

addressed at the meeting to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 also will be available at the scoping meetings.

Site Visits

Penobscot and FERC staff will conduct a project site visit beginning at 2:00 p.m. on October 3, 2000. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend. All participants should meet at the Howland Project powerhouse, off Route 116 in Howland, Maine. All participants are responsible for their own transportation to the site. Anyone who wishes to attend the site visit, or with questions about the visit, should contact Mr. Scott Hall of Penobscot at (207) 827-5364.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) Solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the relative depth of analysis for issues to be addressed in the EA; and (5) identify resource issues that are of lesser importance, and, therefore, do not require detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to clearly identify themselves for the record. Speaking time for attendees at the meetings will be determined before the meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session. All speakers will be provided at least 5 minutes to present their views.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EA.

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on the issues, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record at the meeting. In addition, written scoping comments may be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, until November 6, 2000. All filings should contain an original and eight copies, and must clearly show at the top of the first page "Howland Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2721-013."

For further information, please contact Ed Lee at (202) 219-2809 or e-mail at ed.lee@ferc.fed.us and Peter Foote at (716) 568-0425 or e-mail at foote@1berger.com.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-539-000]

Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 12, 2000.

Take notice that on September 8, 2000, Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company (REGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to be effective October 9, 2000.

First Revised Sheet No. 38
First Revised Sheet No. 49
First Revised Sheet No. 100
First Revised Sheet No. 121
Original Sheet No. 454A

REGT states that the purpose of this filing is to reflect the implementation of nondiscriminatory waiver of fuel charges for a transaction that will not require the use of fuel on REGT's system.

REGT states that a copy of the filing has been mailed to each of REGT's customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 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 in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Regulatory Regulation Commission

[Docket No. EL00-108-00]

Tenaska Power Services Co., Complainant v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc., Respondent; Notice of Complaint

September 12, 2000.

Take notice that on September 11, 2000, Tenaska Power Services Co. (TPS), tendered for filing a complaint, pursuant to Rule 206 of Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and Section 306 of the Federal Power Act, against the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) requesting that the Commission order SPP to honor TPS' long-term firm point-to-point requests for transmission service through the ERCOT East DC tie into Texas. Because that service is set to commence on October 1, 2000, TPS requests fast track processing of its complaint by the Commission pursuant to Section 206(h) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Copies of the filing were served via facsimile upon SPP and other known interested parties. Questions concerning this Complaint may be directed to counsel for Complainant, Neil L. Levy, Kirkland & Ellis, 655 Fifteenth Street, N.W., Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20005, Phone (202) 879-5116, Fax (202) 879-5200, e-mail Neil_Levy@dc.kirkland.com.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest 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 and Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests must be filed on or before September 18, 2000. 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 this filing are on file with the