

202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.200(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2056]

#### Northern States Power Company; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

January 18, 2001.

On December 21, 1998, Northern States Power Company, licensee for the St. Anthony Falls Project No. 2056, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 2056 is located on the Mississippi River in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

The license for Project No. 2056 was issued for a period ending December 31, 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. 2056

is issued to Northern States Power Company for a period effective January 1, 2001, through December 31, 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 January 1, 2002, 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 Northern States Power Company is authorized to continue operation of the St. Anthony Falls Project No. 2056 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. RP00-257-005]

#### Ozark Gas Transmission, L.L.C.; Notice of Compliance Filing

January 18, 2001.

Take notice that on January 12, 2001, Ozark Gas Transmission, L.L.C. (Ozark) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet, to be effective November 1, 2000:

Second Revised Sheet No. 80

Ozark asserts that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's order issued December 15, 2000, in Docket No. RP00-257-000.

Ozark states that it is filing to reflect its commitment under Article III of the settlement of its rate case, as approved by the Commission in Docket No. RP00-257-000 (Ozark Gas Transmission, 93 FERC ¶ 61,281 (2000)), to file annual actual fuel usage reports with the Commission no later than April 1 of each year.

Ozark further states that it has served copies of this filing upon the company's jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions. Questions concerning this filing may be directed to counsel for Ozark, James F. Bowe, Jr., Dewey Ballantine LLP, at (202) 429-1444, fax (202) 429-1579, or [jbowe@deweyballantine.com](mailto:jbowe@deweyballantine.com).

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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. 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). 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>.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-64-000]

#### Trailblazer Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

January 18, 2001.

On January 10, 2001, Trailblazer Pipeline Company (Trailblazer), 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP01-64-000 an application pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and the Commission's Rules and Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Trailblazer to construct and operate facilities that would expand its transportation capacity from Colorado to Nebraska in order to provide 324,000 Dth/d of new firm, long-term transportation service commencing July 2002.<sup>1</sup> Trailblazer is proposing that incremental rates be established for the proposed expansion facilities and is seeking approval for pro

<sup>1</sup> Trailblazer is a general partnership consisting of Kinder Morgan Trailblazer, LLC, CGT Trailblazer (both subsidiaries of Kinder Morgan Operating, L.P.) and Enron Trailblazer Pipeline Company, a subsidiary of Enron Corp. Trailblazer indicates that if the requested certificate authority in Docket No. CP01-64-000 is granted and accepted then CIG Trailblazer Gas Company will join the Trailblazer partnership.

forma tariff provisions that would establish a fuel tracker applicable to any volumes charged the expansion rates, 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).

Trailblazer proposes to: (1) Install two new 10,000 site-rated horsepower gas-fired compressor units at a site specified as Compressor Station 601 in Logan County, Colorado, (2) install two new 10,000 horsepower electric compressor units at a site specified as Compressor Station 603 in Kearney County, Nebraska, (3) expand one existing electric compressor unit from 5,200 horsepower to 10,000 horsepower, and (4) install one new electric 10,000 horsepower unit at existing Compressor Station 602 in Lincoln County, Nebraska. Trailblazer estimates that the compression will cost approximately \$58.5 million.

Trailblazer asserts that the proposed expansion is a result of the growth in demand for Rocky Mountain natural gas supplies from existing market centers served by Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) and Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) and other pipelines connected to those two interstate pipeline systems. Based on an open season that was held from August 7 to August 18, 2000, Trailblazer has signed binding precedent agreements for service on Trailblazer between its existing receipt point at Rockport and its delivery point at Beatrice with the following expansions shippers:

Shipper name	Quantity (Dth/d)
Western Gas Resources, Inc .....	57,500
Enron North America Corp .....	41,000
CMS Energy Marketing Services and Trading Company .....	100,000
Barrett Resources Corp .....	70,000
Devon Energy Production Co .....	33,000
Pennaco Energy, Inc .....	22,500
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>324,000</b>

Trailblazer discloses that the six expansion shippers have signed agreements that call for fixed rates for the entire term of their respective agreements. According to Trailblazer such fixed-rate contracts constitute negotiated rates pursuant to General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) section 38 of Trailblazer's FERC Gas Tariff. As required by the Commission's regulations, Trailblazer proposes separate recourse rates for firm services along the expansion facilities. For the

reservation rate, Trailblazer proposes a rate of \$3.5931/Dth and a commodity rate of \$0.0038/Dth. Trailblazer based its firm recourse rate on a cost of service of \$14.4 million and the expansion volume of 324,000 Dth. Trailblazer states that it utilized a 5.0 percent depreciation rate and a pre-tax return of 13.99 percent. Trailblazer noted that it is not proposing any change to the rates charged for interruptible transportation service under Rate Schedule ITS. Additionally, Trailblazer proposes an initial fuel retention factor of 3.2 percent for the expansion shippers. Trailblazer submitted pro forma tariff provisions in the certificate proceeding proposing a separate fuel tracker mechanism for the expansion shippers. This fuel tracker mechanism would adjust the 3.2 percent retention factor on an annual basis.

Trailblazer proposes an in-service date of July 2002 and requests that a certificate be issued by July 2001. According to Trailblazer the proposed timing will allow sufficient time for the pouring of concrete foundations and the construction of the compressor buildings prior to the start of the winter season.

