

On December 8, 1998, Detroit Edison applied to DOE to amend certain existing Presidential permits by changing the manner in which the international facilities are operated. In that related proceeding (FE Docket PP-221) Detroit Edison proposed installing a voltage-regulating autotransformer on the L51D facility and a phase-shifting transformer on the B3N facility. On April 27, 2000, in Order PP-221, DOE authorized Detroit Edison to place in service the autotransformer on the L51D facility, but put off authorizing the requested change to the B3N facility until after submission and evaluation by DOE of additional regional coordination studies. These studies have not yet been submitted to DOE for review. Therefore, if DOE authorizes the transfer of Detroit Edison's international facilities to International Transmission, any subsequent changes to the B3N facilities that DOE may authorize would occur in Docket PP-230. DOE will consider interveners or parties in the PP-221 proceeding to be interveners or parties in the continuation of this proceeding.

Since restructuring of the electric power industry began, resulting in the introduction of different types of competitive entities into the marketplace, DOE has consistently expressed its policy that cross-border trade in electric energy should be subject to the same principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination that apply to transmission in interstate commerce. DOE has stated that policy in export authorizations granted to entities requesting authority to export over international transmission facilities. Specifically, DOE expects transmitting utilities owning border facilities to provide access across the border in accordance with the principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination contained in the FPA and articulated in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order No. 888 (Promotion Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-Discriminatory Transmission Services by Public utilities; FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶13,036 (1996)), as amended. In furtherance of this policy, on July 27, 1999, (64 FR 40586) DOE initiated a proceeding in which it noticed its intention to condition existing and future Presidential permits, appropriate for third party transmission, on compliance with a requirement to provide non-discriminatory open access transmission service. That proceeding is not yet complete. However, in this docket DOE specifically requests comment on the appropriateness of

applying the open access requirement on facilities proposed to be transferred to International Transmission.

Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protests also should be filed directly with: Raymond O. Sturdy, Jr., The Detroit Edison Company, 2000 Second Avenue—688 WCB, Detroit, Michigan 48226-1279 and Messrs. John D. McGrane and Michael C. Griffen, Morgan, Lewis & Bochi LLP, 1800 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Before a Presidential permit or electricity export authorization may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed actions pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. DOE also must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of these applications will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be reviewed or downloaded from the Fossil Energy Home Page at: <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity" from the options menu, and then "Pending Proceedings."

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-374-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Technical Conference

August 30, 2000.

In the Commission's order issued on August 23, 2000,¹ the Commission directed that a technical conference be held to address issues raised by the filing.

Take notice that the technical conference will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2000, at 10 am, in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

All interested parties and Staff are permitted to attend.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-493-000]

Midcoast Interstate Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Tariff Filing

August 30, 2000.

Take notice that on August 16, 2000, Midcoast Interstate Transmission, Inc. filed revised tariff sheets to eliminate tariff provisions that are inconsistent with the Commission's decision in Order Nos. 637 and 637-A to remove the rate ceiling for short term capacity release transactions. As mandated by such orders, the revised tariff sheets are to be effective as of March 26, 2000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protest must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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.

¹ 92 FERC 61,173 (2000).

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. This filing may be viewed on the web 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. CP00-444-000]

Midwestern Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

August 30, 2000.

Take notice that on August 21, 2000, Midwestern Gas Transmission Company (Midwestern), Post Office Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in Docket No. CP00-444-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.208(b)(2), and 157.211(b)(2) of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR Sections 157.205, 157.208 and 157.211) under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct, own and operate a lateral line and delivery point to facilitate deliveries of natural gas to PSI Energy, Inc.'s (PSI) Wabash Power Plant (the Cinergy Power Plant) in Vigo County, Indiana under Midwestern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-414-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Midwestern requests authorization to construct a delivery point and a lateral line consisting of 9.2 miles of 20-inch diameter pipe originating from a side valve designated as 2114B-101 at Midwestern's Compressor Station 2115 in Edgar County, Illinois and terminating at the Cinergy Power Plant located in Vigo County, Indiana. Midwestern states that the delivery point facilities will include a 2-inch turbine meter, a 10-inch ultrasonic meter, electronic gas measurement equipment, flow control equipment and a chromatograph. Midwestern states that the meter station will be located entirely within PSI's plant site. It is also stated

that Indiana Gas and Electric Company currently serves the Cinergy plant. Midwestern estimates the cost of the facilities at \$8,050,000.00 with a reimbursement of \$6,250,000 from PSI.

Any questions regarding the application may be directed to Wendell B. Hunt, Attorney (713) 420-5628 or Thomas G. Joyce, Certificates Manager (713) 420-2459.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the 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 Commission's regulations under the NGA (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 NGA.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-446-000]

The Montana Power Company; Notice of Application to Amend Presidential Permit

August 30, 2000.

Take notice that on August 24, 2000, Montana Power Company (MPC) filed an application in Docket No. CP00-446-000, pursuant to Part 153 of the Commission's Regulations and Executive Order No. 10485, as amended by Executive Order 12038, for an amended Presidential Permit (Docket No. G-17370) to allow use of its Carway, Montana border facilities for both the importation and exportation of natural gas to Canada, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and which is open to the public for inspection. The filing may be viewed at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to William A. Pascoe, Vice President of

Gas Operations, 40 East Broadway, Butte, Montana, 59703, (402) 497-4212.

The border facilities covered by the existing Presidential Permit consist of that portion of the 16-inch pipeline, extending approximately 51 miles from near Cut Bank, Montana, to the border, where it connects with a 16-inch pipeline extending northerly into the Province of Alberta, Canada. MPC's border facilities interconnect with the 16-inch pipeline owned by MPC's subsidiary, Canadian-Montana Pipe Line Company.

MPC states that due to changing market conditions and modifications to its Cobb natural gas storage facility in Montana, the Carway meter station in Alberta, Canada, owned by Nova Gas Transmission Ltd. (Nova) will be modified by Nova to provide bi-directional metering capability. MPC also states that there will be no construction or facility modification to or at the connections with the border facilities. Therefore, MPC requests amendment to Permit Article 3 to allow such use.

MPC requests that expeditious approval to permit bi-directional service be granted by the Commission no later than November 1, 2000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make protest with reference to said application should on or before September 20, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 and 385.211). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or a participant as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filings it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have