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The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file

comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administration Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying abandonment will be issued.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-44-000]

#### Nicole Gas Production, LTD; Notice of Application

December 11, 2000.

On November 30, 2000, Nicole Gas Production, LTD (Nicole) 513 E. Rich St., Suite 306, Columbus, Ohio 43215, filed an application in Docket No. CP01-44-000 pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and part 157 of the Commission's regulations for a limited jurisdiction certificate authorizing the incidental use of certain facilities (Facilities) currently owned by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) in West Virginia and Pennsylvania to deliver gas to existing customers of local distribution companies, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may be viewed at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Upon acquiring the subject facilities, Nicole will continue to provide transportation of gas to these customers. Currently, Columbia transports locally produced gas through the Facilities to its mainline transmission system. Between the point of receipt and delivery to Columbia's transmission system, gas is delivered at numerous points to a LDC and its customers. According to Columbia, gas supply in certain portions of the system is insufficient to meet demand when there are episodes of high demand for gas. During such a time, gas from Columbia's main transmission system backflows

into the gathering lines to satisfy any gas shortfall. Presently, Nicole is a natural gas production company engaged in the development and management of natural gas wells and associated facilities that it currently owns and operates facilities in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Nicole asks that the Commission issue a limited jurisdiction certificate that does not include the full panoply of NGA rate and service obligations and which would extend only to the specific activity authorized, leaving the gatherer non-jurisdictional with respect to any remaining gathering activities.

Nicole states that the sale of the Facilities by Columbia to Nicole is in the public convenience and necessity because it will operate the Facilities for the benefit of its product shipper customers and meet the delivery needs of the LDC and its customer who currently receive gas from these facilities. Nicole requests that such action be taken so that the limited certificate can be issued by May 1, 2001.

Questions regarding the details of this proposed application should be directed to Freddie L. Fulson, Manager, Nicole Gas Production, LTD, 513 E. Rich Street, Suite 306, Columbus, Ohio 43215, call (614) 221-5004.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this abandonment. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this abandonment should, on or before January 2, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party 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 all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

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**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC01-34.000, et al.]

#### **Delmarva Power & Light Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings**

December 8, 2000.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

##### **1. Delmarva Power & Light Company and Conective Energy Supply, Inc.**

[Docket No. EC01-34-000]

Take notice that on December 1, 2000, Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva) and Conectiv Energy Supply, Inc. (CESI) (collectively, the Applicants) tendered an application under the provisions of Section 203 of the Federal Power Act involving the assignment of Delmarva's rights and obligations under two wholesale power sales agreements (Agreements) to CESI.

The Applicants state that copies of this joint application have been served upon Delmarva's counter parties in Agreements and the pertinent state regulatory commissions.

*Comment date:* December 22, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### **2. United States Department of Energy—Western Area Power Administration**

[Docket No. EF01-5111-000]

Take notice that on December 1, 2000, the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy, by Rate Order No. WAPA-88, did confirm and approve on an interim basis, to be effective on January 1, 2001, the Western Area Power Administration's (Western) formula rates under Rate Schedules CAP-FT1, CAP-NFT1, and CAP-NITS1 for the Central Arizona Project 115-kV/230-kV Transmission System.

The formula rates under Rate Schedules CAP-FT1, CAP-NFT1, and CAP-NITS1 will be in effect pending the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) approval of these or of substitute rates on a final basis, ending December 31, 2005.

*Comment date:* December 29, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### **3. PSEG Fossil LLC**

[Docket No. EG01-42-000]

Take notice that on December 6, 2000, PSEG Fossil LLC (Applicant), having its principal place of business at 80 Park Plaza, T-16, Newark, NJ 07102, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or the Commission) an application for redetermination of exempt wholesale generator (EWG) status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's regulations.

The Applicant is a limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Delaware. The Applicant is engaged, directly or indirectly through an affiliate as defined in Section 2(a)(11)(B) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 ("PUHCA"), exclusively in owning or owning and operating eligible electric facilities and participating in project development activities incidental to such eligible electric facilities as authorized under PUHCA. The Applicant owns and operates eligible facilities located in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

*Comment date:* December 29, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

##### **4. PPL Montour, LLC**

[Docket No. EG01-43-000]

Take notice that on December 5, 2000, PPL Montour, LLC (PPL Montour) tendered for filing an Application for Redetermination of Status as an Exempt Wholesale Generator. On December 6, 2000, PPL Montour filed an amendment to its application.

*Comment date:* December 29, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

##### **5. Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, L.L.C.**

[Docket No. EG01-44-000]

Take notice that on December 4, 2000, Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, L.L.C. (Applicant), having its principal place of business at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or the Commission) an application for redetermination of exempt wholesale generator (EWG)