

SPP requests an effective date of January 1, 2000, for each of these agreements.

Copies of this filing were served upon all signatories.

Comment date: February 7, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

29. Kansas City Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER00-1132-000]

Take notice that on January 18, 2000, Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL), tendered for filing a Service Agreement dated January 12, 2000, between KCPL Transmission Services and KCPL Power Services. This Agreement provides for the rates and charges for Short-term Firm Transmission Service.

In its filing, KCPL states that the rates included in the above-mentioned Service Agreement are KCPL's rates and charges in the compliance filing to FERC Order No. 888-A in Docket No. OA97-636-000.

Comment date: February 7, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

30. American Electric Power Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER00-1131-000]

Take notice that on January 18, 2000, the American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC), on behalf of Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M), tendered for filing with the Commission Facilities, Operations and Maintenance Agreement dated December 17, 1999, between I&M and Hoosier Energy Electric Cooperative.

AEPSC requests an effective date of January 1, 2000 for the agreement.

A copy of the filing was served upon Hoosier Energy Electric Cooperative and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Comment date: February 7, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

31. Commonwealth Edison Company

[Docket No. ER00-1130-000]

Take notice that on January 18, 2000, Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd), tendered for filing an executed service agreement establishing Northern States Power Company (NSP), as a customer under ComEd's FERC Electric Market Based-Rate Schedule for power sales. ComEd requests that the Commission substitute the Service Agreement for the unexecuted agreement with NSP previously filed under the MBR, and requests that the Commission establish the same effective

date as was established in the original filing for the unexecuted agreement for which this agreement is being substituted.

Copies of the filing were served on NSP.

Comment date: February 7, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

32. Consumers Energy Company

[Docket No. ER00-1135-000]

Take notice that on January 18, 2000, Consumers Energy Company (Consumers), tendered for filing executed service agreements for Firm and Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service with both DTE Energy Trading, Inc. and Nordic Electric LLC (Customers). All of the agreements were pursuant to the Joint Open Access Transmission Service Tariff filed on December 31, 1996 by Consumers and The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison).

The DTE Energy Trading, Inc., Agreements have effective dates of January 1, 2000. The Nordic Electric, LLC Agreements have effective dates of January 7, 2000.

Copies of the filing were served upon the Michigan Public Service Commission, Detroit Edison, and the Customers.

Comment date: February 7, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

33. Florida Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER00-1116-000]

Take notice that on January 18, 2000, Florida Power Corporation (Florida Power), tendered for filing a Short Term Firm Transmission Service Agreement and a Non-Firm Transmission Service Agreement pursuant to its open access transmission tariff.

Florida Power requests that the Commission waive its notice of filing requirements and allow the agreements to become effective on January 19, 2000.

Comment date: February 7, 2000, 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, 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 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 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-21-00]

Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Project 2000

January 21, 2000.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) in the above-referenced docket.

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.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed project including:

- About 34.4 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline from Manhattan, Illinois to North Hayden, Indiana;
- Uprate the existing compressor unit at Compressor Station 14 (Grundy County, Iowa) from 6,500 horsepower (hp) to 13,000 hp;
- Uprate the existing compressor unit at Compressor Station 17 (Scott County, Iowa) from 12,000 hp to 15,000 hp;
- Install a 13,000 hp compressor unit at proposed Compressor Station 18 (Bureau County, Illinois);
- Construct a new meter station in Lake County, Indiana (North Hayden Meter Station);
- Install a regulator at the existing Harper Meter Station in Iowa; and
- Install appurtenant facilities, including six mainline valves, four

remote blow downs, anode bed, tee and side valve.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to transport up to 544.0 million cubic feet per day (MMcfd) of gas for Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

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: 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. CP99-21-000; and

Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 22, 2000.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentator 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). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC Internet 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 "CLIPS" 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

[Docket No. CP00-59-000]

Petal Gas Storage Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Petal Pipeline Project, and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 21, 2000.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Petal Pipeline Project, involving the construction and operation of facilities by Petal Gas Storage Company (Petal) in Forest, Jones, Jasper, and Clark Counties, Mississippi.¹ These facilities would consist of about 64.2 miles of pipeline and 35,590 horsepower (hp) of compression. The 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 on Petal's proposed route and receive 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

¹ Petal's application was filed with the Commission on December 28, 1999, under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

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 prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Petal provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typical asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.fed.us).

This Notice of Intent (NOI) is being sent to landowners crossed by Petal's proposed route; Federal, state, and local government agencies; national elected officials; regional environmental and public interest groups; Indian tribes that might attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the area of potential effects; local libraries and newspapers; and the Commission's list of parties to the proceeding. Government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern. Additionally, with this NOI we are asking Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated Petal's proposal relative to their agencies' responsibilities. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described below.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Petal proposes to build new pipeline and compression facilities to transport up to 700 million cubic feet per day of natural gas from its storage field to new interconnections with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company (Transco), Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), and Destin Pipeline Company (Destin). Petal requests Commission authorization to construct, own, operate, and maintain the following facilities.

- About 55 miles of 36-inch-diameter loop² of Petal's existing storage header at its storage field in Forrest County, near Petal, Mississippi;

² A loop is a segment of pipeline that is installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it on both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the pipeline system.