

16. Northern States Power Company (Minnesota Company) and Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin Company)

[Docket No. ER98-1327-000]

Take notice that on January 7, 1998, 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 WPS Energy Services, Inc. (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 December 15, 1997.

Comment date: February 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-1438-000]

Take notice that on January 15, 1998, the following Participants¹ tendered for filing pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 824d, and Section 35.12 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations, 18 CFR 35.12, an Open Access Transmission Tariff and other related documents to form the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO), an Independent System Operator.

The Participants state that the Midwest ISO will operate independently of any transmission owners or other market participants, will provide nondiscriminatory access to transmission facilities in a multi-state region at non-pancaked rates, and will enhance regional reliability.

Comment date: February 13, 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

¹ Cinergy Corp. (on behalf of Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, PSI Energy, Inc., and Union Light, Heat & Power), Commonwealth Edison Company, Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., Illinois Power Company, Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc., Ameren (on behalf of Central Illinois Public Service Company and Union Electric Company), Kentucky Utilities Company, and Louisville Gas & Electric Company.

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 these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2032-001]

Lower Valley Power and Light Inc.; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment and Solicitation of Written Scoping Comments

February 2, 1998.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has received an application from the Lower Valley Power and Light, Inc. (Lower Valley) to relicense the Strawberry Hydroelectric Project No. 2032-001. The 1500-kilowatt project is located on Strawberry Creek near Bedford, within lands of the Bridger National Forest, in Lincoln County, Wyoming.

The Commission, as the lead agency, and the Forest Service intend to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

In the EA, we will consider reasonable alternatives to the project as proposed by Lower Valley, and analyze both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts of the project, as well as, economic and engineering impacts.

The draft EA will be issued and circulated to those on the mailing list for this project. All comments filed on the draft EA will be analyzed by the Staff and considered in a final EA. The staff's conclusions and recommendations presented in the final EA will then be presented to the Commission to assist in making a licensing decision.

Scoping

We are asking agencies, Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations, and

individuals to help us identify the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA, and to provide us with information that may be useful in preparing the EA.

To help focus comments on the environmental issues, a scoping document outlining subject areas to be addressed in the EA will soon be mailed to those on the mailing list for the project. Those not on the mailing list may request a copy of the scoping document from the environmental coordinator, whose telephone number is listed below.

Those with comments or information pertaining to this project should file it with the Commission at the following address: David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The comments and information are due to the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of the scoping document. All filings should clearly show the following on the first page: Strawberry Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2032-001.

Intervenors are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure which require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Surender Yepuri, Project Coordinator, at (202) 219-2847.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Hearings and Appeals

Issuance of Decisions and Orders; Week of November 17 Through November 21, 1997

During the week of November 17 through November 21, 1997, the decisions and orders summarized below were issued with respect to appeals, applications, petitions, or other requests filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy. The following summary also contains a