

[Docket No. ER96-2879-000]

**US Energy, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order**

December 24, 1996.

US Energy, Inc. (US Energy) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which US Energy will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. US Energy also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, US Energy requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by US Energy.

On December 11, 1996, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by US Energy 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 Procedures (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, US Energy is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of US Energy's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is January 10, 1997. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. EG97-10-000, et al.]

**CMS Morocco Operating Company SCA, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings**

December 23, 1996.

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

**1. CMS Morocco Operating Company SCA**

[Docket No. EG97-10-000]

On October 31, 1996, CMS Morocco Operating Company SCA ("Applicant"), with its principal office at c/o CMS Generation Co., Fairlane Plaza South, 330 Town Center Drive, Suite 1000, Dearborn, Michigan 48126, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations. On December 19, 1996, Applicant filed an amendment to this application. In its amendment, Applicant states that it is a company duly incorporated under the laws of Morocco. Applicant also amends the first line of Section IV(3) of its application by deleting the word "directly" because it may create unnecessary ambiguity. All other aspects of its Application remain unchanged. Applicant believes these changes should have no material impact on its application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status.

Applicant will operate two existing 330 MW coal-fired units and operate two additional 348 MW units to be constructed. Electric energy produced by the Facility will be sold at wholesale to the state-owned Office National de l'Electricite. In no event will any electric energy be sold to consumers in the United States.

*Comment date:* January 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

**2. City of Las Cruces, New Mexico**

[Docket No. EL97-16-000]

Take notice that on December 13, 1996, the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico tendered for filing a petition for exemption in lieu of filing fee for a petition for a declaratory order.

*Comment date:* January 9, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Resale Power Group of Iowa, Inc. v. IES Utilities, Inc.

[Docket No. EL97-17-000]

Take notice that on December 18, 1996, pursuant to Section 306 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824e, and Rule 206 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206, Resale Power Group of Iowa, Inc. (RPGI), c/o Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc., 5047 Cosgrove Road S.W., Kalona, Iowa, 52247, filed a complaint against IES Utilities, Inc. (IES Utilities). The complaint requests that the Commission issue an order directing IES Utilities to file a jurisdictional contract with the Commission. The contract at issue is a Joint Transmission Agreement (JTA) which governs IES Utilities' use of certain transmission facilities for which RPGI has provided capital to construct and in which RPGI members hold undivided joint interests. Under the JTA, in return for its use of the transmission facilities, IES Utilities pays RPGI a "transmission use fee" that IES collects in other rates. RPGI asserts that such contract is required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 205(c) of the Federal Power Act.

*Comment date:* January 31, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. Answers to the complaint shall be due on or before January 31, 1997.

**4. Arizona Public Service Company**

[Docket Nos. ER96-2999-000, ER97-31-000]

Take notice that on December 17, 1996, Arizona Public Service Company (APS) tendered for filing a request that the Amendment to APS' FERC Electric Coordination Tariff, Original Volume No. 1 (Tariff), filed November 12, 1996, be allowed an effective date of September 6, 1996 in order to coincide with the execution date of the Service Agreement with Edison Source Energy in Docket ER96-2999-000.

A copy of this filing has been served on all parties on the Service List.

*Comment date:* January 2, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**5. Exact Power Company, Inc.**

[Docket No. ER97-382-000]

Take notice that on November 20, 1996, Exact Power Company, Inc. tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

*Comment date:* January 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.