Questions regarding the details of this proposed project should be directed to Mr. James J. McElligott, at (663) 691-3525, or in writing to his attention at Trailblazer Gas Transmission Company, 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before February 8, 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.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of

comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

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 Administrative 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 a certificate will be issued.

David P. Boergers,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ES01-17-000, et al.]

#### Valley Electric Association, Inc., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

January 17, 2001.

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

##### 1. Valley Electric Association, Inc.

[Docket No. ES01-17-000]

Take notice that on January 11, 2001, Valley Electric Association, Inc. (Valley Electric) submitted an application pursuant to section 204 of the Federal Power Act seeking authorization to make long-term borrowings under a loan agreement with the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) in the amount of \$39.3 million and short-term borrowings under a line of credit with the CFC in an amount not to exceed \$15 million.

Valley Electric also requests a waiver from the Commission's competitive bidding and negotiated placement requirements at 18 CFR 34.2.

*Comment date:* February 7, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 2. Florida Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-2846-002]

Take notice that on January 12, 2001, Florida Power Corporation (Florida Power), tendered for filing a request that the Commission accept the market study submitted in its recent merger proceedings with Carolina Power & Light Company as its updated market analysis that is required in conjunction with sales under its market-based rate tariff (FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 8).

Copies of the filing were served upon the public service commissions of Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina.

*Comment date:* February 2, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 3. Wheelabrator Lassen Inc., Wheelabrator Hudson Energy Company, Wheelabrator Shasta Energy Company Inc., Martell Cogeneration Limited Partnership, Wheelabrator Frackville Energy Company, Wheelabrator Sherman Energy Company, Ridge Generating Station Limited Partnership, and Wheelabrator Norwalk Energy Company

[Docket No. QF81-21-003, Docket No. QF81-35-002, Docket No. QF84-431-002, Docket No. QF85-20-001, Docket No. QF85-204-003, Docket No. QF85-698-001, Docket No. QF92-158-001, and Docket No. QF01-15-001]

Take notice that on January 9, 2001, Wheelabrator Lassen Inc. (Lassen), Wheelabrator Hudson Energy Company (Hudson), Wheelabrator Shasta Energy Company Inc. (Shasta Energy), Martell Cogeneration Limited Partnership (Martell), Wheelabrator Frackville Energy Company (Frackville), Wheelabrator Sherman Energy Company (Sherman), Ridge Generating Station Limited Partnership (Ridge), and Wheelabrator Norwalk Energy Company (Norwalk), filed an amendment to their respective Requests for Recertification of Qualifying Facility Status filed on November 1, 2000 in the above-referenced proceedings.

*Comment date:* February 8, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 4. Carolina Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER99-2311-003]

Take notice that on January 11, 2001, Carolina Power & Light Company tendered for filing a request that the Commission accept the market study submitted in its recent merger proceedings as its updated market analysis that is required in conjunction with sales under its market-based rate tariff (FERC Electric Tariff, Volume No. 4).

Copies of the filing were served upon the North Carolina Utilities Commission, the South Carolina Public Service Commission and the Florida Public Service Commission.

*Comment date:* February 1, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 5. Old Dominion Electric Cooperative

[Docket No. ER01-259-001]

Take notice that on January 11, 2001, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (Applicant), tendered for filing designated rate schedule sheets in this proceeding as directed by the Director, Division of Corporate Applications, in an Order issued on December 12, 2000. These rate schedule designations were

filed to comply with Commission Order No. 614, FERC Stats. & Regs. 31,096 (2000).

*Comment date:* February 1, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 6. WPS Resources Operating Companies

[Docket No. ER01-320-001]

Take notice that on January 12, 2001, WPS Resources Operating Companies (WPSR), tendered for filing substitute tariff sheets in compliance with the Commission's order issued December 29, 2000 in WPS Resources Operating Companies, 93 FERC ¶ 61,338.

WPSR requests that this compliance filing be made effective January 1, 2001, consistent with the Commission's acceptance of the original filing in its December 29 order.

Copies of the filing were served upon those persons on the official service list in this proceeding, the Michigan Public Service Commission and the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

*Comment date:* February 2, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 7. NEV, L.L.C., et al.

[Docket Nos. ER97-4636-011, ER97-4652-011, ER97-4653-011, ER97-4654-011, and ER01-429-001]

Take notice that on January 11, 2001, AES NewEnergy, Inc. (AES NewEnergy), tendered for filing its compliance filing pursuant to the Letter Order issued on December 12, 2000, by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, conditionally accepting for filing the triennial updated market power analysis filed on November 8, 2000, by NEV, L.L.C., NEV East, L.L.C., NEV California, L.L.C., and NEV Midwest, L.L.C.

*Comment date:* February 1, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 8. American Transmission Company LLC

[Docket No. ER01-826-001]

Take notice that on January 12, 2001, American Transmission Company LLC (ATCLLC), tendered for filing Attachment A to Service Agreement 54, which was inadvertently omitted when the Agreement was originally filed on December 29, 2000 in Docket No. ER01-826-000.

ATCLLC requests an effective date of January 1, 2001.

*Comment date:* February 2, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.