

its first compressor station, the Hallock Compressor Station. Viking is proposing this project to enable it to maintain gas flow into its system from TCPL without interruption to customers when this area of the existing pipe will be taken out of service temporarily for necessary integrity testing and maintenance work. The construction and operation of the proposed facilities also will provide Viking with the opportunity to reduce its fuel consumption at the Hallock Compressor Station by an estimated 81,000 Dth annually.

Specifically, Viking proposes to construct and operate the following facilities:

- 5.6 miles of 24-inch mainline loop segment adjacent to Viking's existing line in Kittson County, Minnesota;
- Two pig launchers, a relief valve for overpressure pressure protection, two mainline block valves, blowdown valves, and tie-in piping and fittings to be installed on approximately one acre of property to be purchased in Kittson County, Minnesota; and
- Tie-in piping with one mainline suction valve within the fenced boundaries of Viking's Hallock Compressor Station.

The proposed facilities will not create incremental capacity beyond the Hallock Compressor Station which is limited to 877 psig. An incremental capacity will be created in the proposed 5.6-miles line. This capacity is not marketable since Viking currently serves no markets in this area and none are anticipated. The proposed Hallock Project facilities are anticipated to go into service on or about November 1, 2001.

The estimated cost of Viking's proposed construction is approximately \$3.9 million. Viking anticipates that it will make a general rate case filing for the demand rates during December 2001, at which time Viking will seek to roll in the Hallock Project costs. Viking estimates the cost impact of the project to be \$0.0036 per Dth per day on a 100% load factor basis. Also, Viking anticipates that the reduction in system fuel requirements will result in fuel savings of approximately \$324,000 annually. This reduction will accrue back to Viking's current and future customers through the fuel tracker and true-up provisions in Article XXVI of its tariff.

Questions regarding the details of this proposed project should be directed to Michael L. Jablonske, Vice President, Viking Gas Transmission Company, 825 Rice Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55117, at 651-229-2254, or by fax at 651-229-2434.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before January 22, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party 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 all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-

environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

Comments and protests 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>.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER01-566-000]

Duke Energy McClain, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

January 8, 2001.

Duke Energy McClain, LLC (Duke McClain) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Duke McClain will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates. Duke McClain also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Duke McClain requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Duke McClain.

On January 3, 2001, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Corporate Applications, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates,

granted requests for blanket approval under part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Duke McClain 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).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Duke McClain is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security or another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Duke McClain's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is February 2, 2001.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. EL00-95-007, et al.]

San Diego Gas & Electric Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

January 5, 2001.

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

1. San Diego Gas & Electric Company Complainant, v. Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services Into Markets Operated by the California Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange, Respondents

[Docket No. EL00-95-007]

Take notice that on December 29, 2000, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) tendered for filing pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (A) of the Commission's December 15, 2000 Order Directing Remedies for California Wholesale Electric Markets (the Order), 93 FERC ¶ 61,294, its compliance filing.

The tendered compliance filing made by SDG&E describes how it is effecting within 15 days the Commission's termination of SDG&E's authority to sell its resources into the California Power Exchange Corporation ("PX") markets.

Copies of this filing were served upon the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California and other interested parties.

Comment date: January 23, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. FirstEnergy Corp. on behalf of: American Transmission Systems, Inc., The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, Mid-Atlantic Energy Development Company, Ohio Edison Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, The Toledo Edison Company, FirstEnergy Services Corp., FirstEnergy Generation Corp. and FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company

[Docket Nos. EC01-52-000 and ER01-842-000]

Take note that on December 29, 2000, FirstEnergy Corp. filed an application pursuant to section 203 of the Federal Power Act for approval of the transfer of jurisdictional facilities to an affiliated competitive services unit, and for approval pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act of related intracompany agreements, in furtherance of its corporate separation plan as approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Copies of this filing have been served on the utility commissions in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Comment date: January 19, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. San Diego Gas & Electric Company Complainant, v. Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services, Into Markets Operated by the California, Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange, Respondents

[Docket No. EL00-95-008]

Take notice that on January 2, 2001, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO) tendered a filing in compliance with the Commission's December 15, 2000 Order in EL00-95-000, *et al.*

The ISO states that this filing has been served on the California Public Utilities Commission and on all parties on the official service.

Comment date: January 23, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. San Diego Gas & Electric Company Complainant, v. Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services, Into Markets Operated by the California, Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange, Respondents.

[Docket No. EL00-95-009]

Take notice that on January 2, 2001, the California Power Exchange Corporation (CalPX) tendered for filing in compliance with the Commission's December 15, 2000 Order in Docket No. EL00-95-000, *et al.*

Comment date: January 23, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. San Diego Gas & Electric Company Complainant, v. Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services, Into Markets Operated by the California, Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange, Respondents

[Docket No. EL00-95-010]

Take notice that on January 2, 2001, Pacific Gas and Electric Company tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a filing in compliance with the Commission's December 15, 2000 Order in Docket No. EL00-95-000, *et al.*

Comment date: January 23, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Illinois Power Company

[Docket Nos. ER99-4415-004, ER99-4530-004 and EL00-7-004]

Take notice that on December 20, 2000, Illinois Power Company filed an amendment to its Compliance Filing and Revised Open Access Transmission Tariff filed with the Federal Energy