamette Meridian, Douglas County, Oregon.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Ronald Lizotte, P.O. Box 193, Tiller, Oregon 97484, (541) 825-3942.

i. *FERC Contact:* Gaylord W. Hoisington, (202) 219-2756.

j. *Brief Description of Project:* The project consists of: (1) a 24-inch-high concrete diversion dam; (2) a 1,280-foot-long, 3-inch-diameter PVC pipe; (3) a 12-inch pelton wheel; (4) a 55-volt, 53-amp Davidson Marine alternator; (5) a 5,000-watt inverter; (6) a 1,800-foot-long transmission line; (7) a 0.6-mile-long access road; and (8) other appurtenances.

k. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the Oregon State

Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

1. Under Section 4.32(b)(7) of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 4.32(b)(7)), if any resource agency, SHPO, Indian Tribe, or person believes that the applicant should conduct an additional scientific study to form an adequate, factual basis for a complete analysis of this application on its merits, they must file a request for the study with the Commission, together with justification for such request, not later than 60 days after application is filed, and must serve a copy of the request on the applicant. In this case, we will extend the comment period until June 25, 1998.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. PL98-5-000 through -007]

#### Inquiry Concerning the Commission's Policy on Independent System Operators; Notice of Regional Conferences

April 27, 1998.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene seven public conferences of one day or less to discuss regional factors relevant to our policy concerning Independent System Operators (ISOs). The conferences will be held between May 28 and June 8, 1998.

#### I. Introduction

In Order Nos. 888 and 889 and their progeny,<sup>1</sup> the Commission established fundamental principles of non-discriminatory open access transmission services and encouraged, but did not require, the formation of ISOs. On March 13, 1999, the Commission initiated an Inquiry Concerning the Commission's Policy on ISOs in Docket

No. PL98-5-000. A two-day public conference was held at the Commission's headquarters in Washington, D.C. on April 15-16, 1998. The Commission received input on a range of ISO issues from 40 speakers participating on seven topical panels. Approximately 400 individuals attended the conference on each day, while numerous others observed the proceedings electronically. By design, this first conference addressed the Commission's general ISO policies.

To comprehensively examine ISO issues, the Commission believes it is important to provide an adequate forum to explore regional factors that should be taken into account in the Commission's consideration of its ISO policy. For this reason, the Commission will hold seven regional conference between May 28 and June 8, 1998.

The Commission intends each regional conference to examine specific regional characteristics and institutional factors that bear upon the formation, governance, design and functions of ISOs or other types of organizations formed to administer the electric transmission grid on a regional basis. It wishes to examine whether the incorporation of such considerations into the Commission's policy on ISOs will foster more rapid ISO formation. The Commission also wishes to examine whether regional factors present barriers to the formation of ISOs, including ISOs of appropriate size, scope and membership as may be necessary to promote competition and reliability in bulk power markets and to support state initiatives providing for retain customer choice and direct access, and, if so, what actions can be undertaken to remove or reduce such barriers.

#### II. Regional Conferences

The Commission will hold seven regional conferences as described below. A single Commissioner will preside at each conference. The Commissioner will be accompanied by a Commission staff member who will help direct questions to the panelists. Starting and ending times will be announced in a subsequent order.

Presiding commissioner	Conference date	City and conference location	Docket No.
Comm. Massey .....	May 28, 1998 .....	Phoenix, AR, Hyatt Regency Phoenix, 122 North Second Street, Phoenix, AR 85004, (602) 252-1234.	PL98-5-001

<sup>1</sup> See Promoting Wholesale Completion Through Open Access Nondiscriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities; and Recovery of Stranded Costs by Public Utilities and Transmitting Utilities, Order No. 888, 61 Fed. Reg. 21,540 (1996). FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,036 (1996), *order on reh'g*,

Order No. 888-A, 62 Fed. Reg. 12,274 (1997), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,048 (1997), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 888-B, 81 FERC ¶ 61,248 (1997), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 888-C, 82 FERC ¶ 61,046 (1998). Open-Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct, Order No. 889, 61 Fed. Reg.

21,737 (1996), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,035 (1996), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 889-A, 62 Fed. Reg. 12,484 (1997), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,049 (1997), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 889-B, 81 FERC ¶ 61,253 (1997).