

Comment date: February 24, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER00-1499-000]

Take notice that on February 3, 2000, Entergy Services, Inc. (Entergy Services), on behalf of Entergy Arkansas, Inc., tendered for filing the Twenty-Ninth Amendment (Amendment) to the Power Coordination, Interchange and Transmission Service Agreement (PCITA) between Entergy Arkansas, Inc. and Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC). Entergy Services states that, among other things, the Amendment modifies the capacity available at existing points of delivery between Entergy Arkansas, Inc., and AECC.

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16. UtiliCorp United Inc.

[Docket No. ER00-1500-000]

Take notice that on February 3, 2000, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp), tendered for filing service agreements with British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation for service under its Short-Term Firm Point-to-Point open access service tariff for its operating divisions, Missouri Public Service, WestPlains Energy-Kansas and WestPlains Energy-Colorado.

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17. UtiliCorp United Inc.

[Docket No. ER00-1501-000]

Take notice that on February 3, 2000, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp), tendered for filing service agreements with British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation for service under its Non-Firm Point-to-Point open access service tariff for its operating divisions, Missouri Public Service, WestPlains Energy-Kansas and WestPlains Energy-Colorado.

Comment date: February 24, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. Bonnie Mine Energy, LLC

[Docket No. ER00-1502-000]

Take notice that on February 3, 2000, Bonnie Mine Energy, LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware, petitioned the Commission for acceptance of its market-based rate schedule, waiver of certain requirements under Subparts B and C of Part 35 of the Commission's

regulations, and preapproval of transactions under Part 34 of the regulations. Bonnie Mine Energy, LLC is developing an approximately 800 MW gas-fired generating facility in Polk County, Florida.

Comment date: February 24, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

19. Central Illinois Public Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER00-1505-000]

Take notice that on February 2, 2000, Central Illinois Public Service Corporation (AmerenCIPS), tendered for filing an Agreement Among the City of Farmington, MO, Central Illinois Public Service Corporation, and Union Electric Company (the Agreement). AmerenCIPS states that under the Agreement, responsibility for providing wholesale electric service to the City of Farmington, MO (Farmington) is being transferred to it from Union Electric Company (AmerenUE), an affiliated electric utility. AmerenCIPS further states that the rates, terms and conditions under which service is being supplied to Farmington will not be affected by the transfer, but that the term of an existing Wholesale Electric Service Agreement with Farmington is being extended to December 31, 2001.

AmerenCIPS is proposing to make the Agreement effective as of February 1, 2000.

Comment date: February 23, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

20. Fibertek Energy, LLC

[Docket No. ER00-1529-000]

Take notice that on February 2, 2000, Fibertek Energy, LLC filed a letter with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) saying that they would no longer be selling electricity at wholesale pursuant to its FERC Electric Tariff No. 1, approved by the Commission on July 1, 1999 (88 FERC ¶ 61,005). Fibertek Energy, LLC is therefor withdrawing said rate schedule.

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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, 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 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. CP00-40-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed FGT Phase V Expansion Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings and Site Visit

February 11, 2000.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) Phase V Expansion Project in various counties of Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida.¹ These facilities would consist of about 215.4 miles of pipeline, 15.7 miles of rehabilitated mainline, and 89,765 horsepower (hp) of additional compression. This EIS 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 on FGT's proposed route and receive 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 with it the right of

¹ Florida Gas Transmission Company's application in Docket No. CP00-40-000 was filed with the Commission under Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act on December 1, 1999.

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 FGT provided to landowners along and adjacent to the proposed route. 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).

This notice is being sent to landowners of property crossed by and adjacent to FGT's proposed route; Federal, state, and local agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Indian tribes that might attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the area of potential effects; and local libraries and newspapers. 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.

Additionally, with this notice we are asking those Federal, state, local and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the EIS. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated the proposal relative to their agencies' responsibilities. Agencies who would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments described below.

The U.S. Forest Service, Ocala National Forest, has expressed an interest in being a cooperating agency for this EIS.

Summary of the Proposed Project

FGT proposes to build additional new natural gas pipeline and compression facilities to transport an annual average of 269,695 million British thermal units (MMBtu) per day of natural gas to serve new markets, primarily electric generation facilities, in Florida. FGT requests Commission authorization to:

- Construct about 215.4 miles of pipeline including:
 - 91.2 miles of looping² on the existing mainline in Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida;

² A loop is a segment of pipeline that is usually installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it at both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the system.

