

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 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 WNG to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC98-23-000, et al.]

Duke Energy Corporation; et al. Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

January 7, 1998.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Power and Light Company

[Docket No. EC98-23-000]

Take notice that on December 22, 1997, Duke Energy Corporation ("Duke"), on behalf of itself and certain of its affiliates, and Nantahala Power and Light Company ("Nantahala"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Duke (collectively "Applicants"), tendered for filing pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act (the "FPA"), 16 U.S.C. 824b, Part 33 of the Commission's Regulations, 18 CFR 33, and 18 CFR 2.26, an Application for an order approving the proposed merger of Nantahala into Duke.

Applicants state that Nantahala, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Duke, will

merge into Duke, with Duke to continue as the surviving corporation. They state that after consummation of the merger, Nantahala will become a division of Duke's Electric Operations Group. According to Applicants, the proposed merger will not result in any change of control over the FPA-jurisdictional facilities, nor will it affect any contracts held by their power marketer affiliates. The Applicants state that they have submitted the information required by Part 33 of the Commission's regulations, and by the Commission's recently-issued Merger Policy Statement (Order No. 592), Inquiry Concerning the Commission's Merger Policy Under the Federal Power Act; Policy Statement (issued December 18, 1996), 61 FR 68,595 (December 30, 1996), to be codified at 18 CFR 2.26), in support of the Application.

Applicants represent that, as required by 18 CFR 33.6, copies of the Application and related testimony and exhibits have been served on each of Duke's and Nantahala's wholesale customers and on the North Carolina Utilities Commission and the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Comment date: February 20, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Central Illinois Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER98-962-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Central Illinois Public Service Company (CIPS), tendered for filing a notice of cancellation of the umbrella short-term firm transmission service agreement between CIPS and Delhi Energy Services, Inc. (DESI). The cancellation is at the request of DESI.

CIPS requests an effective date of December 9, 1997 for the notice of cancellation. Accordingly, CIPS requests waiver of the Commission's regulations. CIPS states that a copy of the filing has been served on DESI.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Louisville Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER98-963-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing an executed Short-Term Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement between LG&E and PECO Energy Company under LG&E's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. Louisville Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER98-964-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing an executed Short-Term Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement between LG&E and Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company (SIGECO) under LG&E's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. Houston Lighting & Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-965-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P), tendered for filing an executed transmission service agreement (TSA) with Entergy Power Marketing Corp. ("Entergy") for Non-Firm Transmission Service under HL&P's FERC Electric Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, for Transmission Service To, From and Over Certain HVDC Interconnections. HL&P has requested an effective date of December 8, 1997.

Copies of the filing were served on Entergy and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Houston Lighting & Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-966-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P), tendered for filing an executed transmission service agreement (TSA) with Williams Energy Services Company ("Williams") for Non-Firm Transmission Service under HL&P's FERC Electric Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, for Transmission Service To, From and Over Certain HVDC Interconnections. HL&P has requested an effective date of December 8, 1997.

Copies of the filing were served on Williams and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Houston Lighting & Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-967-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P), tendered for filing an executed transmission service agreement (TSA) with Enron Power Marketing, Inc. ("Enron") for Non-Firm Transmission Service under HL&P's FERC Electric Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, for Transmission Service To, From and

Over Certain HVDC Interconnections. HL&P has requested an effective date of December 8, 1997.

Copies of the filing were served on Enron and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Houston Lighting & Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-968-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P), tendered for filing an executed transmission service agreement (TSA) with Entergy Services, Inc. ("Entergy Services") for Non-Firm Transmission Service under HL&P's FERC Electric Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, for Transmission Service To, From and Over Certain HVDC Interconnections. HL&P has requested an effective date of December 8, 1997.

Copies of the filing were served on Entergy Services and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. Houston Lighting & Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-969-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P), tendered for filing an executed transmission service agreement (TSA) with DuPont Power Marketing, Inc. ("DuPont Power") for Non-Firm Transmission Service under HL&P's FERC Electric Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, for Transmission Service To, From and Over Certain HVDC Interconnections. HL&P has requested an effective date of December 8, 1997.

Copies of the filing were served on DuPont Power and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. Houston Lighting & Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-970-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P), tendered for filing an executed transmission service agreement (TSA) with NGTS Energy Services ("NGTS") for Non-Firm Transmission Service under HL&P's FERC Electric Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, for Transmission Service To, From and Over Certain HVDC Interconnections. HL&P has requested an effective date of December 8, 1997.

