

1. Rathdrum Power, LLC

Docket No. EG99-144-000

Take notice that on May 7, 1999, Rathdrum Power, LLC filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to section 32(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. The applicant is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware that is engaged directly and exclusively in constructing, owning, and operating a gas-fired 270 MW (nominal) combined-cycle power plant in Rathdrum, Idaho, which will be an eligible facility.

Comment date: June 4, 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. FPL Energy Wyman IV LLC

Docket No. EG99-144-000

Take notice that on May 12, 1999, FPL Energy Wyman IV LLC of 700 Universe Blvd., Juno Beach, Florida 33408, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

FPL Energy Wyman IV LLC is a Delaware limited liability company and proposes to acquire a 2.6284 percentage interest in the W.F. Wyman Unit 4 generating facility located in Yarmouth, Maine. The interest is currently owned by Montaup Electric Company and Newport Electric Corporation.

Comment date: June 4, 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.

Allegheny Energy Unit 1 and Unit 2, L.L.C.

Docket No. EG99-145-000

Take notice that on May 12, 1999 Allegheny Energy Unit 1 and Unit 2, L.L.C. filed an Application for Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status pursuant to Section 32(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, all as more fully explained in the Application.

Comment date: June 4, 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.

4. The Detroit Edison Company

Docket No. EG99-2872-000

Take notice that on May 7, 1999, The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison), tendered for filing Service Agreements (the Service Agreement) for Short Term Firm and Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service under the Open Access Transmission Tariff of Detroit Edison, FERC Electric Tariff No. 1, between Detroit Edison and Western Resources dated as of October 15, 1998. The parties have not engaged in any transactions under the Service Agreements prior to thirty days to this filing.

Detroit Edison requests that the Service Agreements be made effective as rate schedules as of May 21, 1999.

Comment date: May 27, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,*Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-262-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Eastern Express Project 2000 and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

May 19, 1999.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's (Tennessee) proposed Eastern Express Project 2000. This project involves the modification of Tennessee's existing pipeline system in Massachusetts and Connecticut to allow the transportation of an additional 173,000 decatherms per day (Dth/d) to American National Power in Haverhill, Massachusetts, and El Paso Gas Services in Haverhill, Massachusetts and Dracut, Massachusetts. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet addressing a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain, is attached to this notice as Appendix 1.¹

Summary of the Proposed Project

In order to transport the additional volumes, Tennessee proposes to make the following system changes (see Appendix 2 for a map of the proposed project area):

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

- Install a 6,150 ISO-rated horsepower (hp) Solar Centaur compressor, associated piping and appurtenant equipment, and restage an existing compressor at the existing Agawam Compressor Station (CS-261) in Agawam, Massachusetts, to increase down stream capacity by 83,000 Dth/d;
 - Install a 7,170 ISO-rated hp Solar Taurus compressor unit with associated building, minor piping and appurtenant equipment and relocate blowdown silencers at the existing Mendon Compressor Station (CS-226A) in Mendon, Massachusetts, to increase downstream capacity by 250,000 Dth/d;
 - Install a larger flow control valve in place of an existing flow control valve at a delivery point to Algonquin on the Blackstone Lateral in Mendon, Massachusetts, to allow incremental volumes to be delivered to Algonquin;
 - Install pressure regulation immediately downstream of CS-266A on the Blackstone Lateral in Mendon, Massachusetts, to enable efficient operational flexibility for deliveries;
 - Install station piping at the existing Hopkinton Compressor Station (CS-267) in Westborough, Massachusetts, to provide a reverse flow capability that would enable natural gas received from Haverhill and Dracut, Massachusetts to flow westerly during periods when the market demand east of CS-267 is low;
 - Install mainline regulation in East Granby, Connecticut, approximately 9 miles south of CS-261 on the 300-Line to allow for new deliveries in Connecticut south of CS-261 without having to install 7.8 miles of replacement piping or looping; and
 - Modify the existing Southern Connecticut-Milford delivery point, Meter 2-245, on the 300 Line in Orange, Connecticut, by installing an additional connection to deliver additional natural gas to Southern Connecticut for the Milford Power Plant.

