

and protests should be filed on or before July 1, 1998. 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.

David P. Boergers.

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG98-61-000, et al.]

Long Beach Generation LLC, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

June 17, 1998.

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

1. Long Beach Generation LLC

[Docket No. EG98-61-000]

Take notice that on June 5, 1998, Long Beach Generation LLC, with its principal office at 1221 Nicollet Mall, Suite 700, Minneapolis, MN 55403, filed with the Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations (the Application). On April 14, 1998, Applicant amended (the Amended Application) its initial application to submit additional information. On June 5, 1998, Applicant filed an amendment to submit additional information regarding ancillary services to be provided by the Applicant.

In the Application, as amended, Applicant states that it is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Applicant will be engaged directly and exclusively in owning and operating an approximately 560 megawatt gas-fired electric generating facility located at 2665 West Seaside Boulevard, Terminal Island, Long Beach, CA 90902. Electric energy produced by the facility will be sold at wholesale into the California Power Exchange and to other wholesale customers.

Comment date: July 6, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

2. Minnesota Agri-Power, L.L.C.

[Docket No. EG98-86-000]

Take notice that on June 11, 1998, Minnesota Agri-Power, L.L.C. (Applicant), with its principal place of business at 681 Prentice Street, P.O. Box 64, Granite Falls, MN 56241, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

Applicant states that it will be engaged in owning and operating a biomass fired power production facility with approximately 75 MW of installed capacity located at Granite Falls, Minnesota. The facility will be an eligible facility selling electric energy solely at wholesale. All of the facility's net output will be sold at wholesale to Northern States Power Company.

Comment date: July 6, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

3. Citizens Utilities Company

[Docket No. EL98-49-000]

Take notice that on May 19, 1998, Citizens Utilities Company tendered for a petition for disclaimer of jurisdiction over corporate restructuring.

Comment date: July 8, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. Public Service Company of Colorado

[Docket No. ER98-498-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, Public Service Company of Colorado (PS Colorado), on behalf of itself and the other jurisdictional entities in the Rocky Mountain Reserve Group (RMRG) namely Black Hills Corporation, doing business as and operating its electric utility under the name Black Hills Power and Light Company, and WestPlains Energy, a division of UtiliCorp United Inc., has filed (1) a response to the deficiency letter issued by the Division of Rate Applications on December 29, 1997, and (2) revised versions of RMRG Policies B and C, which have been clarified in response to the deficiency letter.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. PECO Energy Company

[Docket No. ER98-2011-002]

Take notice that on June 11, 1998, pursuant to the Order Accepting Compliance Filings, issued on May 14, 1998, by the Commission PECO Energy

Company (PECO), submitted its compliance filing.

Comment date: July 1, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Portland General Electric Co.

[Docket No. ER98-2584-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, Portland General Electric Company (PGE), tendered for filing a revised Application for Order Accepting Revised Rate Schedule and Granting Waivers and Blanket Authority, to become effective April 21, 1998.

The proposed tariff revisions (FERC Electric Service Tariff First Revised Volume No. 10) provide the terms and conditions pursuant to which PGE will sell electric energy to the California Independent System Operator (ISO). In these transactions, PGE intends to charge market-based rates as determined by the auction settlement procedures prescribed by the ISO Operating Agreement and Tariff of the California Independent System Operator Corporation filed in FERC Docket No. ER96-1663.

Copies of this filing were served upon the Oregon Public Utility Commission and the California ISO.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. American Electric Power Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-3103-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, the American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC), tendered for filing a request to amend the effective date for an executed service agreement under the Wholesale Market Tariff of the AEP Operating Companies (Power Sales Tariff) with FirstEnergy Corporation from May 1, 1998 to April 8, 1998. The Power Sales Tariff was accepted for filing effective October 10, 1997 and has been designated AEP Operating Companies' FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 5. AEPSC respectfully requests waiver of notice to permit the service agreements to be made effective for service as requested.

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

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. American Electric Power Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-3170-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, the American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC), tendered for filing executed service agreements under the Wholesale Market Tariff of the AEP Operating Companies (Power Sales Tariff). The Wholesale Market Tariff was accepted for filing effective October 10, 1997 and has been designated AEP Operating Companies' FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 5.

AEPSC respectfully requests waiver of notice to permit the service agreements to be made effective for British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation and FirstEnergy Trading & Power Marketing, Inc., on April 1, 1998 as initially requested in Docket ER98-3170-000 and has requested an effective date of May 15, 1998, for the remaining service agreements.