Copies of the filing were served on NGTS and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Houston Lighting & Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-971-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P), tendered for filing an executed transmission service agreement (TSA) with Energy Transfer Group ("ETG") for Non-Firm Transmission Service under HL&P's FERC Electric Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, for Transmission Service To, From and Over Certain HVDC Interconnections. HL&P has requested an effective date of December 8, 1997.

Copies of the filing were served on ETG and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Houston Lighting & Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-972-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P), tendered for filing an executed transmission service agreement (TSA) with NP Energy, Inc. ("NP Energy") for Non-Firm Transmission Service under HL&P's FERC Electric Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, for Transmission Service To, From and Over Certain HVDC Interconnections. HL&P has requested an effective date of December 8, 1997.

Copies of the filing were served on NP Energy and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. New Energy Ventures, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER98-983-000]

Take notice that on December 9, 1997, New Energy Ventures, L.L.C., tendered for filing a notice of succession in operations pursuant to 18 CFR 35.16 in order to reflect its name change from NEV, L.L.C.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-987-000]

Take notice that on December 8, 1997, Cinergy Services, Inc. ("Cinergy"), filed a notification indicating its consent to the assignment by Heartland Energy Services, Inc.'s ("Heartland") of its rights and obligations under the Interchange Agreement between Cinergy and HES to Cargill-IEC, LLC ("Cargill").

Cinergy requests an effective date of November 1, 1997.

Copies of the filing were served upon Heartland, as well as the State Commissions of Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio, and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Louisville Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER98-988-000]

Take notice that on December 9, 1997, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing an executed Short-Term Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement between LG&E and Vitol Gas & Electric, LLC under LG&E's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Louisville Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER98-989-000]

Take notice that on December 9, 1997, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing an executed Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement between LG&E and Sonat Power Marketing L.P. under LG&E's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Houston Lighting & Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-993-000]

Take notice that on December 9, 1997, Houston Lighting & Power Company ("HL&P"), submitted for filing notices of cancellation of various transmission service agreements under HL&P's tariff for transmission service "to, from and over" certain HVDC Interconnections.

HL&P states that a copy of the filing has been served on all affected customers.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. The Washington Water Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-1022-000]

Take notice that on December 10, 1997, The Washington Water Power Company ("WWP"), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission a proposed revision to the standard form of an umbrella Service Agreement for Point-To-Point Transmission Service under WWP's

Open Access Transmission Tariff—FERC Electric Tariff, Volume No. 8. WWP requests an effective date of January 1, 1998.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

19. New York State Electric & Gas Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-1023-000]

Take notice that on December 10, 1997, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG"), filed Service Agreements between NYSEG and Northeast Utilities Service Company ("Customer"). These Service Agreements specify that the Customer has agreed to the rates, terms and conditions of the NYSEG open access transmission tariff filed and effective on June 11, 1997, in Docket No. OA97-571-000.

NYSEG requests waiver of the Commission's sixty-day notice requirements and an effective date of November 14, 1997 for the Service Agreements. NYSEG has served copies of the filing on The New York State Public Service Commission and on the Customer.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

20. Northern States Power Company (Minnesota Company), and Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin Company)

[Docket No. ER98-1024-000]

Take notice that on December 10, 1997, Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) and Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin) (collectively known as "NSP"), tendered for filing an Electric Service Agreement between NSP and Union Electric Company ("Customer"). This Electric Service Agreement is an enabling agreement under which NSP may provide to Customer the electric services identified in NSP Operating Companies Electric Services Tariff original Volume No. 4. NSP requests that this Electric Service Agreement be made effective on November 12, 1997.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

21. Louisville Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER98-1025-000]

Take notice that on December 10, 1997, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing an executed Short-Term Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement

between LG&E and Entergy Power Marketing Corp. under LG&E's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

22. Louisville Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER98-1026-000]

Take notice that on December 10, 1997, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing an executed Short-Term Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement between LG&E and Proliance Energy, LLC under LG&E's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

23. Louisville Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER98-1027-000]

Take notice that on December 10, 1997, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing an executed Short-Term Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement between LG&E and Electric Clearinghouse, Inc. under LG&E's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

24. New England Power Pool

[Docket No. ER98-1059-000]

Take notice that on December 15, 1997, the New England Power Pool Executive Committee filed for acceptance a signature page to the New England Power Pool ("NEPOOL") Agreement dated September 1, 1971, as amended, signed by COM/Energy Marketing, Inc. ("COM/Energy"). The NEPOOL Agreement has been designated NEPOOL FPC No. 2.

