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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-1243-000]

#### Montaup Electric Company; Notice of Filing

January 29, 1998.

Take notice that on December 24, 1997, Montaup Electric Company (Montaup) tendered for filing newly executed Standard Service Agreements between Montaup and its two retail affiliates doing business in Rhode Island. Montaup has asked that these service agreements be accepted and made effective as of January 1, 1998. Montaup states that by its filing it is seeking to implement the first stages of the settlement approved by the Commission on December 19, 1997 in this proceeding.

Copies of this filing were served upon all parties shown on the Commission's official service list in the captioned proceedings and upon affected state agencies.

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, DC 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 February 10, 1998. 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-1290-000]

#### New York State Electric & Gas Corporation; Notice of Filing

January 29, 1998.

Take notice that on January 2, 1998, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG), tendered for filing pursuant to Part 35 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR Part 35, a service agreement under which NYSEG may provide capacity and/or energy to Empire Natural Gas Corporation (Empire) (the Purchaser) in accordance with NYSEG's FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 1.

NYSEG has requested waiver of the notice requirements so that the service agreement with Empire becomes effective as of January 3, 1998.

The Service Agreement is subject to the Commission Order Authorizing Disposition of Jurisdiction Facilities and Corporate Reorganization issued on December 16, 1997 in Docket No. EC97-52-000.

NYSEG has served copies of the filing upon the New York State Public Service Commission and Empire.

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 February 11, 1998. 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-196-000]

#### North Shore Gas Company; Notice of Application

January 29, 1998.

Take notice that on January 23, 1998, North Shore Gas Company (North Shore), 130 East Randolph Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601, filed in Docket No. CP98-196-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(f) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for a service area determination, a finding that North Shore qualifies as a local distribution company for purposes of Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) and for a waiver of the Commission's regulatory requirements, including reporting and accounting requirements ordinarily applicable to natural gas companies under the NGA and NGPA, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

North Shore states that it is a local distribution company operating a service area for the sale and distribution of natural gas to 140,000 customers for residential, commercial and industrial use in Lake and Cook Counties, Illinois. North Shore further states that its natural gas distribution system consists of 2,100 miles of gas distribution mains.

North Shore states that it requests a service area determination consisting of an area that is, in essence, a right-of-way from ANR Pipeline Company's (ANR) facilities in Kenosha County, Wisconsin, that would extend 10.4 miles to the Illinois border and approximately another two miles in North Shore's service territory in Lake County, Illinois.

North Shore maintains that it will not provide service to customers in the requested service area in Wisconsin, nor will it serve any customers in Illinois outside of its current service territory. It is stated that the requested service area determination would allow facilities to be put in place to reinforce and increase the reliability of North Shore's gas distribution markets in the northern portion of its service territory and to establish a direct interconnection with ANR.

North Shore states that in connection with this proposal, North Shore and ANR have an agreement whereupon North Shore will be able to sell to ANR the gas transmission main and appurtenant interconnection facilities after five years of operation. North Shore maintains that during the period