

presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP91-151-001]

Arizona Corporation Commission, et al. v. El Paso Natural Gas Company, et al.; Notice of Technical/Settlement Conference

April 9, 1997.

Take notice that a technical/settlement conference will be convened in the above-captioned docket on May 7, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 1st Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Any party, as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant, as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend.

The purpose of the conference is to ascertain the current positions of the parties with respect to the issues in the above-captioned matters, and to discuss the severability of the civil penalty portion of the proceeding from the compliant proceeding. For additional information, contact Stuart Fischer or Robert Pease at (202) 208-1033.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. OA97-261-000 and ER97-1082-000]

Atlantic City Electric Company, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, Delmarva Power & Light Company, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, PECO Energy Company, Potomac Electric Power Company and Public Service Electric and Gas Company; Notice of Filing

April 9, 1997.

Take notice that on April 1, 1997, Atlantic City Electric Company,

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, Delmarva Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, PECO Energy Company, Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, Potomac Electric Company, and Public Service Electric and Gas Company filed the Operating agreement of the PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. to replace in its entirety the amended PJM Interconnection.

In addition, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. tendered for filing on April 4, 1997, Schedule 9.03 forms stating that Citizens Lehman Power Sales, Electric Clearinghouse, Inc., North American Energy Conservation, Inc., PanEnergy Trading and Market Services, L.L.C. USGen Power Services, L.P., Virginia Electric and Power Company and Vitol Gas & Electric have become additional signatories to the Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Maryland Interconnection Agreement.

Waiver of the Commission's notice requirements has been requested to permit an effective date of March 31, 1997. Copies have been served on the regulatory commissions of Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia, and on the parties to Docket Nos. OA97-261-000 and ER97-1082-000.

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, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before April 21, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not served 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP97-315-000, CP97-320-000, and CP97-321-000]

Independence Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

April 9, 1997.

Take notice that on March 31, 1997, Independence Pipeline Company (Independence), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed in Docket Nos. CP97-315-000, CP97-320-000, and CP97-321-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Parts 284 and 157 of the Commission's regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, own, and operate natural gas pipeline facilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, to provide open-access firm and interruptible transportation service through such facilities and to engage in certain routine activities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Independence states that it is a new company which seeks authorization to construct and operate a new large-diameter interstate pipeline to transport gas from western Ohio to central Pennsylvania. Independence is a partnership whose two general partners are ANR Independence Pipeline Company and Transco Independence Pipeline Company, affiliates of ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), respectively. It is indicated that the purpose of the project is to provide access to eastern markets for gas supplies from Canada and the western United States which will be transported to the Chicago area via several proposed pipeline projects. It is anticipated that transportation from the Chicago area to western terminus of the Independence pipeline will be provided on ANR's system. It is explained that ANR has filed a companion application in Docket No. CP97-319-000 to expand portions of its existing system between Chicago and western Ohio.

In Docket No. CP97-315-000, Independence requests authority to construct and operate approximately 370 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline extending from an interconnection with ANR near Defiance, Defiance County, Ohio to an interconnection with Transco's Leidy system at Leidy, Clinton County, Pennsylvania. The project will also include two 30,000 HP compressor stations located in Defiance

County, Ohio and Clarion County, Pennsylvania. Independence states it will be an open access pipeline. Independence's facilities are designed to provide a capacity of 943,300 Mcf per day (Mcf/d) during the winter season and 838,000 Mcf/d during the summer season. Independence estimates that the project will cost \$629.6 million and intends to use project financing to fund the project.

Independence proposes to use cost based rates. It anticipates an underlying capital structure consisting of 70 percent debt and 30 percent equity and intends to use the straight fixed variable methodology for cost classification, allocation, and rate design.

Independence requests a preliminary determination by November 1, 1997, and a final certificate by July 1, 1998, in order to meet a target in-service date of November 1, 1999.

Independence is conducting an open season from April 2, 1997 through May 30, 1997 to solicit market interest in the project. Independence intends to make the proposed expansion capacity available on a non-discriminatory basis to any shipper that has executed a transportation service agreement with Independence.

ANR has submitted a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for the subject project and the companion ANR expansion project in Docket No. CP97-319-000 to hire a third-party contractor to assist staff in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

With the exception of the RFP process, which may proceed, the Commission staff will defer all other processing of Independence's application until Independence advises the Commission of the results of the open season and demonstrates contract commitments in support of the project.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 30, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that approval for the proposed application is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Independence to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-126-000]

Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

April 9, 1997.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding on Wednesday, April 16, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., in accordance with the procedural schedule established by the Presiding Judge. The conference will be held at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), may attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission regulations. See 18 CFR 385.214.

For additional information, please contact Paul B. Mohler at (202) 208-1240, or Carmen Gastilo at (202) 208-2182.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-1514-000]

New York Electric & Gas Corporation; Notice of Filing

April 9, 1997.

Take notice that on March 26, 1997, the New York Electric & Gas Corporation tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

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, NE., Washington, DC 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 April 21, 1997. 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. OA97-261-000 and ER97-1082-000]

Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Maryland Interconnection; Notice of Technical Conference and Potential Broadcast of Technical Conference

April 9, 1997.

As previously announced in the Commission's order issued on February 28, 1997, *MidContinent Area Power Pool, et al.*, 78 FERC ¶ 61,203 (1997), the Commission will convene a technical conference concerning the Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Maryland Interconnection (PJM) congestion pricing proposals filed in the captioned proceedings. The technical conference will be held on May 9, 1997, at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The technical conference will commence at 10:00 a.m.