

proposed abandonment. Koch Gateway states that Entex has not used this point since 1988. Koch Gateway further states that it would plug and remove the tap, remove all above ground facilities and after cleaning the pipe and filling it with either water or nitrogen, would abandon the lateral in place.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the 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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of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. ER98-107-000]

Sithe Power Marketing, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

December 15, 1997.

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

On December 4, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Rate 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 Sithe 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).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Sithe is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, 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 purpose 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 Sithe'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 5, 1998. 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

Notice of Application Filed With the Commission

December 15, 1997.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Action:* Proceeding Pursuant to Reserved Authority to Determine Whether Modifications to License are Appropriate.

b. *Project No:* 3021-048.

c. *License Issued:* March 27, 1985.

d. *Licensee:* Allegheny Hydro No. 8 and 9 Limited Partnership (LP) and Connecticut National Bank.

e. *Name of Project:* Allegheny River Lock and Dam 8 and 9 Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* Allegheny River, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

g. *Authorization:* Section 10(a)(1) of the Federal Power Act and Article 17 of the License.

h. *License Contact:* Ms. Tania S. Aslan, Sithe Energies, Inc., 450 Lexington Avenue, 37th Floor, New York, NY 10017, (212) 450-9045

i. *FERC Contact:* Steve Hocking (202) 219-2656.

j. *Comment Date:* February 17, 1998.

k. *Description of Proceeding:* The Commission has begun a proceeding to determine if reserved authority in article 17 of the license should be used to require 15-inch flashboards on the top of Lock and Dam 9, part of the Allegheny River Lock and Dam 8 and 9 Project. The proceeding is in response to concerns raised by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and private citizens about the impacts of project-induced lower water levels on recreational boating in the Lock 9 pool. Flashboards could be used to increase water levels in the Lock 9 pool to more closely resemble pre-hydroelectric project conditions. Flashboards have been authorized as an interim measure since 1994.

The Commission prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) analyzing the environmental impacts of using 15-inch flashboards for public review and comment. A copy of the draft EA can be obtained by calling the Commission's public reference room at (202) 208-1371.

j. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR Sections 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS" "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTESTS", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing is in response. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and 8 copies to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Motions to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.