

(3) Green River Questar Meter Station² and lateral located in Section 26, Township 18 North, Range 107 West, Sweetwater County, Wyoming;

(4) Palo Dura Meter Station located in Section 6, Block 2T, T&NORR Survey, Sherman County, Texas;

(5) Sun Purchase Meter Station located in Section 5, Township 5 South, Range 62 West, Arapahoe County, Colorado and lateral located in Sections 5, 8 and 17, Township 5 South, Range 62 West, Arapahoe County, Colorado; and

(6) Ralston Inlet Meter located in Section 35, Township 52 North, Range 100 West, Park County, Wyoming and the Ralston Outlet Meter located in Section 8, Township 51 North, Range 100 West, Park County, Wyoming.

According to CIG, the facilities proposed for abandonment, which were constructed and operated under certificate authority issued in various dockets, are no longer of use in the services for which they were originally certificated. Further, CIG states that the abandonment of these facilities will not affect any jurisdictional service that CIG currently renders.

CIG intends to remove salvageable material for use elsewhere upon abandonment.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before May 27, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 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 the 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 permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 CIG 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. ER97-1932-000]

Competitive Utility Services Corporation; Notice of Issuance of Order

May 6, 1997.

Competitive Utility Services Corporation (CUSCo), filed an application for authorization to sell power at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, CUSCo requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by CUSCo. On April 18, 1997 the Commission issued an Order Conditionally Accepting For Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's April 18, 1997 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (D), (E), and (G):

(D) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by CUSCo 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 385.214.

(E) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (D) above, CUSCo is hereby authorized to issue securities and to assume obligations or liabilities as guarantor, endorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or

assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of CUSCo, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(G) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of CUSCo's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities. * * *

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is May 19, 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-346-000]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

Take notice that on April 30, 1997, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff revised tariff sheets reflecting a rate change from currently effective rates and other changes in its tariff. This rate filing will increase the level of Equitrans' jurisdictional rates to provide an overall annual increase in jurisdictional cost of service of approximately \$442,594 and stranded rate cost recovery of the net book value of Equitrans' gathering plant, to be amortized over five-years and allocated to open-access firm transportation service, interruptible transportation service and firm storage, of approximately \$39.78 million.

Equitrans states that the rates reflected in the revised tariff sheets are designed by Equitrans to bring Equitrans' revenues to a level of its jurisdictional cost of service and known and measurable jurisdictional stranded cost recovery, all based on costs for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 1997 as adjusted.

Among the rate changes proposed by Equitrans is elimination of its negotiated five cent per Dth gathering charge in accordance with the Commission-approved settlement in Docket Nos. RP93-187-000. *et al.* In order that the five cent rate be replaced with Equitrans' proposed 12.28¢ per Dth

² Formerly Mountain Fuel Supply Company.

gathering rate on August 1, 1997, the agreed-upon expiration dated under the Docket No. RP93-187 settlement, Equitrans proposes a shortened suspension period, whereby the tendered tariff sheets will become effective, on a subject-to-refund basis, on August 1, 1997.

Equitrans states that copies of this rate filing were served on Equitrans' jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest the filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20046, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or protests should be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining appropriate action, 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. Shell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-153-002]

Granite State Gas Transmission Inc.; Notice of Compliance Tariff Filing

May 5, 1997.

Take notice that on May 1, 1997, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State) filed Second Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 289 in its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, to comply with the requirements of Order No. 587-C issued March 4, 1997, adopting additional standard business practices published by the Gas Industry Standards Board. Granite State proposes to make the revised tariff sheet effective June 1, 1997.

Granite State further states that copies of its filing have been served on its firm and interruptible customers, on the regulatory agencies of the states of Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire and the intervenor in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Copies of Granite State's 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

[Project No. 2609]

International Paper Company and Curtis/Palmer Hydroelectric Company L.P.; Notice of Availability of Study Results and Request for Additional Studies

May 5, 1997.

International Paper Company and Curtis/Palmer Hydroelectric Company L.P. are currently engaged in the process of obtaining from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the Commission) a new operating license for the Curtis/Palmer Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2609). The current license for the project is due to expire on April 30, 2000. The project is located on the Hudson River in the Village of Corinth and the Towns of Corinth, Lake Luzerne and Hadley, in Saratoga and Warren Counties, New York. Under the Commission's Regulations, an application for licensing for the project must be filed by April 30, 1998. International Paper Company is managing relicensing activities in cooperation with a team of state and federal resource agencies, conservation groups and local governments (the Cooperative Team).

Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and the Commission's regulations, Curtis/Palmer Hydroelectric Company L.P. and International Paper Company intend to prepare a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) as part of the license application, to be filed with the Commission for the project. Public scoping meetings were held on January 10, 1996 and February 8, 1996 to identify the scope of environmental issues and alternatives that should be analyzed in the DEA.

Based on information contained in Scoping Document 1 and comments received from resource agencies and other interested parties during the scoping meetings and comment period, the Cooperative Team prepared study plans to address issues raised during the scoping process and published them in Scoping Document 2. Study plans were subsequently finalized and studies were undertaken throughout the spring, summer, and fall of 1996. The majority of the study reports were completed and published as Volume 1 Study Reports. During the period from January 31, 1997 until March 3, 1997, the Volume I Reports were available for public review and comment. Those reports not included in Volume 1 have been completed and compiled as Volume 2 Study Reports. The Volume 2 Reports will be available for public review from May 5, 1997 until June 6, 1997 at the International Paper Administration Building at the Hudson River Mill on Pine Street in Corinth, New York. The Volume 2 Reports will also be available in the Corinth Town Office at 600 Palmer Avenue in Corinth, New York and in the Commissions Public Reference Room at 888 First Street N.E. in Washington, D.C. The public is invited to review these documents and to file comments on the adequacy of these studies in addressing issues raised during scoping. Comments on these studies and requests for any additional studies are due by June 6, 1997.

Because Section 4.32(b)(7) of the Commission's Regulations has been waived as to time frame for requesting additional studies, we are requesting that if any resource agency, Indian tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the project on its merit, the resource agency, Indian tribe, or person file a request for any such study with the Secretary of the Commission at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 by June 6, 1997 and serve a copy of the request on Mr. Robert McK. Hunziker, International Paper Company, Two Manhattanville Road, Purchase, NY 10577 and Mr. Andrew Sims, Kleinschmidt Associates, 75 Main Street, Pittsfield, ME 04967. Any comments or recommendations for further study should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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