

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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-3501-000]

#### The Empire District Electric Company; Notice of Filing

July 21, 1997.

Take notice that on June 23, 1997, The Empire District Electric Company (EDE), tendered for filing a service agreement between EDE and Electric Clearinghouse, Inc., providing non-firm point-to-point transmission service pursuant to the open access transmission tariff (Schedule OATS) of EDE.

EDE states that a copy of this filing has been served by mail upon Electric Clearinghouse, Inc., 13430 Northwest Freeway, Suite 1200, Houston, TX 77040.

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 August 1, 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 No. ER97-3508-000]

#### The Empire District Electric Company; Notice of Filing

July 21, 1997.

Take notice that on June 23, 1997, The Empire District Electric Company (EDE), tendered for filing a service agreement between EDE and Utilicorp United providing non-firm point-to-point transmission service pursuant to the open access transmission tariff (Schedule OATS) of EDE.

EDE states that a copy of this filing has been served by mail upon Utilicorp United, 10700 East 350 Highway, Kansas City, MO 64138.

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 August 1, 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 No. CP97-645-000]

#### Ozark Gas Transmission System; Notice of Application

July 21, 1997.

Take notice that on July 16, 1997, Ozark Gas Transmission System (Applicant), 1,000 Louisiana, Suite 5800, Houston, Texas 77002 has filed under Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), for a certificate to construct a delivery point for Arkansas Western Gas Company (AWG) in Township 9N, Range 26W in Franklin County,

Arkansas. Under the terms of the Consent Decree issued in Docket No. CP78-532-000, 22 FERC ¶ 61,334 (1983) Applicant must obtain a certificate from the Commission when it installs facilities to connect with any other entity at the location where construction is proposed.

The proposed construction will allow Applicant to deliver 17,400 Dth/d to AWG. Applicant estimates the cost of this project to be \$11,900. In addition, Applicant states that the construction will be financed from funds on hand.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with regard to this application should on or before August 11, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., 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 the 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 a grant of the certificate 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 Applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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