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Secretary.

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[Docket No. PR96-12-000]

The Montana Power Company; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

July 11, 1996.

Take notice that on July 1, 1996, the Montana Power Company (Montana Power) filed a petition for rate approval pursuant to section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations, as required by ordering paragraph (D) of the Commission's August 3, 1995 Order in Docket No. PR93-3 [72 FERC ¶ 61,146 (1995)], and ordering paragraph (2) of the Order Denying Petition for Adjustment in Docket No. SA96-1-000, as further extended by the Commission's Notice of Further Extension of Time dated April 25, 1996.

Montana Power states that it is a local distribution company as defined by the NGPA doing business in the State of Montana. Montana Power is requesting that the Commission approve as fair and equitable a maximum monthly demand charge of \$6.7577 per MMBtu and a maximum commodity charge of \$0.0360 per MMBtu for firm off-peak transportation service and a maximum rate of \$0.2670 per MMBtu for interruptible transportation service plus an allowance of 2.56 percent for fuel for services performed under section 311(a)(2) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA). Montana Power proposes an effective date of July 1, 1996.

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 July 26, 1996. The petition for rate approval is on file with the

Commission and is available for public inspection.

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[Docket Nos. CP95-52-000 and CP96-610-000]

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

July 11, 1996.

On January 29, 1996, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Granite State LNG Project in Docket No. CP95-52-000. However, on June 21, 1996, the Director of the Office of Pipeline Regulation of FERC dismissed the CP95-52-000 application without prejudice to the refiling of Granite State's proposal to change from a baseload to a peakshaving service. The dismissal letter also stated that all of the environmental information would be retained by the FERC staff and that Granite State could incorporate this material by reference if, and when, they file a new application reflecting a peakshaving facility. Subsequently, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State) filed an application in Docket No. CP96-610-000 to reflect a change in the nature of the service from winter baseload to peakshaving. Granite State submits that the LNG facility proposed in this application is identical to the facility proposed in Docket No. CP95-52-000.

The FERC staff intends to continue preparing a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Granite State LNG project (now in Docket No. CP96-610-000 rather than in CP95-52-000). A new DEIS will not be issued for public comment. The main change to the plant is in pumping requirements for the LNG plant to send out natural gas at a higher pressure. However, if anyone wishes to file additional comments on environmental topics to be addressed in the FEIS as a result of the new application, please follow the instructions below. If you have already submitted comments on the DEIS, you do not need to resubmit them.

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

- Reference Docket No. CP96-610-000 Docket Nos. CP95-52-000, *et al.*
- Send a copy of your letter to Mr. Chris Zerby, EIS Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 72-55, Washington, DC 20426; and

- Mail your comments so that they are received in Washington, DC on or before July 26, 1996.

For further information on the EIS process, call Chris Zerby, EIS Project Manager, at (202) 208-0111.

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[Project Nos. 1980-009 *et al.*]

Hydroelectric Applications [Wisconsin Electric Power Company, *et al.*]; Notice of Applications

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

1a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* P-1980-009.

c. *Date Filed:* February 27, 1996.

d. *Applicant:* Wisconsin Electric Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Big Quinnesec Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Menominee River, in Florence and Marinette Counties, Wisconsin and Dickinson County, Michigan.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Ms. Rita L. Hayen Wisconsin Electric Power Company 231 W. Michigan P.O. Box 2046 Milwaukee, WI 53201-2046.

i. *FERC Contact:* Patti Leppert-Slack (202) 219-2767.

j. *Comment Date:* September 6, 1996.

k. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* This application has been accepted for filing, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time—see attached standard paragraph E1. The Big Quinnesec Project will be included in the applicant-prepared environmental assessment (APEA) process for the Upper Menominee River Basin Projects.

l. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) an existing reservoir with a surface area of 272 acres and gross storage capacity of 3,790 acre-feet at the normal maximum surface elevation of 1034.9 feet, National Geodetic Vertical Datum; (2) an existing dam, consisting of: (a) a concrete non-overflow section, about 157 feet long, equipped with two