- 29.1 miles of new lateral in Alabama; and
- 95.1 miles of new laterals and lateral loops in Florida;

- Rehabilitate about 15.7 miles of pipeline in Florida that was previously abandoned in place;
- Install a total of about 89,765 hp of compression at seven existing, one previously planned³, and two new compressor stations in Alabama and Florida;
- Construct one regulator station in Florida; and
- Construct one meter station in Alabama.

FGT will also acquire from Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (KGPC) an interest in KGPC's Mobile Bay Lateral that would give FGT the rights to about 50 percent of the available capacity on system. Concurrent with the FGT's filing, KGPC filed an application in Docket No. CP00-39-000 for approval to abandon by sale to FGT the interest in its Mobile Bay Lateral.

The general location of FGT's proposed project facilities is shown on the map attached as appendix 1 and a more detailed description of the facilities is included in appendix 2.⁴

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of FGT's proposed pipeline facilities would require about 2,957 acres of land including the construction right-of-way, extra workspaces, and contractor/pipe yards. In general, FGT proposes to use a 75- to 100-foot-wide construction right-of-way. Following construction and restoration of the right-of-way and temporary work spaces, FGT would retain a 30- to 50-foot-wide permanent pipeline right-of-way. Total land requirements for the new permanent right-of-way would be about 695 acres.

FGT proposes to acquire 14 acres for the two proposed compressor stations, although only 6 acres would be used during construction. Once construction is complete, the stations would occupy a total of 3 acres, and the 3 acres used for construction would be restored. The remaining 11 acres would be held as buffer and would not be disturbed.

³ FGT requested authorization in Docket No. CP99-94-000 to construct Compressor Station 24. Its approval is still pending before the Commission.

⁴ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available on the Commission's website at the "RIMS" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. For instructions on connecting to RIMS refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

The EIS 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 solicit 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 EIS 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 EIS. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EIS.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the Draft EIS which will be mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, affected landowners and other interested individuals, Indian tribes, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A 45-day comment period will be allotted for review of the Draft EIS. We will consider all comments on the Draft EIS and revise the document, as necessary, before issuing a Final EIS. The Final EIS will include our response to each comment received on the Draft EIS and will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether to approve the project.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

The EIS will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project. We have already identified a number of issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by FGT. These issues are listed below. This is a preliminary list of issues and may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Soils and Geology
 - Impact on prime farmland soils.
 - Mixing of topsoil and subsoil during construction.
 - Compaction of soil by heavy equipment.
 - Erosion control and right-of-way restoration.
 - Impact on mineral resources.
 - Potential geologic hazards including sinkholes.
- Water Resources
 - Impact on 51 perennial waterbodies including the Mobile, St. John's and

- Wekiva Rivers, and Globe Creek.
- Impact on groundwater and surface water supplies.
- Impact on areas with shallow groundwater.
- Effect of crossing waterbodies with contaminated sediments.
- Potential for erosion and sediment transport to area waterbodies.
- Impact on wetland hydrology.
- **Biological Resources**
 - Short- and long-term effects of right-of-way clearing and maintenance on wetlands, forests, riparian areas, and vegetation communities so special concern.
 - Impact on wildlife and fishery habitats.
 - Impact on Green Swamp conservation area.
 - Potential impact on Federal- and State-listed threatened or endangered species.
 - Potential impact on U.S. Forest Service-listed sensitive species.
- **Cultural Resources**
 - Effect on historic and prehistoric sites.
 - Native American concerns.
- **Socioeconomics**
 - Effect of the construction workforce on demands for services in surrounding areas.
- **Land Use**
 - Impact on residential areas (81 residences within 50 feet of the construction work area).
 - Impact on public lands and special use areas including the Ocala National Forest, Camp Blanding Recreation Area, Little-Big Econ State Forest, James A. Van Fleet State Trail, and various state wildlife management and reserve areas.
 - Impact on future land uses and consistency with local land use plans and zoning.
 - Visual effect of the new aboveground facilities on surrounding areas.
- **Air Quality and Noise**
 - Construction impact on local air quality and noise environment.
 - Impact on local air quality and noise environment resulting from the installation of new compression equipment and the construction and operation of two new compressor stations.
- **Pipeline Reliability and Safety**
- **Cumulative Impact**
 - Effect of the Phase V Expansion Project combined with that of other projects that have been or may be proposed in the same region and similar time frames.
- **Nonjurisdictional Facilities**
 - Consideration of the effects of

construction of the associated facilities that may be constructed by U.S. Agri-Chemicals Corporation; Jacksonville Electric Authority; Palmetto Power, L.L.C.; TECO/Peoples Gas System; City of Tallahassee; Duke Energy North America; Gulf Power Company; and Florida Power and Light Company.