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: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-3312-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC), tendered for filing an executed Short Term Firm Transmission Service Agreement between WPSC and Central Illinois Light Co., providing for transmission service under the Open Access Transmission Service Tariff, FERC Original Volume No. 11.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. PECO Energy Company

[Docket No. ER98-3313-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, PECO Energy Company (PECO), filed a Service Agreement dated May 29, 1998 with Hydro Quebec (HQ), under PECO's FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 1 (Tariff). The Service Agreement adds HQ as a customer under the Tariff. PECO requests an effective date of May 29, 1998, for the Service Agreement.

PECO states that copies of this filing have been supplied to HQ and to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Wisconsin Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-3314-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, Wisconsin Electric Power Company (Wisconsin Electric), tendered for filing a Transmission Service Agreement between itself and PG&E Energy Trading—Power, L.P. (PG&E). The Transmission Service Agreement allows PG&E to receive transmission service under Wisconsin Electric's FERC Electric Tariff, Volume No. 7, which is pending Commission consideration in Docket No. OA97-578.

Wisconsin Electric requests an effective date coincident with its filing and waiver of the Commission's notice requirements in order to allow for economic transactions as they appear.

Copies of the filing have been served on PG&E, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Consumers Energy Company

[Docket No. ER98-3315-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 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 the following transmission customer: Entergy Power Marketing Corporation.

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

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-3317-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, Entergy Services, Inc. (Entergy Services), on behalf of Entergy Louisiana, Inc. (Entergy Louisiana), tendered for filing an Interconnection and Operating Agreement between Entergy Louisiana and Union Carbide Corporation.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. PP&L, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-3319-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, PP&L, Inc. (formerly known as Pennsylvania Power & Light Company)

(PP&L), filed a Service Agreement dated May 14, 1998, with Southern Company Energy Marketing L.P. (Southern), under PP&L's FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 5. The Service Agreement adds Southern as an eligible customer under the Tariff.

PP&L requests an effective date of June 12, 1998, for the Service Agreement.

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

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Western Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-3320-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, Western Resources, Inc., tendered for filing an agreement between Western Resources and Central and South West Services, Inc., and Western Resources and Entergy Services, Inc. Western Resources states that the purpose of the agreements is to permit the customer to take service under Western Resources' market-based power sales tariff on file with the Commission. The agreements are proposed to become effective May 18, 1998 and May 15, 1998, respectively.

Copies of the filing were served upon Central and South West Services, Inc., Entergy Services, Inc., and the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-3321-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC), tendered for filing an executed Transmission Service Agreement between WPSC and Central Illinois Light Co., provides for transmission service under the Open Access Transmission Service Tariff, FERC Original Volume No. 11.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Southwestern Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-3322-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), tendered for filing the final return on common equity (Final ROE), to be used in establishing final redetermined formula rates for wholesale service in Contract Year 1997

to Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc., the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, the City of Hope, Arkansas, Rayburn Country Electric Cooperative, Inc., Cajun Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Tex-La Electric Cooperative of Texas, Inc., and East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. SWEPCO provides service to these Customers under contracts which provide for periodic changes in rates and charges determined in accordance with cost-of-service formulas, including a formulaic determination of the return on common equity.

In accordance with the provisions of the formula rate contracts, SWEPCO seeks an effective date of January 1, 1997 and, accordingly, seeks waiver, to the extent necessary, of the Commission's notice requirements.

Copies of the filing were served on the affected wholesale Customers, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Louisiana Public Service Commission and the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. Ameren Services Company

[Docket No. ER98-3323-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, Ameren Services Company (ASC), tendered for filing Service Agreements for Long-Term Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Services between ASC and the City of Columbia, MO (the City). ASC asserts that the purpose of the Agreement is to permit ASC to provide transmission service to the City pursuant to Ameren's Open Access Transmission Tariff filed in Docket No. ER96-677-004.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

19. Union Electric Company

[Docket No. ER98-3324-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, Union Electric Company (UE), tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Market Based Rate Power Sales between UE and MidAmerican Energy Company (MEC). UE asserts that the purpose of the Agreement is to permit UE to make sales of capacity and energy at market based rates to MEC pursuant to UE's Market Based Rate Power Sales Tariff filed in Docket No. ER97-3664-000.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

20. Ameren Services Company

[Docket No. ER98-3325-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, Ameren Services Company (ASC), tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service between ASC and DTE Energy Trading, Inc., (DTE). ASC asserts that the purpose of the Agreement is to permit ASC to provide transmission service to DTE pursuant to Ameren's Open Access Transmission Tariff filed in Docket No. ER96-677-004.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

21. Ameren Services Company

[Docket No. ER98-3326-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, Ameren Services Company (ASC), tendered for filing Service Agreements for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Services between ASC and DTE Energy Trading, Inc., and PG&E Energy Trading—Power, L.P. ASC asserts that the purpose of the Agreements is to permit ASC to provide transmission service to the parties pursuant to Ameren's Open Access Transmission Tariff filed in Docket No. ER96-677-004.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

22. Central Power and Light Company, West Texas Utilities Company, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Southwestern Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-3328-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, Central Power and Light Company, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Southwestern Electric Power Company and West Texas Utilities Company (collectively, the CSW Operating Companies), tendered for filing service agreements establishing Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS), and Ameren Services (Ameren), as customers under the CSW Operating Companies' market-based rate power sales tariff. The CSW Operating Companies request an effective date of May 20, 1998, for the service agreements and, accordingly, seek waiver of the Commission's notice requirements.

