

On November 21, 1996, Monterey Consulting Associates, Inc., filed certain information as required by the Commission's August 8, 1996, order in Docket No. ER96-2143-000.

On November 25, 1996, Atmos Energy Services, Inc., filed certain information as required by the Commission's August 21, 1996, order in Docket No. ER96-2251-000.

On November 12, 1996, Strategic Energy Management filed certain information as required by the Commission's September 13, 1996, order in Docket No. ER96-2591-000.

5. DuPont Power Marketing Inc., IUC Power Services, Thicksten Grimm Burgum, Inc.

[Docket Nos. ER95-1441-007, ER96-594-003, and ER96-2241-000 (not consolidated)]

Take notice that the following informational filings have been made with the Commission and are on file and available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room:

On October 31, 1996, DuPont Power Marketing Inc. filed certain information as required by the Commission's August 30, 1995, order in Docket No. ER95-1441-000.

On November 25, 1996, IUC Power Services filed certain information as required by the Commission's February 9, 1996, order in Docket No. ER96-594-000.

On November 22, 1996, Thicksten Grimm Burgum, Inc., filed certain information as required by the Commission's September 16, 1996, order in Docket No. ER96-2241-000.

6. Carolina Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER96-2760-001]

Take notice that on November 19, 1996, Carolina Power & Light Company tendered for filing copies of its refund summary report in the above referenced docket.

Copies of the filing were served upon the North Carolina Utilities Commission and the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Comment date: December 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Northeast Utilities Service Company

[Docket No. ER96-3144-000]

Take notice that Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO) on November 25, 1996, submitted additional information on the First Amendment to the United Exchange Agreement between NUSCO, on behalf of The Connecticut Light and Power Company and Western Massachusetts

Electric Company, and Boston Edison Company.

NUSCO states that a copy of this filing has been mailed to Boston Edison.

NUSCO requests that the First Amendment become effective on November 1, 1995.

Comment date: December 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

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, 888 First 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. EL95-76-001, et al.]

Southwestern Public Service Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

December 3, 1996.

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

1. Southwestern Public Service Company

[Docket No. EL95-76-001]

Take notice that on November 12, 1996, Southwestern Public Service Company (Southwestern) tendered for filing a letter stating that Southwestern no longer will be seeking the waiver it had requested in its August 25, 1996, submittal filed in this docket.

Comment date: December 17, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Oglethorpe Power Corporation and Georgia Power Company

[Docket No. EL97-13-000]

Take notice that on November 29, 1996, Oglethorpe Power Corporation and Georgia Power Company tendered for filing an Amendment to its Joint

Application for Approval of Proposed Lease of Project Property and For Partial Transfer of License.

Comment date: December 17, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Western Systems Power Pool

[Docket No. ER91-195-025]

Take notice that on November 4, 1996, the Western Systems Power Pool (WSPP) filed certain information to update its July 30, 1996, quarterly filing. This date is required by Ordering Paragraph (D) of the Commission's June 27, 1991 Order (55 FERC ¶ 61,495) and Ordering Paragraph (C) of the Commission's June 1, 1992, Order On Rehearing Denying Request Not To Submit Information, And Granting In Part and Denying In Part Privileged Treatment. Pursuant to 18 CFR 385.211, WSPP has requested privileged treatment for some of the information filed consistent with the June 1, 1992 order. Copies of WSPP's informational filing are on file with the Commission, and non-privileged portions are available for public inspection.

4. National Power Marketing Company, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER96-2942-000]

Take notice that on November 19, 1996, National Power Marketing Company, L.L.C. tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

Comment date: December 17, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. Continental Energy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER97-319-000]

Take notice that on November 19, 1996, Continental Energy Services, Inc. tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

Comment date: December 17, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-538-000]

Take notice that on November 21, 1996, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC), tendered for filing an executed Transmission Service Agreement between WPSC and Wisconsin Power & Light Co. The Agreement provides for transmission service under the Open Access Transmission Service Tariff, FERC Original Volume No. 11.

Comment date: December 17, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Maine Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER97-540-000]

Take notice that on November 21, 1996, Maine Public Service Company (Maine Public), filed an executed Service Agreement with Aquila Power Corporation.

Comment date: December 17, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Commonwealth Edison Company

[Docket No. ER97-541-000]

Take notice that on November 21, 1996, Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd), submitted three Service Agreements, variously dated, establishing The Power Company of America LP (PCA), Commonwealth Edison Company (Commonwealth), and Central Illinois Public Service Company (CIPS), as non-firm customers under the terms of ComEd's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT). Also submitted is a Service agreement, establishing Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO), as a firm transmission customer under the terms of ComEd's OATT.

ComEd requests an effective date of November 6, 1996, for the service agreements with PCA, Commonwealth, and CIPS, and October 31, 1996 for the service agreement with WEPCO, and accordingly seeks waiver of the Commission's requirements. Copies of this filing were served upon PCA, Commonwealth, CIPS, WEPCO and the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Comment date: December 17, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. The Energy Spring, Inc.

