

Utility Regulatory Commission and Duke Energy Vermillion.

Comment date: April 12, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. Duquesne Light Company

[Docket No. ER00-1941-000]

Take notice that on March 22, 2000, Duquesne Light Company (DLC) filed a Service Agreement for Retail Network Integration Transmission Service and a Network Operating Agreement for Retail Network Integration Transmission Service dated March 21, 2000, Niagra Mohawk Energy Marketing, Inc. under DLC's Open Access Transmission Tariff (Tariff). The Service Agreement and Network Operating Agreement adds Niagra Mohawk Energy Marketing, Inc. as a customer under the Tariff.

DLC requests an effective date of March 21, 2000 for the Service Agreement.

Comment date: April 12, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Northern Maine Independent System Administrator, Inc.

[Docket No. ER00-1942-000]

Take notice that on March 22, 2000, Northern Maine Independent System Administrator, Inc. (NMISA) tendered for filing seven service agreements under the Northern Maine Independent System Administrator Tariff (Northern Maine ISA Tariff) for the following Market Participants: Maine Public Service Company, Inc., Houlton Water Company, Energy Atlantic LLC, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Inc., WPS Energy Services, Inc., FPL Energy Power Marketing, Inc. and Alternative Energy. NMISA has determined that these applicants are qualified to become Market Participants under the Northern Maine ISA Tariff.

NMISA requests an effective date for implementation of these service agreements of March 1, 2000, to coincide with the date on which NMISA will commence commercial operation and retail access will begin in Northern Maine.

Comment date: April 12, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Southwestern Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER00-1943-000]

Take notice that on March 22, 2000, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) tendered for filing an estimated return on common equity (Estimated ROE) to be used in establishing estimated formula rates for

wholesale service in Contract Year 2000 to Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc., the City of Bentonville, Arkansas, Rayburn Country Electric Cooperative, Inc., Cajun Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Tex-La Electric Cooperative of Texas, Inc., the City of Hope, Arkansas, and East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. SWEPCO provides service to these Customers under contracts which provide for periodic changes in rates and charges determined in accordance with cost-of-service formulas, including a formulaic determination of the return on common equity.

Copies of the filing were served upon the affected wholesale Customers, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Louisiana Public Service Commission and the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

Comment date: April 12, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. LSP Energy Limited Partnership

[Docket No. ER00-1944-000]

Take notice that on March 22, 2000, LSP Energy Limited Partnership (LSP Energy) tendered for filing under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act a Power Purchase Agreement dated February 25, 2000 between LSP Energy and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Comment date: April 12, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. FirstEnergy System

[Docket No. ER00-1945-000]

Take notice that on March 22, 2000, FirstEnergy System filed a Service Agreement to provide Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service for Conectiv Energy Supply, Inc., the Transmission Customer. Services are being provided under the FirstEnergy System Open Access Transmission Tariff submitted for filing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Docket No. ER97-412-000.

The proposed effective date for this Service Agreement is March 20, 2000.

Comment date: April 12, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Duquesne Light Company

[Docket No. ER00-1946-000]

Take notice that on March 22, 2000, Duquesne Light Company (Duquesne) tendered for filing under Duquesne's pending Market-Based Rate Tariff, (Docket No. ER98-4159-000) executed Service Agreement at Market-Based Rates with Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC (Customer).

Duquesne has requested the Commission waive its notice

requirements to allow the Service Agreement to become effective as of March 21, 2000.

Copies of this filing were served upon Customer.

Comment date: April 12, 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

[Project No. 11301-001 Georgia]

Fall Line Hydro Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

March 28, 2000.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 4797), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for an original major license for the Carters Reregulation Dam Hydroelectric Project located on the Coosawattee River in Murray County, Georgia, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project. In the EA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and has concluded that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigative measures,

would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, and may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1121-052]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

March 28, 2000.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application requesting the Commission's authorization to amend Article 33 (f) of the existing license and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed action.

Flashboards are needed to raise the existing North Battle Creek Reservoir to its full capacity, 1,039-acre-feet, for the recreation season. The proposed amendment to article 33(f) would allow the licensee to delay up to one month (from June 1 to July 1) the placement of flashboards at North Battle Creek dam when late runoff or heavy snow pack precludes road access to the dam by truck. During such years, the licensee would install flashboards as soon as roads are passable by truck; and would notify the Forest Supervisor of Lassen National Forest five business days prior to June 1 and, subsequently, once the reservoir is at or above 1,039-acre-feet.

In the EA, Commission staff does not identify any significant impacts that would result from Commission's approval of the proposed modification to Article 33(f). Thus, staff concludes that approval of the proposed amendment of license would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA has been attached to and made part of an Order Amending Article

33(f), issued March 22, 2000, for the Battle Creek Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 1121-052. See 90 FERC ¶ 62,201. Also, the EA is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. Further, the document may be viewed on the Web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

For further information, please contact Jim Haimes at (202) 219-2780.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Temporary Variance Request and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

March 28, 2000.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Request To Amend Language of Article 29.
- b. *Project No.:* 2210-047.
- c. *Date filed:* February 22, 2000.
- d. *Applicant:* Appalachian Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Smith Mountain Project.

f. *Location:* On the Roanoke River, Bedford, Franklin, Campbell, Pittsylvania, and Roanoke Counties, Virginia. The project does not utilize federal or tribal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 4.200.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Frank M. Simms, American Electric Power, 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, OH 43215-2373, (614) 223-2918.

i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Fletcher, robert.fletcher@ferc.fed.us, 202-219-1206.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene and protest:* 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. Please include the project number (2210-047) on any comments or motions filed. All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

k. *Description of Application:* Article 29 of the Smith Mountain Project currently read as follows: "Except as provided for in Article 30, the Licensee shall release from the Lower

development a minimum average weekly flow of 650 cubic feet per second."

It should be noted that Article 30 addresses flows during the initial filling of the project reservoir. Conditions contained under license articles for other projects issued by the Commission address temporary modifications to project flow. The language generally reads as follows: "These flows may be temporarily modified if required by operating emergencies beyond the control of the licensee, or for short periods upon mutual agreement between the licensee and the appropriate agencies. If the flows are so modified, the licensee shall notify the Commission as soon as possible, but not later than 10 days after each such incident."

The licensee has consulted with the Virginia Department of Fish and Game and Inland Fisheries and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to develop the following language to replace the currently contained language of Article 29: "Except as provided in Article 30, the licensee shall release from the Lower Development a minimum average weekly flow of 650 cubic feet per second. These flows may be temporarily modified if required by operating emergencies beyond the control of the licensee, and/or for short periods of time (up to 45 days) during drought and/or low inflow conditions, upon mutual agreement between the licensee and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), in consultation with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, following appropriate public input as determined by the DEQ. If the flows are so modified, the licensee shall notify the Commission no later than 10 days after each such incident."

l. *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 <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.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

Protests or Motions to Intervene— Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210,