

February 10, 1995 in *Jersey Central Power & Light Co., Metropolitan Edison Co. and Pennsylvania Electric Co.*, Docket No. ER95-276-000 and allows GPU and PSE&G to enter into separately scheduled transactions under which the GPU Operating Companies will make available for sale, surplus operating capacity and/or energy at negotiated rates that are no higher than the GPU Operating Companies' cost of service.

GPU requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements for good cause shown and an effective date of February 16, 1995 for the Service Agreement.

GPU has served copies of the filing on regulatory agencies in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Comment date: March 30, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corp.

[Docket No. ER95-705-000]

Take notice that on March 6, 1995, Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation (CHG&E), tendered for filing a Service Agreement for (Commission) between CHG&E and North American Energy Conservation, Inc. The terms and conditions of service under this Agreement are made pursuant to CHG&E's FERC Electric Rate Schedule, Original Volume 1 (Power Sales Tariff) accepted by the Commission in Docket No. ER94-1662. CHG&E also has requested waiver of the 60-day notice provision pursuant to 18 CFR § 35.11.

A copy of this filing has been served on the Public Service Commission of the State of New York.

Comment date: March 30, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. Virginia Electric and Power Co.

[Docket No. ER95-709-000]

Take notice that on March 7, 1995, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Virginia Power) tendered for filing a Service Agreement between American Municipal Power-Ohio and Virginia Power, dated February 28, 1995 under the Power Sales Tariff to Eligible Purchasers dated May 27, 1994. Under the tendered Service Agreement Virginia Power agrees to provide services to American Municipal Power—Ohio under the rates, terms and conditions of the Power Sales Tariff as agreed by the parties pursuant to the terms of Service Schedule B included in the Power Sales Tariff.

Copies of the filing were served upon the Virginia State Corporation

Commission and the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Comment date: March 30, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER95-711-000]

Take notice that on March 7, 1995, Entergy Services, Inc. (Entergy Services), as agent for Arkansas Power & Light Company (AP&L), filed revisions to the rates and the Transmission Loss Factor under (1) the Power Coordination Interchange and Transmission Service Agreement between AP&L and Conway, West Memphis, and Osceola, Arkansas; Campbell and Thayer, Missouri; City Water & Light Plant of Jonesboro, Arkansas; Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation; (2) the Transmission Service Agreement between AP&L and the City of Hope, Arkansas; (3) the Transmission Service Agreement between AP&L and the City of Hope, Arkansas; (4) the Hydroelectric Power Transmission and Distribution Service Agreement between AP&L and the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas; and (5) the Interchange Agreement between AP&L and Oglethorpe Power Corporation (collectively, Agreements). Entergy Services requests that the revised rates and Transmission Loss Factor become effective March 1, 1995, subject to refund, in accordance with the provisions of the Agreements.

Comment date: March 30, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. MDU Resources Group, Inc.

[Docket Nos. ES95-21-000 and ES95-21-001]

Take notice that on February 6, 1995, MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU) filed an application and on March 15, 1995, filed an amendment to its application under Section 204 of the Federal Power Act seeking authorization to issue up to 50,000 shares of common stock of MDU, including treasury stock which has been issued and reacquired by MDU and stock purchased on the open market, for the purpose of implementing a Non-Employee Director Stock Compensation Plan. Also, MDU requests exemption from the Commission's competitive bidding and negotiated placement regulations.

Comment date: April 14, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Scott Paper Co.

[Docket No. QF86-557-001]

On March 8, 1995, Scott Paper Company tendered for filing an

amendment to its filing in this docket. No determination has been made that the submittal constitutes a complete filing.

The amendment provides additional information pertaining to the technical characteristics of the facility.

Comment date: April 4, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs:

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol 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 18 CFR 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 this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP95-52-000]

Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Granite State LNG Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

March 16, 1995.

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 construction and operation of facilities proposed in the Granite State LNG Project. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement (EIS) is necessary and whether to approve the project.¹

¹ Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.'s application was filed under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State) is seeking approval to construct and operate an LNG facility at the western boundary of the town of Wells, Maine and adjacent to the eastern border of the town of North Berwick, Maine. The purpose of the project is to maintain service to Northern Utilities, Inc. for its distribution operations in Maine and New Hampshire upon the abandonment of the operation of a leased natural gas pipeline extending from Canada to Portland, Maine.

The LNG facilities would include:

- A storage tank with a gas-equivalent capacity of 2 Bcf;
- A truck unloading system with two unloading stations;
- Two 67 MMcfd LNG vaporizers;
- A vapor handling system; and
- Fire protection systems.

The storage tank would be 154 feet in height and 211 feet in diameter. The tank would be surrounded by a concrete impoundment 99 feet high and 18 inches thick. The proposed project facilities would be designed, constructed, and maintained to comply with the Department of Transportation Federal Safety Standards for Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities (49 CFR Part 193). The facilities constructed at the site would also meet the National Fire Protection Association 59A LNG standards.

The source of LNG for the proposed facility would be Distrigas of Massachusetts Corporation of Everett, Massachusetts. LNG would be transported to the site by LNG tanker trucks and would access the site by a proposed 1.4-mile access road from Route 9. It would take approximately 32 truckloads of LNG per day over a 3-month period to initially fill the tank. Thereafter, trucking would predominantly occur during the summer and fall of each year. Vaporized LNG would be transported from the site via a 12-inch lateral connecting to Granite State's existing and adjacent 8-inch pipeline.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

The proposed facilities would affect 38.3 acres of a 300-acre site in Wells, Maine. Granite State would clear 30 acres of land for the plant facilities, all

²The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, Room 3104, 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

of which would be permanently committed to the project. Construction of the proposed access road would require clearing 8.3 acres, of which 1.7 acres would be allowed to revert back of its original condition.

