

by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Docket No. ER97-412-000.

The proposed effective dates under the Service Agreements is August 1, 1998, for the above mentioned Service Agreements.

Comment date: September 3, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

37. Abacus Group, Ltd.

[Docket No. ER98-4240-000]

Take notice that on August 14, 1998, Abacus Group, Ltd. (AGL), tendered for filing Rate Schedule FERC No. 1, under which AGL will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. AGL requests blanket authorization to purchase and resell electricity at negotiated, market-based rates.

AGL is a New Jersey corporation with its principal place of business in Bergenfield, New Jersey. AGL intends to principally engage in the marketing and brokering of electricity and natural gas.

AGL proposes to act as a power marketer, purchasing electricity and reselling it to wholesale customers. AGL may also engage in other, nonjurisdictional, activities to facilitate efficient trade in the bulk power market, such as facilitating the purchase and sale of wholesale energy without taking title to the electricity (brokering), and arranging services in related areas such as transmission and fuel supplies. All transactions between AGL and its purchasers and sellers will be at rates negotiated between the parties to the transaction.

Comment date: September 3, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

38. Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-4241-000]

Take notice that on August 14, 1998, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (CHG&E), tendered for filing pursuant to Section 35.12 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations in 18 CFR a Non-Firm Point-to-Point Service Agreement between CHG&E and SCANA Energy Marketing, Inc., The terms and conditions of service under this Agreement are made pursuant to CHG&E's FERC Open Access Schedule, Original Volume No. 1 (Transmission Tariff) filed in compliance with the Commission's Order No. 888 in Docket No. RM95-8-000 and RM94-7-001 and amended in compliance with Commission Order dated May 28, 1997.

CHG&E also has requested waiver of the 60-day notice provision pursuant to 18 CFR Section 35.11. CHG&E requests an effective date of August 4, 1998, for the Service Agreement.

Comment date: September 3, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

39. Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.

[Docket No. ER98-4242-000]

Take notice that on August 14, 1998, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (CHG&E), tendered for filing pursuant to Section 35.12 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations in 18 CFR a Non-Firm Point-to-Point Service Agreement between CHG&E and H.Q. Energy Services (U.S.). The terms and conditions of service under this Agreement are made pursuant to CHG&E's FERC Open Access Schedule, Original Volume No. 1 (Transmission Tariff) filed in compliance with the Commission's Order No. 888 in Docket No. RM95-8-000 and RM94-7-001 and amended in compliance with Commission Order dated May 28, 1997.

CHG&E also has requested waiver of the 60-day notice provision pursuant to 18 CFR Section 35.11. CHG&E requests an effective date of July 17, 1998, for the Service Agreement.

Comment date: September 3, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

40. UtiliCorp United Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-4243-000]

Take notice that on August 14, 1998, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp), filed service agreements with PG&E Energy Trading-Power, L.P., for service under its Non-Firm Point-to-Point open access transmission service for its operating divisions, Missouri Public Service, WestPlains Energy—Kansas and WestPlains Energy—Colorado.

UtiliCorp requests an effective date of August 14, 1998.

Comment date: September 3, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

41. Bonneville Power Administration

[Docket No. NJ97-3-003]

Take notice that on August 12, 1998, Bonneville Power Administration tendered for filing its compliance filing in the above-referenced docket.

Comment date: September 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

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

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 8732-004-VA]

City of Manassas, Virginia Department of Public Works; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

August 26, 1998.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA was prepared for an application filed by the City of Manassas, Virginia, Department of Public Works on December 22, 1997, to surrender its existing exemption from licensing for the Broad Run Hydroelectric Project.

The EA evaluates the environmental impacts that would result from permanently discontinuing electric generation at the existing powerhouse located below the City's T. Nelson Elliott Dam and 650-acre Lake Manassas. The document concludes that approval of the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be viewed at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426. Copies also may be obtained by calling the EA coordinator, Peter Yarrington, at (202) 219-2939.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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