

36. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER00-2418-000]

Take notice that on May 5, 2000, Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy), tendered for filing a Non-Firm Point-To-Point Service Agreement under Cinergy's Open Access Transmission Service Tariff (the Tariff) entered into between Cinergy and Cinergy Capital & Trading, Inc. (C&T).

Cinergy and C&T are requesting an effective date of April 5, 2000.

Comment date: May 26, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

37. Allegheny Energy Service Corporation, on behalf of Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC

[Docket No. ER00-2419-000]

Take notice that on May 26, 2000, Allegheny Energy Service Corporation on behalf of Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC (Allegheny Energy Supply), tendered for filing Amendment No. 4 to Supplement No. 5 to the Market Rate Tariff to incorporate a Netting Agreement with Koch Energy Trading Inc., into the tariff provisions.

Allegheny Energy Supply requests a waiver of notice requirements to make the Amendment effective as of March 23, 2000 or such other date as ordered by the Commission.

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, and all parties of record.

Comment date: May 26, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

38. New Century Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER00-2420-000]

Take notice that on May 5, 2000, New Century Services, Inc., on behalf of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company, Public Service Company of Colorado, and Southwestern Public Service Company (the Companies), tendered for filing a service agreement under their Joint Open Access Transmission Service Tariff for Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service between the Companies and PPL Montana LLC.

Comment date: May 26, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

39. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER00-2422-000]

Take notice that on May 3, 2000, Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy), tendered for filing a Firm Point-To-Point Service Agreement under Cinergy's Open Access Transmission Service Tariff (the Tariff) entered into between Cinergy and Cinergy Capital & Trading, Inc., (C&T).

Cinergy and Conectiv are requesting an effective date of April 5, 2000.

Comment date: May 26, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

40. Des Plaines Green Land Development, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER00-2423-000]

Take notice that on May 5, 2000, Des Plaines Green Land Development, L.L.C. (Des Plaines), tendered for filing its proposed Emergency Redispatch Tariff. The tariff provides for the dispatch of the Des Plaines Generation Facility during emergencies by Commonwealth Edison Co. (ComEd), the utility with which the facility is interconnected.

Des Plaines requests that the proposed tariff become effective April 11, 2000, the requested effective date of the Interconnection Agreement between Des Plaines and ComEd, and has therefore requested that the Commission waive its notice requirements.

Des Plaines has served copies of the filing on the Illinois Commerce Commission and ComEd, the only customer under the proposed tariff.

Comment date: May 26, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

41. New England Power Pool

[Docket No. ER00-2424-000]

Take notice that on May 5, 2000, the New England Power Pool Participants Committee submitted a Load Response Program and changes to Market Rule Appendix 20-B, and requested expedited consideration of the Program and these changes in order to have them become effective on June 1, 2000.

The NEPOOL Participants Committee states that copies of these materials were sent to the New England state governors and regulatory commissions and the Participants in the New England Power Pool.

Comment date: May 26, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP00-141-000]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed White River Replacement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

May 12, 2000.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the White River Replacement Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) in King County, Washington.¹ These facilities would consist of about 2000 feet of pipeline. This EA 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 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

¹ Northwest's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

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 prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice northwest provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.fed.us).

Summary of the Proposed Project

Northwest wants to ensure the long-term safety and integrity of its dual pipelines where they cross the meandering White River in King County, Washington, by replacing certain sections at a deeper depth. Northwest seeks authority to construct and operate 1900 feet each of its 26-inch-diameter and a 30-inch-diameter pipeline. Approximately 1600 feet of the abandonment and replacement would occur south of the river and 300 feet would occur north of the river. No construction activities would occur on these two pipelines in the active river as this section was previously buried at a sufficient depth. The replacement pipelines would be offset 100 feet west of the existing pipelines. Additionally, Northwest would remove a 665-foot length of 26-inch-diameter pipeline from the stream channel which was previously abandoned in-place. Northwest would construct a permanent stabilization structure on the north bank and a permanent habitat enhancement structure near the south bank.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1, figures 1–3.

