

tariff as required by the Commission in its Order On Compliance Tariff Rates and Generic Clarification of Implementation Procedures, 80 FERC ¶ 61,143 (1997).

Comment date: September 19, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

45. New Century Services, Inc.

[Docket No. OA97-691-001]

Take notice that on August 15, 1997, New Century Services, Inc., on behalf of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company, Public Service Company of Colorado, and Southwestern Public Service Company, filed a compliance open access transmission tariff in accordance with the Order on Compliance Tariff Rates and Generic Clarification of Implementation Procedures (Order) issued in Docket Nos. OA96-18-000, et al., issued on July 31, 1997.

Comment date: September 19, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

46. Mid-Georgia Cogen L.P.

[Docket No. QF96-26-001]

On August 19, 1997, Mid-Georgia Cogen L.P. (Applicant), c/o GPU International, Inc., One Upper Pond Road, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, submitted for filing an application for recertification of a facility as a qualifying cogeneration facility pursuant to Section 292.207(b) of the Commission's Regulations. No determination has been made that the submittal constitutes a complete filing.

According to the Applicant, the 323 MW natural gas-fired, topping-cycle cogeneration facility is located near Cathleen, Houston, Georgia. The Commission previously certified the facility as a qualifying cogeneration facility in Mid-Georgia Cogen, L.P., 74 FERC ¶ 62,162 (1996). According to the application, the instant recertification is requested to assure that the facility will remain a qualifying facility following a change in the ownership of Mid-Georgia Cogen L.P.

Comment date: September 29, 1997, 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2584-003 New York]

Rochester Gas & Electric Corp.; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

September 8, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for new license for the Station 26 Hydroelectric Project, located on the Genesee River, in City of Rochester, Monroe County, New York, and has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the project.

Copies of the FEA are available in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 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. CP97-656-000]

Texas Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed North Louisiana Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

September 8, 1997.

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 an additional 4,600 horsepower (hp) of compression at the existing Houghton Compression Station, proposed in the North Louisiana Expansion Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas) proposes to expand the capacity of its facilities in Louisiana to transport an additional 105,000 million British thermal units per day of firm natural gas service to a new customer. Texas Gas seeks authority to construct and operate a 4,600 hp Dresser-Rand reciprocating compressor unit and associated equipment at its existing Houghton Compressor Station in Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.² If you are interested in obtaining procedural information, please write to the Secretary of the Commission.

Land Requirements for Construction

Texas Gas owns the 28.54 acre Houghton Compressor Station site. Construction and operation of the proposed project would require a total of 10.5 acres, all of which would be within the existing site.

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 received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are

¹ Texas Gas Transmission Corporation's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations.

² The 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, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.