- **Alternatives**

- Evaluation of possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and identification of recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Public Participation and Scoping Meetings

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EIS and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), 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 to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP00-040-000;
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before March 15, 2000.

All commenters will be retained on our mailing list. If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to stay informed and receive copies of the Draft and Final EISs, you must return the attached Information Request (appendix 4). If you do not send comments or return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public scoping meetings the FERC will conduct in the project area. The locations and times for these meetings are listed below.

Schedule of Public Scoping Meetings for the FGT Phase V Expansion Project Environmental Impact Statement

February 28, 2000, 7:00 PM, University of Mobile, Moorer Auditorium, Thomas T. Martin Fine Arts Building, Main Campus, College Parkway, Prichard, AL, (334) 675-5990.

February 29, 2000, 7:00 PM, Southport Elementary School, Cafeteria Room, 1835 Bridge Street, Southport, FL 32409, (850) 265-2810.

March 1, 2000, 7:00 PM, City of Crystal River, City Hall, Council Chambers, 123 NW Highway 19, Crystal River, FL (352) 795-6511.

March 2, 2000, 7:00 PM, County Service Building, Seminole County Commission, Chambers, Room 1028, 1101 East 1st Street, Sanford, FL, (407) 665-7211.

The public meetings are designed to provide you with more detailed information and another opportunity to offer your comments on the proposed project. FGT representatives will be present at the scoping meetings to describe their proposal. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meetings and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the Draft EIS. A transcript of each meeting will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded.

Site Visit

On the dates of the meetings, we will also be conducting limited site visits to the project area. Anyone interested in participating in the site visit may contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs identified at the end of this notice for more details and must provide their own transportation.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EIS 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 the 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 3). Only

intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in the 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 following the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2747.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

February 11, 2000.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the

decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications received in the Office of the Secretary within the preceding 14 days. The documents may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Exempt

1. CP00-65-000, 2-1-00, David Densmore.
2. CP00-14-000, 1-7-00, Tino Ferrufino.
3. CP00-14-000, 1-10-00, Sneed Collard.
4. CP00-14-000, 1-19-00, Sneed Collard.
5. CP00-14-000, 1-26-00, Bill Chamberlain, Mike Ricks.
6. Project No. 1927-008, 1-28-00, Vince Yearick.
7. CP98-150-000 and CP98-151-000, 1-26-00, Gordon P. Buckley.
8. CP99-392-000 and CP00-17-000, 2-2-00, Susan Smillie.
9. CP99-94-000, 11-2-99, George Craciun.
10. Project No. 1494-200, 1-31-00, Teresa Hicks.
11. Project No. 77-110, 1-14-00, Don L. Klima.
12. Project No. 3755 and Project No. 3756, 2-1-00, Heather H. Anderson.

Prohibited

1. ER00-996-000 and ER00-971-000, 2-9-00, ISO Competitive Market Group.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6538-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Responses

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notices.

SUMMARY: This document announces the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) responses to Agency clearance requests, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Call Sandy Farmer at (202) 260-2740, or E-mail at "farmer.sandy@epa.gov", and please refer to the appropriate EPA Information Collection Request (ICR) Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Responses to Agency Clearance Requests

OMB Approvals

- EPA ICR No. 0152.06; Notice of Arrival of Pesticides and Devices; in 19 CFR part 12; was approved 12/06/99; OMB No. 2070-0020; expires 12/31/2002.
- EPA ICR No. 0261.13; Notification of regulated Waste Activity; in 40 CFR parts 262, 263, 264, 266, 270, 273, and 279; was approved 12/15/99; OMB No. 2050-0028; expires 12/31/2002.
- EPA ICR No. 1571.06; General Hazardous Waste Facility Standards; in 40 CFR parts 264, 265, and 270; was approved 12/22/99; OMB No. 2050-0120; expires 12/31/2002.
- EPA ICR No. 0658.07; NSPS for Pressure-Sensitive Tape and Label Surface Coating Operations; in 40 CFR part 60, subpart RR; was approved 01/11/2000; OMB No. 2060-0004; expires 01/31/2003.
- EPA ICR No. 0649.07; NSPS for Metal Furniture Coating; in 40 CFR part 60, subpart EE; was approved 01/11/2000; OMB No. 2060-0106; expires 01/31/2003.
- EPA ICR No. 1167.06; NSPS for Lime Manufacturing; in 40 CFR part 60, subpart HH; was approved 01/11/2000; OMB No. 2060-0063; expires 01/31/2003.