The CSW Operating Companies states that a copy of the filing was served on SPS and Ameren.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

23. Virginia Electric and Power

[Docket No. ER98-3329-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Virginia Power), tendered for filing the Service Agreement between Virginia Electric and Power Company and Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc., under the FERC Electric Tariff (First Revised Volume No. 4), which was accepted by order of the Commission dated November 6, 1997 in Docket No. ER97-3561-001. Under the tendered Service Agreement, Virginia Power will provide services to Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc., under the rates, terms and conditions of the applicable Service Schedules included in the Tariff. Virginia Power requests an effective date of May 20, 1998, for the Service Agreement.

Copies of the filing were served upon Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc., Rural Utilities Service, the Virginia State Corporation Commission and the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

24. Virginia Electric and Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-3330-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Virginia Power), tendered for filing the Service Agreement between Virginia Electric and Power Company and Tampa Electric Company under the FERC Electric Tariff (First Revised Volume No. 4), which was accepted by order of the Commission dated November 6, 1997 in Docket No. ER97-3561-001. Under the tendered Service Agreement, Virginia Power will provide services to Tampa Electric Company under the rates, terms and conditions of the applicable Service Schedules included in the Tariff. Virginia Power requests an effective date of June 12, 1998, for the Service Agreement.

Copies of the filing were served upon Tampa Electric Company, the Florida Public Service Commission, the Virginia State Corporation Commission and the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

25. Mid-Continent Area Power Pool

[Docket No. ER98-3331-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, the Mid-Continent Area Power Pool (MAPP), on behalf of its members that are subject to Commission jurisdiction as public utilities under Section 201(e)

of the Federal Power Act, filed an amendment to MAPP Schedule F.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

26. Public Service Company of Colorado

[Docket No. ER98-3347-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1998, Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company, Public Service Company of Colorado (PS Colorado), and Southwestern Public Service Company (collectively New Century) has filed revisions to its open-access transmission tariff pending in this docket. New Century states that the primary purpose of the proposed revisions is to modify the priority of non-firm use on the PS Colorado system to accommodate PS Colorado's membership in the Rocky Mountain Reserve Group.

Comment date: July 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

27. Indianapolis Power and Light Company

[Docket No. ES98-34-000]

Take notice that on May 29, 1998, Indianapolis Power and Light Company filed an application, under § 204 of the Federal Power Act, seeking authorization to issue unsecured short-term securities, from time to time, in an aggregate principal amount of not more than \$500,000,000 outstanding at any one time, during the period of September 1, 1998 through August 31, 2000, with final maturities of one year or less from the date of issue.

Comment date: July 17, 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

[Docket No. CP98-546-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed RIPX Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

June 18, 1998.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's (Columbia) proposal to abandon its Derricks Creek Storage Field in Kanawha County, West Virginia and replace it with working gas capacity and deliverability at the Ripley Storage Field in Jackson County, West Virginia.

The abandonment of the Derricks Creek Storage Field in Kanawha County, West Virginia includes 13.1 miles of pipeline. In addition, the project would require the construction and operation of 3.5 miles of various diameter storage pipeline at the Ripley Storage Field, drilling six new storage wells, improving the deliverability of nine existing wells, and increasing the capacity of the Ripley Storage Field in Jackson County, West Virginia. This EA on the RIPX Project¹ will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to abandon, construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an

agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law. A fact sheet addressing a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain, is attached to this notice as appendix 1.²

Summary of the Proposed Project

Columbia seeks authorization for the following:

- Abandonment in place of the Derricks Creek Storage Field in its entirety consisting of 13.1 miles of various diameter pipeline and 20 active storage wells;
- Construction of approximately 3.5 miles of various diameter storage pipeline, drilling six new storage wells, and improving the deliverability of nine existing wells at the Ripley Storage Field;
- Increase the capacity of the Ripley Storage Field by 0.8 billion cubic feet (BCF) of gas;
- Conversion of two observation wells to active injection/withdrawal wells, and conversion of three very low performance wells to observation wells; and
- Abandonment by sale of up to 5.4 BCF of base gas within the two storage fields.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 2.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 66.2 acres of land. Following construction, about 18.8 acres would be maintained as permanent pipeline right-of-way and about 20.0 acres would be required for new well sites and aboveground facilities. The remaining 27.4 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of

¹ Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.