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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Dockets EA-98-B and EA-98-C]

Applications to Amend Electricity Export Authorization; Western Systems Power Pool

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy,
Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Western Systems Power Pool ("WSPP") has filed an application to renew the electricity export authorization issued September 2, 1994, in Order EA-98. WSPP's authorization to export electric energy to Canada will expire on September 2, 1996. In a separate filing, WSPP has applied to amend its export authorization by adding 10 additional member companies.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before September 4, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Electricity (FE-52), Office of Fuels Programs, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) 202-586-4708 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On September 2, 1994, in Docket EA-98, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized 22 members of the WSPP to export electric energy to a foreign member, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro), and other future Canadian members. The facilities to be utilized for these exports are the international transmission facilities owned and operated by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), also a WSPP member. The facilities consist of two 500-kV transmission lines at Blaine, Washington, and one 230-kV

transmission line at Nelway, British Columbia, that interconnect with facilities of BC Hydro, and one 230-kV line, also at Nelway, connecting to West Kootenay Power, Limited. The construction and operation of these international transmission facilities was previously authorized by Presidential Permits PP-10, PP-46, and PP-36, respectively.

On March 4, 1996, in Order EA-98-A, DOE amended the export authorization by adding 10 new member companies to the list of authorized electricity exporters.

On July 8, 1996, WSPP, on behalf of its member companies, submitted an application to renew the export authorization issued September 2, 1996, for an additional period. In a related activity, on July 12, 1996, WSPP, again on behalf of its member companies, submitted an application to further amend the export authorization by adding 10 new member companies to the list of authorized electricity exporters.

The new members are:
Aquila Power Corporation
Citizens Lehman Power Sales
CNG Power Service Corporation
Destec Power Services, Inc.
Electric Clearinghouse, Inc.
K N Marketing Inc.
PECO Energy Company
Philbro Inc.
Southern Energy Marketing, Inc.
Tenneco Energy Marketing Company

Procedural Matters

Any persons desiring to be heard or to protest this application should file a petition to intervene or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214).

Fifteen copies of such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Comments on WSPP's request to extend the effective date of the export authorization in Order EA-98 should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-98-B. Comments on WSPP's request to add new members should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-98-C. Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protest also should be submitted to Michael E. Small, Wright & Talisman, P.C., 1200 G Street, Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20005.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and a determination is made by the DOE that

the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-702-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

August 14, 1996.

Take notice that on August 9, 1996, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), 1400 Smith Street, P.O. Box 1188, Houston, Texas 77251-1188, filed in Docket No. CP96-702-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to construct, own, and operate a new delivery point in Indian River County, Florida for City Gas Company of Florida (CGC) under FGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-553-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

FGT proposes to construct the delivery point adjacent to FGT's 20-inch and 26-inch mainlines and will include connection to the existing taps, a rotary meter, approximately 100 feet of 4-inch line, and any related appurtenant facilities necessary for FGT to deliver up to 144 MMBtu per hour to CGC.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn