

10. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-4475-000]

Take notice that on September 3, 1998, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission a revision to Schedule A of Rate Schedule No. 204, between Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and the New York Power Authority. Schedule A is a list of the Municipal & Rural Electric Cooperative Customers of the Power Authority of the State of New York for whom transmission service is provided by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation pursuant to Rate Schedule No. 204.

NMPC requests an effective date of July 1, 1998. NMPC has requested waiver of the notice requirements for good cause shown.

NMPC has served copies of the filing upon the New York State Public Service Commission and the New York Power Authority.

Comment date: September 23, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-4476-000]

Take notice that on September 3, 1998, Illinois Power Company (Illinois Power), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur, Illinois 62526, tendered for filing notification that Heartland Energy Services, Inc. (HES), has assigned its rights and obligations under the transmission service agreements between Illinois Power and HES to Cargill-Alliant, L.L.C. (Cargill). HES has represented to Illinois Power that this assignment was effective as of January 28, 1998.

Copies of this filing were served upon HES, as well as on Cargill and the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Comment date: September 23, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Tucson Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-4477-000]

Take notice that on September 3, 1998, Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP), tendered for filing one (1) non-firm umbrella transmission service agreement pursuant to Part II of TEP's Open Access Transmission Tariff, which was filed in Docket No. OA96-140-000.

TEP entered into a umbrella Service Agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service with El Paso Energy Marketing Company dated September 3, 1998. Service under this agreement commenced August 4, 1998.

Comment date: September 23, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-4478-000]

Take notice that on September 4, 1998, Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy), tendered for filing a service agreement under Cinergy's Power Open Access Transmission Tariff entered into between Cinergy and El Paso Energy Marketing Company (El Paso) and an index of customers.

Cinergy and El Paso are requesting an effective date of August 8, 1998.

Cinergy is serving a copy of this filing on El Paso Energy Marketing Company, the Texas Public Utility Commission, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Kentucky Public Service Commission, and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Comment date: September 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative

[Docket No. ER98-4479-000]

Take notice that on September 4, 1998, Deseret Generation & Transmission Co-operative (Deseret), tendered for filing an executed umbrella non-firm point-to-point service agreement with New Energy Ventures, L.L.C., under its open access transmission tariff. Deseret's open access transmission tariff is currently on file with the Commission in Docket No. OA97-487-000.

Copies have been served upon New Energy Ventures, L.L.C.

Deseret requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements for an effective date of September 4, 1998.

Comment date: September 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Southwest Power Pool

[ER98-4480-000]

Take notice that on September 4, 1998, Southwest Power Pool (SPP), tendered for filing two executed service agreements with The Energy Authority (EA), for short-term firm point-to-point transmission service and non-firm point-to-point firm transmission service under the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Effective date for each of these agreements is August 13, 1998.

Southwest Power Pool requests a waiver of the Commission's 60-day requirements set forth at 19 CFR 35.3.

Copies of this filing were served upon EA.

Comment date: September 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Great Bay Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-4481-000]

Take notice that on September 3, 1998, Great Bay Power Corporation (Great Bay), tendered for filing a service agreement between Columbia Energy Power Marketing Corporation and Great Bay for service under Great Bay's revised Tariff for Short Term Sales. This Tariff was accepted for filing by the Commission on July 24, 1998, in Docket No. ER98-3470-000.

The service agreement is proposed to be effective August 28, 1998.

Comment date: September 24, 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.

David P. Boergers,*Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP97-774-000, et al.]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed CNG Transmission Corporation Market Area Storage Project

September 11, 1998.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on both the natural gas storage field and

pipeline facilities proposed by CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG) and Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) in the above-referenced docket.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to provide CNG and Texas Eastern the capability to expand the capacity of the jointly-owned storage facilities to allow for the storage of an additional 10 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas at the Oakford Storage Field and 12,000 horsepower (hp) of compression at the Oakford Compressor Station in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Also, the proposed facilities would add about 200 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) of injection capability and about 393 MMcf/d of additional end-of-January withdrawal capability at the Oakford Storage Field.

CNG would also increase the deliverability of the Greenlick Storage Complex in Potter County, Pennsylvania and increase the working gas capacity of the Fink-Kennedy/Los Creek Storage Complex in Harrison and Lewis Counties, West Virginia.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Specifically, the EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of CNG and Texas Eastern's proposed modifications to their gas storage and related pipeline facilities in the Oakford Storage Field, including:

- 12,000 horsepower (hp) of additional electric motor-driven compression and related piping and appurtenant facilities at the existing Oakford Compressor Station in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania;
- About 6 miles of new and replacement storage field well lines of various diameters and lengths. These would consist of:
 - a. 670 feet of existing 6-inch-diameter well line (JP-266) with a new 12-inch-diameter well line;
 - b. 5,622 feet of existing 12-inch well line (JP-260) with a new 16-inch-diameter well line;
 - c. 2,545 feet of existing 6-inch-diameter well line (JP-276) with a new 10-inch-diameter well line;
 - d. 3,734 feet and 684 feet of existing 6-inch-diameter well lines (JP-204, JP-288) with a new 8-inch-diameter well line;
 - e. 3,623 feet and 2,228 feet of two existing 8-inch-diameter well lines (JP-

182, JP-231) with a new 12-inch-diameter well lines;

f. 822 feet and 50 feet of two existing 6-inch-diameter well lines (JP-432, JP-458) with a new 10-inch-diameter well line; and

g. 4,400 feet of new 24-inch-diameter pipeline (JP-302); and

h. 5,016 feet of new 16-inch-diameter pipeline (JP-303).

- A Gate Valve Junction JP-260/JP-302 and pig receiver/launcher;
- A Gate Valve Junction JP-302/JP-303;
- Two aboveground Gate Valves on pipeline JP-231;
- Various valves, piping, filter separators, buildings, a launcher/receiver, and appurtenant facilities at the Oakford Compressor Station;
- Replacement of dehydration facilities at the Oakford Compressor Station with a new dry desiccant dehydration system that would increase the processing capability by 400 MMcf/d (from 800 MMcf/d to 1,200 MMcf/d); and
- 325 feet of 10-inch-diameter suction line at the Lincoln Heights Compressor Station in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania replacing an 8-inch-diameter pipeline and related aboveground facilities.

CNG would also increase the deliverability of its Greenlick Compressor Station in Potter County, Pennsylvania from 912 MMcf/d to 1,062 MMcf/d, and increase of 150 MMcf/d. This increase would be achieved by modifying the existing dehydration system and some of the crossover heaters, separators, valves, and other existing facilities.

Further, CNG requests authorization to convert 2.56 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of existing base gas capacity to working gas capacity of Fink-Kennedy/Lost Creek Storage Complex. This conversion would allow CNG to provide additional storage capacity without additional facilities.

Nonjurisdictional Facilities

A nonjurisdictional 138 kilovolt (KV) electric substation would be installed at the Oakford Compressor Station by Allegheny Power Company. The substation would be constructed on a 0.75 acre site on compressor station property along the south side and outside of the existing fence line. It would consist of a 138 KV transformer, poles, breakers, and a 30-foot-long access road all within the existing compressor station facility. In addition, about 1.7 miles of 138 KV electric transmission line would be constructed

to the substation by Allegheny Power Company. This facility is analyzed in the EA.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426 (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send *two* copies of your comments to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label *one* of those copies for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch II, PR-11.2;
- Reference Docket No. CP97-774-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before October 13, 1998.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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