[Docket No. ER97-542-000]

Take notice that on November 21, 1996, The Energy Spring, Inc. (Energy Spring), tendered for filing, pursuant to Rule 207 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207, an application requesting acceptance of its proposed FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1, authorizing market-based rates, granting waivers of certain Commission Regulations and granting certain blanket approvals. Consistent with these requests, Energy Spring seeks authority to engage in electric power marketing and to sell power at market-based rates.

Comment date: December 17, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. Texas Utilities Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-543-000]

Take notice that on November 21, 1996, Texas Utilities Electric Company

(TU Electric), tendered for filing an executed transmission service agreement (TSA) with NGTS Energy Services for certain Economy Energy Transmission Service under TU Electric's Tariff for Transmission Service To, From and Over Certain HVDC Interconnections.

TU Electric requests an effective date for this TSA that will permit it to become effective on or before the service commencement date under the TSA. Accordingly, TU Electric seeks waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. Copies of the filing were served on NGTS Energy Services as well as the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment date: December 17, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Central Illinois Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER97-545-000]

Take notice that on November 22, 1996, Central Illinois Public Service Company (CIPS), submitted a service agreement, dated November 6, 1996, establishing Rainbow Energy Marketing Corporation (Rainbow Energy) as a customer under the terms of CIPS' Open Access Transmission Tariff.

CIPS requests an effective date of November 6, 1996 for the service agreements. Accordingly, CIPS requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. Copies of this filing were served upon Rainbow Energy and the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Comment date: December 17, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Louisville Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-546-000]

Take notice that on November 22, 1996, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing a Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement between LG&E and Williams Energy Services Company under LG&E's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment date: December 17, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Louisville Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-547-000]

Take notice that on November 22, 1996, Louisville Gas and Electric Company, tendered for filing copies of a service agreement between Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Coral Power L.L.C. under Rate GSS.

Comment date: December 17, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-548-000]

Take notice that on November 22, 1996, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC), tendered for filing Supplement No. 8 to its partial requirements service agreement with Manitowoc Public Utilities (MPU), Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. Supplement No. 8 provides MPU's contract demand nominations for January 1997—December 2001, under WPSC's W-2 partial requirements tariff and MPU's applicable service agreement.

The company states that copies of this filing have been served upon MPU and to the State Commissions where WPSC serves at retail.

Comment date: December 17, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Louisville Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-549-000]

Take notice that on November 22, 1996, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing a Blanket Service Agreement between LG&E and Coral Power, L.L.C. under LG&E's Rate Schedule GSS.

Comment date: December 17, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Portland General Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-550-000]

Take notice that on November 22, 1996, Portland General Electric Company (PGE), tendered for filing under PGE's Final Rule pro forma tariff (FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 8, Docket No. OA96-137-000), executed Service agreements for Non-firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service and Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service with Pan Energy Trading & Marketing Services, L.L.C.

Pursuant to 18 CFR 35.11, PGE respectfully requests the Commission grant a waiver of the notice requirements of 18 CFR 35.3 to allow the Service Agreements to become effective November 13, 1996.

A copy of this filing was caused to be served upon Pan Energy Trading & Marketing Services, LLC as noted in the filing letter.

Comment date: December 17, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

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Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-25-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Peak Day 2000 Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

December 3, 1996.

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 the facilities proposed in the Peak Day 2000 Expansion Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether to approve the project.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) wants to expand the capacity of its facilities in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Kansas to transport an additional 267,161 million cubic feet per day of natural gas to twenty-six of its customers. Northern seeks authority to construct and operate:

Phase I Facilities (1997)

- 18.05 miles of 30-inch-diameter mainline loops in Hardin County, Iowa and Rice County, Minnesota;

¹ Northern Natural Gas Company's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

- 12.35 miles of 12-inch-diameter and 9.68 miles of 6-inch-diameter branch line loops in Dakota, Scott, Wright, and Carver Counties, Minnesota and Dickinson County, Iowa;

- 5.08 miles of 8-inch-diameter branch line replacement in Carver County, Minnesota;

- 0.21 mile 6-inch-diameter branch line tie-over in Jackson County, Iowa;

- two new compressor stations to provide about 11,634 horsepower (hp) of compression, and modification of six existing compressor stations to provide an additional 16,368 hp of compression in various counties in Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska; and

- three new town border stations (TBS) and modification of 31 existing TBS in Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, and Wisconsin.

Phase II Facilities (1998)

- 4.93 miles of 30-inch-diameter mainline loop in Washington County, Minnesota; and

- one new 13,037 hp compressor station Steele County, Minnesota.

The general location of the project facilities and specific locations for facilities on new sites are shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 677.45 acres of land. Following construction, about 295.89 acres would be maintained as new permanent right-of-way or aboveground facility sites. The remaining 381.56 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

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. All comments

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, 888 First 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.

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
- water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- vegetation and wildlife
- endangered and threatened species
- public safety
- land use
- cultural resources
- air quality and noise
- hazardous waste

We will also evaluate possible 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.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Northern.

- Seven federally listed endangered or threatened species could be present in the proposed project area;
- Five of the proposed loops cross residential areas; and
- A total of 6.3 acres of agricultural land, currently used for production, would be converted to industrial use.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter to the Secretary of the Commission 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