

10. Carolina Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER01-1807-000]

Take notice that on April 16, 2001, Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L), tendered for filing a modification to the joint Open Access Transmission Tariff of Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) and Florida Power Corporation, FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 1, that modifies the charges for Energy Imbalance Service for loads located in the in the CP&L Zone. CP&L requests that the Commission waive its notice of filing requirements and permit the modifications to take effect on June 1, 2001.

Comment date: May 7, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Idaho Power Company

[Docket No. ER01-1808-000]

Take notice that on April 16, 2001, Idaho Power Company tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Firm and Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service between Idaho Power Company and Nevada Power under its open access transmission tariff in the above-captioned proceeding.

Comment date: May 7, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Idaho Power Company

[Docket No. ER01-1809-000]

Take notice that on April 16, 2001, Idaho Power Company tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Firm and Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service between Idaho Power Company and Portland General Electric under its open access transmission tariff in the above-captioned proceeding.

Comment date: May 7, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Pierce Power LLC

[Docket No. EG01-190-000]

Take notice that on April 12, 2001, Pierce Power LLC (Pierce Power), a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's regulations.

Pierce Power states that it will be engaged directly and exclusively in the business of owning or operating a 150 MW electric generating facility and related assets in Tacoma, Washington. Pierce Power will sell its capacity exclusively at wholesale. A copy of the

filing was served upon the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

Comment date: May 10, 2001, 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.

14. Panda Montgomery Power, L.P.

[Docket No. EG01-191-000]

Take notice that on April 13, 2001, Panda Montgomery Power, L.P. (Panda), with its principal offices at 4100 Spring Valley Road, Suite 1001, Dallas, Texas 75244, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Section 32 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, and Part 365 of the Commission's regulations.

Panda is a Delaware limited partnership, which will construct, own and operate a nominal 1100 MW natural gas-fired generating facility within the region governed by the Mid-American Interconnected Network, Inc. (MAIN) and sell electricity at wholesale.

Comment date: May 10, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that address the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

15. The Detroit Edison Company

[Docket No. ES01-30-000]

Take notice that on April 16, 2001, The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison) submitted an application pursuant to section 204 of the Federal Power Act seeking authorization to issue short-term debt securities and promissory notes bearing final maturities of no more than 2 years in an amount not to exceed \$1 billion, from time to time, on or before May 31, 2003.

Detroit Edison also requests a waiver of the Commission's competitive bidding and negotiated placement requirements at 18 CFR 34.2.

Comment date: May 10, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. The Detroit Edison Company

[Docket Nos. EL01-51-002 and ER01-1649-002]

Take notice that on April 16, 2001, The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a revised Distribution Interconnection Agreement between Detroit Edison and Dearborn Industrial

Generation, L.L.C. Detroit Edison requests the Commission to disclaim jurisdiction over the Distribution Interconnection Agreement.

In the event the Commission determines the Distribution Interconnection Agreement to be subject to its jurisdiction, Detroit Edison requests that the Commission accept it for filing effective as of March 14, 2001.

Comment date: May 7, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

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). Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP01-154-000]

Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Compressor Station Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

April 20, 2001.

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 Compressor Station Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes) in Sagadahoc and Washington Counties, Maine.¹ Maritimes proposes to install one new 8,311 horsepower (hp) compressor at its existing Baileyville Compressor Station and convert from backup to full time operation an 8,311 hp compressor at its Richmond Compressor Station. 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.

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 Maritimes provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including 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

Maritimes wants to increase its system flexibility and reliability. Maritimes states that the expansion would also accommodate increased production from the fields in Nova Scotia, Canada. Maritimes seeks authority to:

- Convert an 8,311 hp compressor from backup to full time operation at the Richmond Compressor Station; and
- Install an 8,311 hp compressor at the existing Baileyville Compressor Station.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Since the compressor is already in place there would be no construction at the Richmond Compressor Station. The new compressor at the Baileyville Compressor Station would be installed in the existing compressor building. Ground disturbance would be limited to the existing station yard.

¹ Maritimes' 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 on the Commission's website at the "RIMS" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. For instructions on connecting to RIMS refer to page 5 of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

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 us³ 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 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
- Land use
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Endangered and threatened species
- Cultural resources
- Air quality and noise
- Public safety

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 your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

³ "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

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

- Effects of the increased compression on noise and air quality.

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 (including alternative locations), 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 an original and two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas 2.
- Reference Docket No. CP01-154-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before May 21, 2001.

Comments, protests and interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm> under the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

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 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 2).⁴ 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 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 text 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Comments

April 20, 2001.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.:* 11891-000.

c. *Date filed:* February 20, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Symbiotics, LLC.
e. *Name of Project:* Oneida Narrows Project.

f. *Location:* On the Bear River, in Cache County, Utah. Would utilize land administered by the Bureau of Reclamation.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Brent L. Smith, President, Northwest Power Services, Inc., P.O. Box 535, Rigby, ID 83442, (208) 745-8630.

i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, (202) 219-2806.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and comments:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, recommendations, interventions, and protests, may be electronically filed via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of (1) an existing 540-foot-long, 116-foot-high earth fill dam; (2) an existing reservoir having a surface area of 420 acres with a storage capacity of 18,880 acre-feet and a normal water surface elevation of 4,861 feet msl; (3) a proposed 650-foot-long, 4-foot-diameter steel penstock; (4) a proposed powerhouse containing two generating units having a total installed capacity of 943 kW; (5) a proposed 0.5-mile-long, 15 kV transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an annual generation of 8.2 GWh that would be sold to a local utility.

l. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A

copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. *Preliminary Permit*—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

n. *Preliminary Permit*—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

o. *Notice of intent*—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

p. *Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit*—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

q. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules and Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214.

⁴ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.