

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 and protests should be filed on or before March 31, 2000. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will be considered by the Commission to determine 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. 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. CP00-125-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

March 20, 2000.

Take notice that on March 15, 2000, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), Post Office Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79987, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP00-125-000, pursuant to Sections 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to abandon, by conveyance to GPM Gas Corporation (GPM), seven taps serving Westar Transmission Company (Westar) and the service rendered by means thereof authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-435-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

El Paso proposes to abandon seven taps known as the Hanslik & Emens Tap, the Anna McCollum Tap, the Paul McCollum Tap, the Howard D. Oliver Tap, the Fred Belt Tap, the Bob J. Spears Tap and the R.T. Bedwell Tap (Delivery

Point Facilities). El Paso states that these facilities were required by El Paso to facilitate the sale and delivery of natural gas to Westar for resale to Energas Company, a Division of Atmos Energy Corporation (Energas), a local distribution company. El Paso further states that El Paso owns, operates and maintains the 4½-inch O.D., Fuel Line from Phillips-Seninole Plant to Riley Compressor Station (Line No. 6018), commencing in the Section 328, C.C.S.D. & R.G.N.G.R.R. Co. Block G, extending approximately 8.4 miles to the northeast, and terminating in Section 229, Waxahachie Tap R.R. Co., Block G, all in Gaines County Texas. El Paso reports that El Paso and GPM have agreed to the conveyance of line No. 6018 to GPM contingent upon El Paso's abandonment of the Delivery Point Facilities and the natural gas service they provide. El Paso further reports that by letter agreement dated October 21, 1999, Westar and Energas have consented to abandonment of the Delivery Point Facilities and GPM and Westar will provide natural gas service, pursuant to appropriate State regulatory requirements.

El Paso states that the abandonment would not cause any material change in El Paso's cost of service. El Paso continues the proposed abandonment would not result in or cause any interruption, reduction or termination of the transportation service presently rendered to the customers of the Delivery Point Facilities.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER00-1258-000 and EL00-37-000]

First Electric Cooperative Corporation; Notice of Issuance of Order

March 20, 2000.

First Electric Cooperative Corporation (First Electric) made a rate filing in Docket No. ER00-1258-000 pertaining to arrangements under which it provides facilities to Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation to provide wheeling services to Entergy Arkansas and C&L Cooperative. Also, in Docket No. EL00-37-000, First Electric filed a request for certain waivers of the Commission's regulations. In particular, First Electric requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by First Electric. On March 15, 2000, the Commission issued an Order Granting Request for Waivers Of Order Nos. 888 And 889, Addressing Requests for Other Waivers And Accepting Rate Filing (Order), in the above-docketed proceedings.

The Commission's March 15, 2000 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (C), (D), and (H):

(C) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by First Electric 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.

(D) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (C) above, First Electric is hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor endorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of First Electric, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(H) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of First

Electric's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities * * *.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is April 14, 2000.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER00-1139-000 and ER00-1140-000, ER00-1141-000, ER00-1147-000, ER00-1171-000 (Not consolidated)]

Gleason Power I, L.L.C., West Fork Land Development Company, L.L.C., Des Plaines Green Land Development, L.L.C., AES Londonderry, LLC and Tiverton Power Associates Limited Partnership; Notice of Issuance of Order

March 20, 2000.

Gleason Power I, L.L.C., West Fork Land Development Company, L.L.C., Des Plaines Green Land Development Company, L.L.C., AES Londonderry, LLC, and Tiverton Power Associates Limited Partnership (hereafter, "the Applicants") filed with the Commission rate schedules in the above-captioned proceedings, respectively, under which the Applicants will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, certain of the Applicants may also have requested in their respective applications that the commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by the Applicants. On March 16, 2000, the Commission issued an order that accepted the rate schedules for sales of capacity and energy at market-based rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceedings.

The Commission's March 16, 2000 Order granted, for those Applicants that sought such approval, their request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Appendix B in Ordering Paragraphs (2), (3), and (5):

(2) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard

or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by the Applicants 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.

(3) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (2) above, if the Applicants have requested such authorization, the Applicants are hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the Applicants, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(5) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of the Applicants' issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is April 17, 2000.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. This issuance may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance.)

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Regional Transmission Organizations; Notice of Meeting

March 20, 2000.

In the matter of: RM99-2-000, ER98-1438-000, EC98-24-000, ER99-3144-000, EC99-80-000, EL00-25-000, ER00-448-000, ER99-3318-000, EL00-39-000, EC00-27-000, EC00-28-000, EC00-26-000, EL00-43-000, EL00-46-000, ER99-2779-000, TX00-2-000, ER98-4410-000, ER99-1659-000, ER99-1660-000, ER99-3914-000, ER99-3916-000, EC99-101-000, ER99-1610-000, ER99-993-000, ER98-2910-000, EL98-74-000, ER98-3709-000, ER95-112-000, ER96-586-000,

ER95-1001-000, EL95-17-000, ER95-1615-000, ER96-2709-000, TX97-7-000, ER00-1526-000, ER00-1381-000, ER00-1695-000, ER00-1743-000, ER00-536-000, ER00-1820-000, EC98-40-000, ER98-2770-000, ER98-2786-000, and EL99-57-000; Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc., The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, Commonwealth Edison Company, Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana, Illinois Power Company, PSI Energy, Inc., Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Union Electric Company, Central Illinois Public Service Company, Louisville Gas & Electric Company, Kentucky Utilities Company, Alliance Companies; American Electric Power Service Corporation, Consumers Energy Company, Detroit Edison Company, FirstEnergy Corporation, Virginia Electric and Power Company, Commonwealth Edison Company, Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana, Inc., IES Utilities Inc., Interstate Power Company, MidAmerican Energy Company, Midwest Independent Transmission, System Operator, Inc., Mid-Continent Area Power Pool, Southwest Power Pool, Inc., UtiliCorp United Inc. and St. Joseph Light & Power Company, UtiliCorp United Inc. and The Empire District Electric Company, Commonwealth Edison Company and PECO Energy Company, UtiliCorp United Inc. v. City of Harrisonville, Missouri, Entergy Power Marketing Corporation v. Southwest Power Pool, Central Power and Light Company, West Texas Utilities Company, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Southwestern Electric Power Company, Prairieland Energy, Inc., Entergy Services, Inc., Central Power and Light Company, West Texas Utilities Company, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Southwestern Electric Power Company, Northern States Power Company, *et al.* (Minnesota); Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company, *et al.*, Northern States Power Company, *et al.* (Minnesota), New Century Services, Inc., Mid-Continent Area Power Pool, Entergy Services, Inc., Entergy Services, Inc. and Entergy Power, Inc., Entergy Power Marketing Corp., Entergy Services, Inc., Missouri Basin Municipal Power Agency, Reliant Energy Services, Inc., Ameren Services Company, Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, Entergy Services, Inc., Southwestern Public Service Company, Commonwealth Edison Company, Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana, American Electric Power Company and Central and South West Corporation and Entergy Services, Inc.

On December 20, 1999, the Commission issued Order No. 2000 to advance the formation of Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs). Order No. 2000 announced the initiation of a regional collaborative process to aid in the formation of RTOs. To initiate the collaborative process, the Commission organized a series of regional workshops. These workshops are open to all interested parties. The fourth workshop is scheduled for March 29-30, 2000 in Kansas City, Missouri.