

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ES02-14-000]

Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. Notice of Filing

December 11, 2001.

Take notice that on November 30, 2001, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (O&R) filed an application for an order, pursuant to section 204 of the Federal Power Act, authorizing O&R during the period from the date of the order through December 31, 2003 to issue and sell unsecured evidences of indebtedness maturing not more than twelve months after their date of issue up to an amount not in excess of \$150 million at any one time outstanding.

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 December 21, 2001. 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 web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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[Docket Nos. CP02-39-000, CP02-40-000, CP02-41-000, and CP02-42-000]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Standard Pacific Gas Line Incorporated; GTrans LLC; PG&E Gas Transmission, Northwest Corporation; Notice of Applications

December 11, 2001.

Take notice that on November 30, 2001, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Standard Pacific Gas Line Incorporated (Stanpac), GTrans LLC (GTrans), and PG&E Gas Transmission, Northwest Corporation (GTN), (collectively referred to as Applicants), filed in Docket Nos. CP02-39-000, CP02-40-000, CP02-41-000, and CP02-42-000, pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and parts 157 and 284 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, for a series of authorizations that, taken together, will permit them to extend PG&E's existing intrastate natural gas transmission system to a new market center located in the State of Oregon, near Malin, Oregon, thereby integrating PG&E's transmission and storage systems into the interstate pipeline grid and bringing them under FERC regulation, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Applicants state that currently:

- PG&E is an integrated utility providing retail electric and natural gas service to millions of customers in California. As part of its utility operations, PG&E owns and operates an extensive intrastate natural gas transmission system in northern California which is regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CPUC) pursuant to the Hinshaw exemption to the Natural Gas Act. PG&E recently filed a voluntary petition for bankruptcy on April 6.

- Stanpac owns a Hinshaw pipeline (the Stanpac Assets) in California which is operated by PG&E pursuant to a March 28, 1996 Stanpac System Management and Operating Agreement (Stanpac System Agreement).

- GTN is an interstate pipeline extending from the U.S.-Canada border, through the states of Idaho, Washington and Oregon, to the California-Oregon

border where it currently interconnects with PG&E's natural gas transmission system.

- GTrans is a newly created entity formed for the purpose of owning and operating an interstate natural gas pipeline system that will result from the integration of PG&E's gas transmission system with an interstate pipeline segment to be acquired from GTN.

The Applicants seek approval for PG&E's reorganization into an interstate pipeline as part of its plan to emerge from bankruptcy. As such, the Applicants indicate that their requests for Commission action and their acceptance of the requested authorizations are conditioned upon bankruptcy court approval. They further submit that formation of the new interstate pipeline system will, among other things: (i) create a new market center at Malin, Oregon, where GTN, Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company (Tuscarora) and GTrans will interconnect at a single point, (ii) standardize the terms and conditions for transportation of natural gas in northern California with the interstate pipeline grid, and (iii) facilitate future pipeline expansions within and outside the State of California.

Applicants propose a limited transition period during which GTrans will offer service under rates, terms and conditions that are virtually identical to PG&E's existing CPUC-approved rates, terms and conditions, including the rates, terms and conditions for open-access transportation and storage approved by the CPUC in the Gas Accord settlement. Applicants propose that the transition period end on the date that FERC accepts a section 4 filing to be made by GTrans no later than 14 months after GTrans accepts its requested certificate. In that section 4 filing, GTrans will propose to amend its open-access tariff to comply with all Commission regulations and policies applicable to open-access pipelines. Subject to certain priority rights for service to the reorganized PG&E and certain existing customers of PG&E under pre-existing, CPUC-authorized long-term contracts, GTrans proposes to hold an open season to award capacity to be taken under the rates, terms and conditions in the section 4 filing.

Specifically, the Applicants request that the Commission take the following actions:

- Issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing PG&E to acquire from GTN a segment of existing pipeline approximately three miles in length beginning at the existing interconnection between GTN and PG&E's transmission system, extending