

ACTION: Notice of filing.

SUMMARY: Newington Energy, LLC, Lakefield Junction, L.P and Ouachita Power, LLC submitted coal capability self-certifications pursuant to section 201 of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978, as amended.

ADDRESSES: Copies of self-certification filings are available for public inspection, upon request, in the Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Fossil Energy, Room 4G-039, FE-27, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell at (202) 586-9624.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title II of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), provides that no new baseload electric powerplant may be constructed or operated without the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel as a primary energy source. In order to meet the requirement of coal capability, the owner or operator of such facilities proposing to use natural gas or petroleum as its primary energy source shall certify, pursuant to FUA section 201(d), to the Secretary of Energy prior to construction, or prior to operation as a base load powerplant, that such powerplant has the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel. Such certification establishes compliance with section 201(a) as of the date filed with the Department of Energy. The Secretary is required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** that a certification has been filed. The following owners/operators of the proposed new baseload powerplants have filed a self-certification in accordance with section 201(d).

Owner: Newington Energy, LLC (C&E 00-11).

Operator: Newington Energy, LLC.

Location: Newington, NH.

Plant Configuration: Combined-cycle.

Capacity: 525 MW.

Fuel: Natural gas.

Purchasing entities: The New England wholesale market.

In-Service date: May 2002.

Owner: Lakefield Junction, L.P. (C&E 00-12).

Operator: Lakefield Junction, L.P.

Location: Martin County, Minnesota.

Plant configuration: Simple-cycle combustion turbines.

Capacity: 534 MW.

Fuel: Natural gas.

Purchasing entities: Great River Energy.

In-Service date: June 2001.

Owner: Ouachita Power, LLC (C&E 00-13).

Operator: Indirect subsidiary of Cogentrix Energy, Inc.

Location: Sterlington, Louisiana.

Plant configuration: Combined-cycle.

Capacity: 800 MW.

Fuel: Natural gas.

Purchasing entities: A power marketer.

In-Service date: July 1, 2002.

Issued in Washington, D.C., June 19, 2000.

Anthony J. Como,

Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-383-000; CP00-384-000; and CP00-385-000]

Norteno Pipeline Company and Southern Transmission company; Notice of Joint Applications

DATES : June 19, 2000.

Take notice that on June 9, 2000, Norteno Pipeline Company (Norteno) and Southern Transmission Company (Southern Transmission), (collectively applicants), both at 504 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas, 78701, filed applications in the above referenced dockets pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Section 3 and Sections 153.1 through 153.8 of the Commission's Regulations, respectively, seeking authorization to allow Southern Transmission to succeed to all of Norteno's import and export authorizations to operate and maintain facilities for the transportation of natural gas to Mexico, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and which is open to the public for inspection. The filing may be viewed at <http://www.ferc/fed/us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Dennis K. Morgan, Esquire, Norteno Pipeline Company, 504 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas, 78701.

Pursuant to Section 7(b) of the NGA and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations, Applicants, in Docket No. CP00-383-000, seek permission and approval to abandon by sale and conveyance to Southern Transmission and Del Norte export facilities owned and operated by Norteno located in El Paso, Texas, at the International Boundary.

Pursuant to Sections 153.10 through 153.12 of the Commission's Regulations, and Executive Order No. 10485, as

amended by Executive Order 12038, Applicants, in Docket No. CP00-384-000, seek authorization permitting Southern Transmission to succeed to the Presidential Permit issued to Norteno in Docket No. CP96-83-000. Applicants state that the authorization sought does not seek any change in the terms and conditions of Norteno existing import and export authority apart from the succession of Southern Transmission as the holder of that authority.

Pursuant to Section 3 of the NGA and part 153 of the Commission's Regulations, Applicants, in Docket No. CP00-384-000, seek authorization permitting Southern Transmission to succeed to all of Norteno's existing authorizations to import and export natural gas to and from Mexico.

Upon authorization of the transactions described in these concurrent applications, Southern Transmission will (1) Own certain facilities of Norteno, (2) succeed to Norteno's certificates and import-export authorizations for the facilities related to its transportation services, and (3) utilize the facilities to render such services.

Applicants states that the sole purpose of these applications is to restructure Norteno as a natural gas company by transferring certain of its system operations to Southern Transmission. Applicants further states that the proposed applications will have no adverse impact on any of the existing services of Norteno and there will be no disruption or interruption of current services. Applicants requests that action be taken by the Commission no later than September 1, 2000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before July 10, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.214 and 385.211). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and

by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order.

However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filings it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have environmental comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Applicants to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 372-000]

Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

June 19, 2000.

On June 12, 1998, Southern California Edison Company, licensee for the Lower Tule River Project No. 372, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 372 is located on the North and South Forks of the Middle Fork Tule River in Tulare County, California.

The license for Project No. 372 was issued for a period ending June 14, 2000. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in Section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of Section 15 of the FPA, then, based on Section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 372 is issued to Southern California Edison Company for a period effective June 15, 2000, through June 14, 2001, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before June 14, 2001, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the

Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Southern California Edison Company is authorized to continue operation of the Lower Tule River Project No. 372 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. NJ00-5-000]

Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency; Notice of Filing

June 19, 2000

Take notice that on June 6, 2000, Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency tendered for filing a revision to its Open Access Transmission Tariff on file with the Commission. The filed revision adds a new service, Generation to Schedule Imbalance Service, to the services already provided under the tariff.

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 June 27, 2000. Protests 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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