

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission

[Docket No. RP96-312-140]

**Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company;  
Notice of Negotiated Rate Agreement**

June 30, 2004.

Take notice that on June 28, 2004, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), tendered for filing and acceptance an original and five copies of a Gas Transportation Agreement between Tennessee and Keyspan Energy Delivery Long Island pursuant to Tennessee's Rate Schedule FT-A and a Negotiated Rate Letter Agreement (Negotiated Rate Arrangement). Tennessee requests that the Commission accept and approve the Negotiated Rate Agreement to be effective on November 1, 2004.

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 protests 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the e-Filing link.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. RP04-345-000]

**Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line  
Corporation; Notice of Proposed  
Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

June 30, 2004.

Take notice that on June 25, 2004, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the revised tariff sheets in Appendix A attached to the filing, with an effective date of August 1, 2004.

Transco states that the purpose of the instant filing is to eliminate the GRI surcharge rates from its tariff effective August 1, 2004.

Transco states that copies of the filing are being mailed to affected customers and interested State Commissions.

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 protests 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the e-Filing link.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. ER04-448-003, et al.]

**El Paso Electric Company, et al.;  
Electric Rate and Corporate Filings**

June 29, 2004.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

**1. El Paso Electric Company**

[Docket No. ER04-448-003]

Take notice that on June 24, 2004, El Paso Electric Company (EPE), submitted Second Revised Sheet Nos. 182, 187 and 280 to EPE's FERC Electric Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, in compliance with the Commission's order issued June 4, 2004 in Docket No. ER04-442-000, *et al.*, 107 FERC ¶ 61,255. EPE requests an effective date of April 26, 2004.

*Comment Date:* July 15, 2004.**2. Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

[Docket No. ER04-694-001]

Take notice that on May 25, 2004, Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. (VEC) tendered for filing an amendment to its March 31, 2004, application for market-based rate authority in Docket No. ER04-694-000.

*Comment Date:* July 9, 2004.**3. Allied Energy Resources Corporation**

[Docket No. ER04-923-001]

Take notice that on June 24, 2004, Allied Energy Resources Corporation (AERC) filed an amendment to its June 14, 2004, petition for acceptance of AERC Rate Schedule FERC No. 1; the granting of certain blanket approvals, including the authority to sell electricity at market-based rates; and the waiver of certain Commission regulations.

*Comment Date:* July 15, 2004.**4. Ritchie Energy Products, L.L.C.**

[Docket No. ER04-954-000]

Take notice that on June 24, 2004, Ritchie Energy Products, L.L.C. (Ritchie Energy) filed with the Commission a Notice of Succession pursuant to sections 35.16 and 131.51 of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 35.16 and 131.51. Ritchie Energy states that as a result of a name change, Ritchie Energy is succeeding to the FERC Electric Rate Schedule of RAM Energy Products, L.L.C., effective May 27, 2004.

*Comment Date:* July 16, 2004.

## 5. New York State Electric & Gas Corporation

[Docket No. ER04-962-000]

Take notice that on June 25, 2004, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) tendered for filing pursuant to section 205 of the Federal Power Act and section 35.13 of the Commission's Regulations, to Rate Schedule 200 a Facilities Agreement between NYSEG and the New York Power Authority (NYPA). NYSEG requests an effective date of September 1, 2004.

NYSEG states that copies of the filing have been served upon the NYPA and the Public Service Commission of the State of New York.

*Comment Date:* July 16, 2004.

### Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file 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). 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. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or TTY, (202) 502-8659. 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-334-000]

### CenterPoint Energy—Mississippi River Transmission Corp.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Abandonment of the Mrt Main Line No. 1 Pipeline and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

June 30, 2004.

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 proposed abandonment by CenterPoint Energy—Mississippi River Transmission Corp. (MRT) of 307 miles of 22-inch-diameter pipeline, and 2 associated compressor stations. The facilities which would be abandoned consist of the MRT Main Line No. 1 running from Perryville, Louisiana, across the state of Arkansas to Poplar Bluffs, Missouri.<sup>1</sup> 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 MRT 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 Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

### Summary of the Proposed Project

MRT seeks authority to abandon approximately of 307 miles of pipeline of which about 277.5 miles would be abandoned in place. MRT would abandon by sale 18.3 miles of pipeline running from its Glendale Compressor Station to the town of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The 18.3-mile segment of pipe would be sold to CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company which would continue service to the town of Pine Bluff.

MRT states that it contacted all landowners along its Main Line No. 1 and received a number of requests that the abandoned pipe be removed. Segments planned for removal at

landowner request currently total 11.2 miles.

Mainline No. 1 shares an easement with MRT's Mainlines No. 2 and 3 (which will remain in service). MRT would retain its current pipeline easement.

MRT also proposes to abandon 2 obsolete compressor stations, the Diaz and Sherrill Compressor Stations in (respectively) Jackson and Jefferson Counties, Arkansas. All buildings and structures would be removed except for two small communications sheds at the Diaz facility.

Above ground appurtenant facilities which would be removed include valves and vents at 78 sites, crossover pipes at 23 sites, and a back up interconnection to Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

### Land Requirements for Abandonment

The Main Line No. 1 abandonment would require excavation at 167 work areas (including the compressor stations). MRT's work would disturb 306.5 acres within MRT's existing ROW and facility yards. MRT would retain the Main Line No. 1 easement after the Main Line No. 1 pipeline is abandoned. MRT would use existing access roads and plans no new or permanently improved roads.

### 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<sup>3</sup> to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "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 staff 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

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than appendix 1 (maps), are available on the Commission's website at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

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

<sup>1</sup> MRT's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.