

the Adrian gas storage field's pore volume, and thus, its storage capacity is slightly greater than was previously estimated and certificated by the Commission in docket No. CP89-1684-000. Steuben further states that rounding up to a new maximum inventory of 8,500 MMcf would require a slight increase in the certificated maximum pressure.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the commission has issued this notice, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-191-000]

Trunkline Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 4, 1999.

Take notice that on December 23, 1998, Trunkline Gas Company (Trunkline) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A attached to the filing, to be effective January 23, 1999.

Trunkline states that the purpose of this filing, made in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.204 of the Commission's Regulations, is to: (1) reduce the notice period from 15 days to 5 business days for firm shippers to request changes in their primary points of receipt and delivery; and (2) make other housekeeping changes to reflect clarifications or correct inadvertent omissions. Based on shipper requests and Trunkline's improved administrative process, Trunkline is able to reduce the processing time for firm shippers to request changes in primary points of receipt and delivery. Shippers will be allowed to request

such changes twice in any thirty day period giving them additional flexibility to manage their needs.

Trunkline further states that housekeeping changes are required to clarify the language in the billing section of several Trunkline rate schedules. Trunkline is not changing its current billing procedures for these rate schedules. The revised tariff sheets clarify the usage charge under Rate Schedule SST applies only up to shipper's Maximum Daily Quantity (MDQ), or Maximum Daily Receipt Obligation (MDRO) for gathering, (thereafter the overrun rate applies in accordance with the current tariff language) and that gathering overrun charges apply to quantities in excess of shipper's MDRO at points of receipt designated as gathering under Rate Schedules FT, SST, EFT, QNT and LFT. Other housekeeping changes are required to: (1) update the point of origin of Trunkline's pipeline system on the preliminary statement; (2) modify the definition of eligible points of delivery in Section 2.5 of Rate Schedule NNS-2 to be consistent with the change in the applicability of Rate Schedule NNS-2. Pursuant to Commission authorization dated March 3, 1995 in Docket No. RP95-151-000, service under this rate schedule is no longer restricted to the historical sales customers under Trunkline's former tariff.

Trunkline states that a copy of this filing is available for public inspection during regular business hours at Trunkline's office at 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310. In addition, copies of this filing are being served on all affected customers and applicable state regulatory agencies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. 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 in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Viking Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

January 4, 1999.

Take notice that on December 31, 1998, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking) 825 Rice Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55117, filed an application in Docket No. CP99-140-000 pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon certain facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

On September 3, 1998, Viking filed an application in Docket No. CP99-761-000 to construct and operate five segments of 24-inch pipeline loop totaling 45 miles, to install certain above-ground facilities, including crossover assemblies, and to establish a new meter station (the 1999 Expansion). The 1999 Expansion, located in 6 counties in Minnesota, is designed to meet new requests for transportation service and to augment system reliability and operational flexibility.

In conjunction with the 1999 Expansion project, Viking proposes in the subject application to abandon its existing Angus crossover assembly located in Polk County, Minnesota. The crossover facilities consist of a 12-inch sidevalve, a 8-inch blowdown valve, and approximately 80 feet of associated 24-inch pipe together with related valves and fittings. The facilities were installed in 1997, as authorized in Docket No. CP97-93-000 as part of an earlier looping project.¹ Since terminus of the earlier loopline will now be extended southward as a result of looping proposed in Docket No. CP98-761-000, the subject crossover assembly is no longer needed. A new crossover assembly will be installed at the terminus of the Angus loopline proposed in the 1999 Expansion. Removing the Angus crossover assembly is estimated to cost approximately \$6,000. The abandonment is an integral part of the 1999 Expansion and the removal will take place concurrent with

¹ 79 FERC ¶61,136 (1997).

the new construction. Viking states that the proposed abandonment would not adversely affect system operations or affect service to customers.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 14, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.311) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. 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

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing or any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally,

whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

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 Viking to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG99-14-000, et al.]

ECK Generating, S.R.O., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

December 31, 1998.

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

1. ECK Generating, S.R.O.

[Docket No. EG99-14-000]

Take notice that on December 18, 1998, ECK Generating, S.R.O. (Applicant), with its principal offices at Kladno, Dubska, Teplarna 272 03, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the Commission) an amended application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations. The Amendment supplements the Application filed on October 23, 1998, to provide additional information.

The Application and Amendment state that the Applicant is a limit liability company organized under the laws of the Czech Republic that will own a portion of and lease a portion of a 344 MW generating plant near the City of Kladno in the Czech Republic. Applicant states that it will be engaged

directly, or indirectly through one or more affiliates, as defined in Section 2(a)(11)(B) of PUHCA, and exclusively in the business of owning and/or operating, an undivided interest in this facility and selling electric energy at wholesale and making permitted foreign retail electric sales.

Comment date: January 25, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

2. Little Bay Power Corporation

[Docket No. EG99-49-000]

Take notice that on December 22, 1998, Little Bay Power Corporation, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

The Applicant states that it is engaged directly and exclusively in the business of owning a 2.9 percent undivided interest (the Seabrook Interest) in the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant (the Seabrook Plant) and selling at wholesale its entitlement to a *pro rata* share of the capacity and energy from the Seabrook Plant. The Seabrook Plant is a nuclear-fueled electricity generating plant located in Seabrook, New Hampshire, consisting of a pressurized water reactor with a rated capacity of 1,150 megawatts. The Seabrook Plant includes interconnecting transmission facilities that interconnect the Seabrook Plant with the transmission facilities of Public Service Company of New Hampshire. The Applicant requests a determination that, the Applicant will be an exempt wholesale generator under Section 32(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.

The Applicant further states that copies of the application were served upon the Securities and Exchange Commission and the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

Comment date: January 22, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

3. Zhengzhou Huadeng Power Company Ltd.

[Docket No. EG99-50-000]

Take notice that on December 23, 1998, Zhengzhou Huadeng Power Company Ltd. (Huadeng), a Chinese