The Executive Committee states that the Commission's acceptance of COM/Energy's signature page would permit NEPOOL to expand its membership to include COM/Energy. NEPOOL further states that the filed signature page does not change the NEPOOL Agreement in any manner, other than to make COM/Energy a member in NEPOOL. NEPOOL requests an effective date of March 1, 1998, for commencement of participation in NEPOOL by COM/Energy.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

25. Tucson Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-1121-000]

Take notice that on December 17, 1997, Tucson Electric Power Company tendered for filing proposed changes in its Open Access Transmission Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 2. Tucson proposes to modify the provision of Section 5 of its Open Access Transmission Tariff which sets forth the procedures governing requests for transmission service in circumstances where facilities have been financed through the use of tax-exempt local furnishing bonds. These proposed revisions would clarify cost recovery procedures applicable to customers that take service which jeopardizes a facility's tax-exempt status.

Copies of the filing were served upon the public utility's jurisdictional customers and the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

26. Tucson Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-1150-000]

Take notice that on December 19, 1997, Tucson Electric Power Company ("TEP") filed its proposed Market Rate Tariff for Affiliate Sales. The proposed tariff would allow TEP to sell capacity and energy to its affiliates at market-based rates consistent with Commission precedent.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

27. Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company

[Docket No. ER98-1198-000]

Take notice that on December 24, 1997, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company tendered for filing Amendment No.2 to its interconnection agreement with the City of Painesville. This filing is made pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act.

Comment date: January 21, 1998, 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

OPPTS-00231; FRL-5765-9]

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel; Panel on *Bacillus Thuringiensis* Plant Pesticides and Resistance Management; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: There will be a 2-day meeting of a Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) Subpanel on managing the emergence of resistance in insect pest populations to *Bacillus Thuringiensis* (*Bt*) plant-pesticides. The meeting will be open to the public. The Panel will discuss specific questions posed by the Agency based on an EPA report. This meeting will be the second in a series of SAP meetings the Agency intends to hold on resistance management and *Bt*. The first meeting was held on March 1, 1995. EPA anticipates it will hold a third meeting in late 1998 or early 1999, to review a second report it intends to prepare issuing information submitted to EPA in late 1997 and 1998.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday and Tuesday, February 9 and 10, 1998, starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. Should this meeting be canceled because of weather-related problems, the meeting will then be rescheduled for February 17 and 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at EPA, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Rm. 1126, Arlington, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Creavery Lloyd, SAP Committee Management Assistant, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, (MC-7101), Rm. E-625, 401

M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone: 202-260-6900, Fax: 202-260-0949, E-mail:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document and the report are available from the EPA Home Page at the **Federal Register**--Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgrstr/>).

The Panel will discuss specific questions posed by the Agency based on an EPA report. The report evaluates scientific data generated by companies in the 1996 growing season and submitted to EPA on plants expressing *Bt* delta endotoxins, i.e., *Bt* field corn, *Bt* cotton, and *Bt* potato. The report also analyzes information gathered on the 1996 bollworm infestation in Brazos Valley in Texas in 1996. Finally, the report compiles and analyzes testimony offered at the two public hearings held by EPA under FIFRA section 21 on March 21, 1997, in Washington, DC and on May 21, 1997, in College Station, TX. The EPA report may be found in the docket for this meeting. EPA anticipates crops other than corn, cotton, or potato may be modified to express various *Bt* toxins and believes its experience with corn, cotton, and potato expressing various *Bt* toxins may be useful in determining whether and what components of a management program would be appropriate for such crops.

The public will be given an opportunity to comment at the meeting. Members of the public are requested to contact the Agency in advance concerning their desire to comment at the meeting. Attendance by the public will be limited by available space. Persons interested in attending or making public comment should contact Creavery Lloyd, and forward a copy of any public comments, no later than February 2, 1998.

Dated: January 8, 1998.

Lynn R. Goldman,

Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00520; FRL-5765-8]

1996 Food Quality Protection Act; Right-To-Know Draft Brochure

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability for public comment of a draft brochure containing information on pesticide residues in food. The draft brochure is available in two formats; the text is identical, but the illustrations differ. EPA is required by the Food Quality Protection Act to make this brochure available to the public through large grocery stores by August 3, 1998.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to: Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 119 at the Virginia address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

To receive copies of the draft brochure: By mail: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person: Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, Telephone: (703) 305-5805; Fax: (703) 305-4646, e-mail: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua Alexander, Communications Services Branch, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (703) 308-0835, Fax: (703) 305-5558, e-