

discussion on NAEP participation issues.

On May 13, there will be a closed meeting of the Nominations Committee from 8:00–9:00 a.m. The Committee will discuss nominees qualifications for Board membership. These discussions will relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and would disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption (2) and (6) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

From 9:00 a.m., until 11:30 a.m., the full Board will meet in open session. The Board will hear the results of a study on America's kindergartners, consider issues related to NAEP incentives and rewards, and receive reports from its various standing committees. Beginning at 11:30 a.m. through adjournment, approximately 12:00 noon, the Board will meet in closed session, to receive and consider the Nominations Committee recommendations for membership. The review and subsequent discussion of this information relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemptions (2) and (6) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: April 20, 2000.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP00–243–000, CP97–177–000, and CP97–177–001]

Alliance Pipeline L.P.; Notice of Petition

April 19, 2000.

Take notice that on April 5, 2000, Alliance Pipeline L.P. (Alliance) filed a Petition for Partial Waiver of Part 284, Subpart J Regulations, pursuant to rule 207(a)(5) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207(a)(5). Alliance requests a partial, limited term waiver of: (1) 18 CFR 284.287 to permit Alliance to make sales of test gas during commissioning and testing of its pipeline without having tariff provisions governing such sales on file and approved by the Commission and (2) 18 CFR 284.283 regarding the delivery point at which Subpart J sales may be made, to the extent necessary. If the Commission declines to grant the requested waiver requests, Alliance requests, in the alternative, that the Commission issue a limited term certificate authorizing sales of test gas as proposed in the application.

Alliance states that disposition of test gas is necessary to permit the safe, timely and efficient commissioning of its new pipeline system. According to Alliance, sales of test gas as proposed in its petition will not adversely affect the firm shippers for whom Alliance will be providing transportation on the in-service date of the pipeline. In accordance with governing accounting regulations, Alliance proposes to credit net revenues from sales of test gas to the capital cost of the associated facilities being tested and commissioned for the economic benefit of the Alliance shippers. Finally, Alliance states that the requested waivers are applicable only during the limited period of the Alliance commissioning process, and that any Subpart J sales made following Alliance's in-service date will be made in accordance with the Subpart J regulations and the Commission-approved tariff in effect for Alliance at that time.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a protest or motion to intervene with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426 in accordance with sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before May 10, 2000.

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 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 in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2114–083]

Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

April 19, 2000.

On April 11, 2000, a petition for declaratory order was filed by PacifiCorp; Portland General Electric Company; Puget Sound Energy, Inc.; Eugene Water and Electric Board; City of McMinnville, Oregon; City of Forest Grove, Oregon; Kootenai Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Clearwater Power Company; Idaho County Light & Power Cooperative Association, Inc.; and Northern Lights, Inc. The petition requests the Commission to issue a declaratory order finding that Public Law No. 544, 83d Congress, 68 Stat. 573 (1954), does not limit the identity of potential applicants for a new license for the Priest Rapids Hydroelectric Project No. 2114. The original license for the project was issued to the Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, effective November 1, 1955, and expires on October 31, 2005.¹ The petitioner assert that issuance of a declaratory order is necessary to resolve uncertainty regarding whether an entity other than Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County or an agency of the State of Washington may obtain a new license to operate the project after the original license expires.

Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene, in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211 and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests and other comments, but only those who file a

¹ 14 FPC 1067 (1955).

motion to intervene may become a party to the proceeding. Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be filed by May 25, 2000; must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "PROTEST," or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable, and Project No. 2114-083. Send the filings (original and 8 copies) to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any filing must also be served on each representative of the petitioner named in its petition.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC00-75-000, et al.]

Nisource Inc., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

April 18, 2000.

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

1. Nisource Inc. and Columbia Energy Group

[Docket No. EC00-75-000]

Take notice that on April 10, 2000, NiSource Inc. and Columbia Energy Group, on behalf of their public utility subsidiaries (collectively, the Applicants) filed a joint application under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Part 33 of the Commission's regulations to request authorization and approval for the proposed merger between NiSource Inc. and Columbia Energy Group.

The Applicants state that copies of the filing have been served upon the state utility commissions of Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia and wholesale electric customers of NiSource Inc. and Columbia Energy Group.

Comment date: June 9, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Indeck Capital, Inc. and Black Hills Corporation

[Docket No. EC00-76-000]

Take notice that on April 10, 2000, Indeck Capital, Inc. (Indeck) and Black Hills Corporation (Black Hills), tendered for filing a joint application under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act for

authorization to merge Indeck into Black Hills Energy Capital, Inc., a subsidiary of Black Hills Corporation. Black Hills is a South Dakota corporation which conducts its utility business as Black Hills Power and Light Company. Indeck owns, operates and invests in exempt wholesale generators and qualifying facilities. Upon consummation of the merger, Indeck will be dissolved and Black Hills Energy Capital, Inc. will take possession of Indeck's facilities, including certain assets subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

In addition, on April 13, 2000, Indeck and Black Hills filed Supplement No. 1 to Exhibit G of the above-referenced Joint Application.

Comment date: June 9, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Indeck Colorado, LLC

[Docket No. EG00-118-000]

Take notice that on April 14, 2000, Indeck Colorado, LLC, filed an amendment to its application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status. Indeck Colorado requested that the Commission establish a shortened notice period for its filing.

Comment date: May 9, 2000, 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.

4. TransAlta Centralia Generation LLC

[Docket No. EG00-131-000]

Take notice that on April 12, 2000 TransAlta Centralia Generation LLC tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), an Application for Commission Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

Comment date: May 9, 2000, 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.

5. American Electric Power Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER93-540-009]

Take notice that on April 12, 2000, American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEP), tendered for filing Notice of Conditional Withdrawal of Petitions for Rehearing and Compliance Rates.

Comment date: May 3, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Columbia Energy Power Marketing Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-3667-010]

Take notice that on April 13, 2000, Columbia Energy Power Marketing Corporation tendered for filing Notice of Change in Status and a code of conduct related to the proposed merger of Columbia Energy Group and NiSource Inc.

Comment date: May 4, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Conectiv Energy Supply Inc., Atlantic City Electric Company and Delmarva Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER00-2201-000]

Take notice that Conectiv, on behalf of its affiliates Conectiv Energy Supply, Inc. (CESI), Atlantic City Electric Company (Atlantic) and Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva), on April 13, 2000, tendered for filing (i) an amendment to CESI's service agreement for market-based sales to Delmarva, and (ii) service agreements for market-based sales by Delmarva and Atlantic to CESI.

Conectiv requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements to allow the proposed service agreements and amendment to the service agreement to become effective on June 1, 2000.

Copies of the filing were served upon Delmarva's wholesale requirements customers, and the Maryland People's Counsel, Maryland Public Service Commission, Delaware Public Service Commission, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

Comment date: May 4, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER00-2200-000]

Take notice that on April 13, 2000, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an executed form Service Agreement between NMPC and the city of Buffalo (Purchaser). The Service Agreement specifies that the Purchaser has signed and agreed to the terms and conditions of NMPC's Power Sales Tariff

designated as NMPC's FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 2. This Tariff, approved by FERC on April 15, 1994, and having an effective date of March 13, 1993, allows NMPC and the Purchaser to enter into separately scheduled transactions under which NMPC will sell to the Purchaser capacity and/or energy as the parties may mutually agree.