Land Requirements for Construction

The proposed activities would be performed within a 20.45 acre area of the existing right-of-way/fee property.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public

comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of the proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of activities associated with the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and Soils.
- Water Resources, Fisheries, and Wetlands.
- Vegetation and Wildlife.
- Endangered and Threatened Species.
- Public Safety.
- Land Use.
- Cultural Resources.
- Air Quality and Noise.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section beginning on page 4 of this notice.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Tennessee. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Air and noise impacts associated with installation of one new compressor unit at CS-261 and one new compressor unit at CS-266A.
- Approximately 1.0 acre of upland forest would be cleared.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project.

By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
 - Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.2.
 - Reference Docket No. CP99-262-000; and
 - Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 18, 1999.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 3). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered. Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders,

notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing with the Commission

May 19, 1999.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.
- b. *Project No.:* 2071-013.
- c. *Date filed:* May 5, 1999.
- d. *Applicant:* PacifiCorp.
- e. *Name of Project:* Yale Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the North Fork Lewis River in Cowlitz, Clark, and Skamania Counties, Washington, about 45 miles northeast of Portland, Oregon. The project boundary includes about 84 acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* David L. Leonhardt, Project Manager, PacifiCorp, 825 N.E. Multnomah Street, Suite 1500, Portland, Oregon 97232 (503) 813-6658.

i. *FERC Contact:* Vince Yearick at (202) 219-3073 or vince.yearick@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Alternative Process:* Consistent with our April 1, 1999, letter approving the use of an alternative licensing process on four Lewis River hydroelectric projects, including the Yale Project, we will conduct an initial adequacy review on the Yale application and will process it only so far as the acceptance notice which will not solicit interventions.

k. *Status of environmental analysis:* The environmental analysis for the Yale Project is being coordinated with the environmental analysis of the Swift No. 1 (FERC No. 2111), Swift No. 2 (FERC No. 2213), and Merwin (FERC No. 935) hydroelectric projects through an alternative licensing process.

Applications on those projects are due in 2004. Studies for all four projects are currently being coordinated through a recently formed collaborative group. Therefore, we are not soliciting

additional study requests on the Yale application. Persons interested in participating in the collaborative group should contact Kristi M. Wallis, the group facilitator, at (206) 726-1699.

l. *Brief Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 1,305-foot-long, zoned embankment dam known as Yale Dam, and an adjacent 1,600-foot-long, earth-filled structure known as Saddle Dam; (2) a 10.5-mile-long reservoir known as Yale Lake; (3) a concrete, chute-type spillway; (4) a 1,530-foot-long diversion tunnel; (5) two penstocks; (6) a powerhouse located downstream of Yale Dam, containing two generating units with a combined capacity of 134 megawatts; (7) a 10.5-mile, 115-kilovolt transmission line; and (8) related facilities.

m. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6349-2]

Safe Drinking Water Act 25th Anniversary—Futures Forum; "Research 2025"; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a public meeting on June 14th, 1999, beginning at 8:30 am. at the Hilton Crystal City, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202 for the purpose of information exchange with stakeholders and the general public to discuss the research needs of the national drinking water program. The deliberations will be guided by four questions:

1. What science and research are necessary to achieve public health objectives, satisfy SDWA standards for sound science, and meet statutory requirements and deadlines in the areas of health effects, treatment and

distribution systems, exposure, analytical methods and special issues (i.e., sensitive subpopulations, mixtures)?

2. What level of research investment is adequate to address near and long term needs?

3. What is the most efficient, effective and timely combination of public and private efforts to undertake, coordinate and manage the necessary drinking water research and data collections?

4. If there is a gap between programmatic research needs and available resources, what is the best way for EPA and interested stakeholders to decide on priorities?

EPA is inviting all interested members of the public to participate in the meeting. As with all previous meetings in this process, to the extent that is available, EPA is instituting an open door policy to allow any member of the public to attend any of the meetings for any length of time. Seats will be available on a first-come, first served basis.

DATES: The meeting will start at 8:30 AM on June 14th and will adjourn on June 14 at 5:30 PM.

ADDRESSES: The meeting is being held at the Hilton Crystal City, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. For additional information about the meeting, please contact Joan Harrigan Farrelly of EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water at (202) 260-6672 or 202-260-7575 or by e-mail at Joan@epa.gov. Questions may also be sent to William R. Diamond, U.S. EPA (4607), Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

Dated: May 18, 1999.

William R. Diamond,

Director, Standards and Risk Management Division, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6349-4]

National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Database

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; announcement of a stakeholders meeting on the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base.