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 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 and whether an EIS is necessary. 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
 - Seismology and soil liquefaction.
 - Erosion control.
 - Right-of-way restoration.
- Water Resources
 - Site specific impacts on surface and groundwater.
 - Effect on potable water supplies.
 - Effect on wetland hydrology.
- Biological Resources
 - Effect of plant construction and operation on threatened, endangered, or sensitive plant and animal species and their habitats.
- Cultural Resources
 - Effect on historic and prehistoric sites.
 - Native American and tribal concerns.
- Socioeconomics
 - Impact of a peak work force of 50 employees on the surrounding area.
 - Long-term effects of increased employment and taxes on the local economy.
- Land Use
 - Impact on state areas of critical environmental concern.
 - Effect of aboveground facilities on visual aesthetics in the region.
 - Consistency with local land use plans.

—Impact on residences.

- Air Quality and Noise
- Impact on regional air quality and noise-sensitive areas associated with the operation of the proposed LNG facilities.
- Air quality and noise impacts associated with construction.
 - Public Safety
- Compliance with 49 CFR 193 for exclusion zones (thermal and vapor gas dispersion), siting criteria, seismic criteria, and cryogenic criteria.
- Consequences of a major spill.

We will also evaluate possible site and technology 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 recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

Public Participation and Scoping Meetings

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative sites), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., NE, Washington, D.C. 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP95-52-000;
- Send a copy of your letter to: Mr. Chris Zerby, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., NE, Room 7312, Washington, D.C. 20426; and
- Mail your comments so that they are received in Washington, D.C. on or before April 24, 1995.

Beyond asking for written comments, we invite you to attend our public scoping meeting on May 15, 1995. We

will give the location and time for this meeting in a future notice. Requests to hold additional public scoping meetings will be considered.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or an "intervenor". 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 copies of its filings to all other parties. 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).

Filing of timely motions to intervene in this proceeding should be made on or before March 27, 1995. Once this date has passed, parties seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Environmental Mailing List

This notice is being sent to all potential interested parties to solicit focused comments regarding environmental considerations related to the proposed project. As details of the project become established, representatives of Granite State will directly contact communities and public agencies concerning any other matters, including acquisition of permits and rights-of-way.

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to keep informed and receive copies of the EA, please return the Information Request (see appendix 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Chris Zerby, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-0111.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP94-43-011]

ANR Pipeline Co.; Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 16, 1995.

Take notice that on March 10, 1995, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered

for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, proposed to be effective January 9, 1995:

Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 176
Second Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 187

Substitute Original Sheet No. 187.1

Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 191

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 194

ANR states that the above-referenced tariff sheets are being filed in compliance with the Commission's February 8, 1995, "Order Accepting and Suspending Tariff Sheets, Subject to Refund and Conditions" in this proceeding. Such order directed ANR, inter alia, to make changes to its tracking provision for the recovery of Account No. 858 costs, and to its tariff provisions implementing the Commission's new Natural policy.

ANR states that all of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1 customers and interested State Commissions have been mailed a copy of this filing.

Any person desiring to protect said filing should file a protest with the Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426 in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). All such protests should be filed on or before March 23, 1995. 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. Copies of this application are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. PR95-8-000]

Arkansas Western Gas Co.; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

March 16, 1995.

Take notice that on March 3, 1995, Arkansas Western Gas Company (AWG) filed pursuant to section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations, a petition for rate approval requesting that the Commission approve as fair and equitable a maximum rate of \$0.1300 per MMBtu, plus 3.1 percent for compressor fuel and lost and unaccounted for gas, for transportation services performed under section 311(a)(2) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA).

AWG states that it is an intrastate pipeline within the meaning of section 2(16) of the NGPA and it owns and operates an intrastate pipeline system in the State of Arkansas. AWG proposes an effective date of March 3, 1995.

Pursuant to section 284.123(b)(2)(ii), if the Commission does not act within 150 days of the filing date, the rate will be deemed to be fair and equitable and not in excess of an amount which interstate pipelines would be permitted to charge for similar transportation service. The Commission may, prior to the expiration of the 150-day period, extend the time for action or institute a proceeding to afford parties an opportunity for written comments and for the oral presentation of views, data, and arguments.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding must file a motion to intervene in accordance with sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All motions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before March 31, 1995. The petition for rate approval is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP95-194-001]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.; Notice of Filing of Corrected Tariff Sheet

March 16, 1995.

Take notice that on March 13, 1995, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing the following tariff sheet to its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, to be effective April 1, 1995:

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 44

Columbia states that on March 1, 1995, Columbia submitted its annual filing pursuant to the provisions of Section 35, Transportation Retainage Adjustment (TRA), of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1. In that annual filing, Columbia filed First Revised Sheet No. 44 which set forth a revised transportation retainage factor proposed to be effective April 1, 1995. The Commission noticed that annual filing on March 3, 1995, and interventions and/or protests were to be filed by March 10, 1995.

Columbia states that when it began planning to implement the annual