Land Requirements for Construction

Replacement of the proposed facilities would require the use of 22.2 acres of land, including 6.0 acres of existing right-of-way (ROW), 10.7 acres of new ROW, 4.4 acres of industrial land located 3.3 miles to the west in the town of Auburn, and 1.1 acres of unimproved open land located 1400 feet north of the pipeline work area. The final permanent ROW would be 3.9 acres.

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 had 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 Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- geology and soils
- water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- vegetation and wildlife
- endangered and threatened species
- public safety
- land use
- cultural resources
- air quality and noise
- hazardous waste

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure our comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section beginning on page 4.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Northwest. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Construction in a stream channel used by the federally threatened Puget

Sound Chinook salmon and bull trout and the candidate species Coho salmon.

- Construction of fish habitat enhancement logjams near the south bank.
- Use of temporary and permanent ROW on the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation.
- Construction of a bank stabilization structure on the north side of the White River channel.
- Clearing of a 5.8-acre area of forest and scrub-shrub vegetation; and the disturbance of a 2-acre riparian area and a 0.1 acre area of wetland.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded.

- Send two copies of your letter: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NW., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Group 2.
- Reference Docket No. DP00–141–000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 12, 2000.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6702-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Questionnaire for Nominees for the Annual National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards Program (National Wastewater Management Excellence Awards Program)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Questionnaire for the Annual National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards Program (National Wastewater Management Excellence Awards Program) EPA ICR Number 1287.05, and OMB Control Number 2040-0101, approved through December 31, 2000. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for

review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Office of Water, Office of Wastewater Management, Municipal Support Division, Municipal Assistance Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria E. Campbell, 202-260-5815/Fax Number 202-260-0116/e-mail at campbell.maria@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are public wastewater treatment plants, municipalities, industries, universities, manufacturing sites, and States.

Title: Questionnaire for Nominees for the Annual National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards Program (National Wastewater Management Excellence Awards Program) (OMB Control No. 2040-0101, EPA ICR No. 1287.05) expires 12/31/00.

Abstract: This ICR requests re-approval to collect data from EPA's National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards nominees. The awards are for the following program categories: Operations and Maintenance (O&M), Beneficial Use of Biosolids (Biosolids), Combined Sewer Overflow Controls (CSO), and Storm Water (SW) Management.

Note: Information collection approval for the Pretreatment awards program is included in the National Pretreatment Program ICR (OMB Control No. 2040-0009, EPA ICR No. 0003.08), approved through May 31, 2000. The National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards Program is managed by EPA's Office of Wastewater Management (OWM). The Awards Program is authorized under section 501(e) of the Clean Water Act, as amended. The Awards Program is intended to provide recognition to communities and industries which have demonstrated outstanding technological achievements, innovative processes, devices or other outstanding methods in their waste treatment and pollution abatement programs. Approximately 50 awards are presented annually. The achievements of these award winners are summarized in reports, news articles, national publications, and **Federal Register** Notice.

The information is collected from approximately 200 respondents at a total cost of \$79,200 per year and 2800 burden hours, including \$46,000 and 1600 burden hours for the respondents' time, and \$33,200 and 1200 burden hours for the States' review time. Submission of information on behalf of the respondents is voluntary. No

confidential information is requested. The Agency only collects information from award nominees under a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. Based on the data collection, national panels will evaluate the nominees' efforts and recommend finalists. The collections will be used by the respective awards programs to evaluate and determine which abatement achievements should be recognized.

As currently structured, the O&M awards program has nine categories which recognize municipal achievements. The biosolids awards program has four categories which recognize municipal biosolids operations, technology and research achievements, and public acceptance; the CSO awards program has one category which recognizes municipal programs; and the SW awards program has two categories which recognize municipal and industrial programs. All nominees are screened for environmental compliance by the States and EPA. Municipalities and institutions desiring to be considered for National awards voluntarily complete the questionnaires and provide design and operating information about their facility or programs. The award nominations are reviewed by State/Regional officials prior to forwarding them for National award consideration. At the National level, award reviews involve Federal officials and review panels comprised of representatives of EPA, State water pollution control agencies, and affiliated associations.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Respondents: Officials at public wastewater treatment plants,