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Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filing must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application for Transfers of Licenses and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

May 19, 2000.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Transfers of Licenses.

b. *Project Nos:* 2343-041, 2516-018, and 2517-004.

c. *Date Filed:* May 5, 2000.

d. *Applicants:* Potomac Edison Company, PE Transferring Agent, L.L.C. (to be formed), PE Genco (to be formed), and Allegheny Energy Supply Company, L.L.C.

e. *Names and Locations of Projects:* The Millville Project is on the Shenandoah River in Jefferson County, West Virginia and the Dam No. 4 and Dam No. 95. Hydro Stations are on the Potomac River in Berkeley County, West Virginia. The projects do not occupy federal or tribal lands.

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

g. *Applicant Contacts:* Mr. David C. Benson, Allegheny Energy Supply, RR 12, Box 1000, Roseytown Road, Greensburg, PA 15601, (724) 853-3790, and Mr. John A. Whittaker, IV, Winston & Strawn, 1400 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 371-5766.

h. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to James Hunter at (202) 219-2839.

i. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* June 14, 2000.

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.

Please include the noted project numbers on any comments or motions filed.

j. *Description of Proposal:* Applicants propose transfers of the licenses for these three projects from Potomac Edison Company to PE Transferring Agency, L.L.C., a soon-to-be-formed wholly-owned subsidiary of Potomac Edison; then to a yet-to-be-formed-and-named affiliate of Potomac Edison, referred to as PE Genco; and finally to Allegheny Energy Supply Company, L.L.C. Transfer is being sought as part of an intra-corporate reorganization of Potomac Edison's parent company, Allegheny Energy, Inc.

The transfer application was filed within five years of the expiration of the licenses for Project Nos. 2516 and 2517. In Hydroelectric Relicensing Regulations Under the Federal Power Act (54 Fed. Reg. 23,756; FERC Stat. and Regs., Regs. Preambles 1986-1990 30,854 at p. 31,437), the Commission declined to forbid all license transfers during the last five years of an existing license, and instead indicated that it would scrutinize all such transfer

requests to determine if the transfer's primary purpose was to give the transferee an advantage in relicensing (id. at p. 31,438 n. 318).

k. *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, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm](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 addresses in item g above.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM93-11-000]

#### Revisions to Oil Pipeline Regulations Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992

May 19, 2000.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of annual change in the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods, minus one percent.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is issuing the index that oil pipelines must apply to their July 1, 1999-June 30, 2000 index ceiling levels to compute their index ceiling levels for the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001, in accordance with 18 CFR 342.3(d). This index, which is the percent change (expressed as a decimal) in the annual average Producer Price Index for Finished Goods from 1998 to 1999, minus one percent, is 0.007598. Oil pipelines must multiply their July 1, 1999-June 30, 2000 index ceiling levels by 1.007598 to compute their index ceiling levels for the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Ulevich, Office of Markets, Tariffs, and Rates, Corporate Applications, Group 2, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0678.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the Internet through FERC's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.fed.us>) and in FERC's Public Reference Room during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time) at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426.

From FERC's Home Page on the Internet, this information is available in both the Commission Issuance Posting System (CIPS) and the Records and Information management System (RIMS).

CIPS provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission since November 14, 1994. CIPS can be accessed using the CIPS link or the Energy Information Online icon. The full text of this document is available on CIPS in ASCII and WordPerfect 8.0 format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading.

RIMS contains images of documents submitted to an issued by the Commission after November 16, 1981. Documents from November 1995 to the present can be viewed and printed from FERC's Home page using the RIMS link or the Energy Information Online icon. Descriptions of documents back to November 16, 1981, are also available from RIMS-on-the-Web; requests for copies of these and other older documents should be submitted to the Public Reference Room.

User assistance is available for RIMS, CIPS, and the Website during normal business hours from our Help line at (202) 208-222 (E-Mail to [WebMaster@ferc.fed.us](mailto:WebMaster@ferc.fed.us)) or the Public Reference at (202) 208-1371 (E-Mail to [public.reference.room@ferc.fed.us](mailto:public.reference.room@ferc.fed.us)).

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The Commission's regulations include a methodology for oil pipelines to change their rates through use of an index system that establishes ceiling levels for such rates. The index system as set forth at 18 CFR 342.3 is based on the annual change in the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods (PPI-FG), minus one percent. The regulations provide that each year the Commission will publish an index reflecting the final change in the PPI-FG, minus one percent, after the final PPI-FG is made available by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in May of each calendar year.

The annual average PPI-FG index figure for 1998 was 130.7 and the annual average PPI-FG index figure for 1999 was 133.0.<sup>1</sup> Thus, the percent change (expressed as a decimal) in the

<sup>1</sup> The final figure for the annual average PPI-FG is published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in mid-May of each year. This figure is publicly available from the Division of Industrial Prices and Price Indexes of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, at (202) 606-7705, and is available in print in August in Table 1 of the annual data supplement to the BLS publication *Producer Price Indexes*. The PPI data are also available via the Internet. The Internet address is <http://www.fedstats.gov>. This site contains data from a number of government agencies; to obtain the BLS data, click on agencies, then click on Bureau of Labor Statistics, then click on data, Most Requested Series, scroll to Producer Price Indexes-Commodities (Finished Goods), for the latest available data.

annual average PPI-FG from 1998 to 1999, minus one percent is 0.007598.<sup>2</sup> Oil pipelines must multiply their July 1, 1999-June 30, 2000 index ceiling levels by 1.007598<sup>3</sup> to compute their index ceiling levels for the period July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, in accordance with 18 CFR 342.3(d).

To obtain July 1, 1999-June 30, 2000 ceiling levels, pipelines must first calculate their ceiling levels for the January 1, 1995-June 30, 1995 index period, by multiplying their December 31, 1994 rates by 1.002175. Pipelines must then multiply those ceiling levels by 0.996415 to obtain the July 1, 1995-June 30, 1996 ceiling levels. Then pipelines must multiply their July 1, 1995-June 30, 1996 ceiling levels by 1.009124 to obtain the July 1, 1996-June 30, 1997 ceiling levels, and multiply the July 1, 1996-June 30, 1997 ceiling levels by 1.016583 to obtain the July 1, 1997-June 30, 1998 ceiling levels. Pipelines then must multiply the July 1, 1997-June 30, 1998 ceiling levels by 0.993808 to obtain the July 1, 1998-June 30, 1999 ceiling levels. Then, pipelines must multiply the July 1, 1998-June 30, 1999 ceiling levels by 0.981654 to obtain the July 1, 1999-June 30, 2000 ceiling levels. Finally, pipelines must multiply the July 1, 1999-June 30, 2000 ceiling levels by 1.007698 to obtain the July 1, 2000-June 30, 2001 ceiling levels. See *Explorer Pipeline Company*, 71 FERC ¶ 61,416 at n.6 (1995) for an explanation of how ceiling levels must be calculated.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

#### Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

May 19, 2000.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding,

<sup>2</sup>  $[133.0-130.7]/130.7=0.017598-.01=0.007598$ .

<sup>3</sup>  $1+(0.007598)=1.007598$ .