

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.

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**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-53-000]

#### National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation, Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Application

December 28, 2001.

Take notice that on December 13, 2001, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203 and Dominion Transmission, Inc. (Dominion), 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301, filed a joint application pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's rules and regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate facilities that will increase capacity on the jointly-owned Ellisburg, Pennsylvania to Leidy, Pennsylvania pipeline (Ellisburg-Leidy Line) all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. 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).

Specifically, the applicants seek authorization to: (1) Install a new 8,010 horsepower compressor unit at National Fuel's Ellisburg Compressor Station in Potter County, Pennsylvania, (2) uprate the maximum allowable operating pressure of the jointly-owned pipeline (downstream of the Ellisburg Compressor Station) above the current level of 1405 psig, and (3) modify the Leidy M&R Station in Clinton County, Pennsylvania. The applicants state that these facility additions would allow an additional 150,000 Dth per day of firm capacity to the Ellisburg-Leidy Line. Of this total, 130,000 Dth per day of capacity would be allocated to National Fuel and 20,000 Dth per day would be allocated to Dominion. The applicants state that this incremental capacity, along with other capacity owned by Dominion and National Fuel, will be leased to Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee). The leases are the subject of other jointly-filed applications.<sup>1</sup> The estimated cost of the proposed facilities is \$9.4 million.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to David W. Reitz, Assistant General Counsel, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation, 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203 at 716-857-7949 or by E-mail at [reitzd@natfuel.com](mailto:reitzd@natfuel.com) and Sean R. Sleigh, Certificates Manager, Dominion Transmission, Inc., 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301 at 304-627-3462 or by E-mail at [sean\\_r\\_sleigh@dom.com](mailto:sean_r_sleigh@dom.com).

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 January 18, 2002, 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

<sup>1</sup> The lease between Tennessee and Dominion is the subject of Docket No. CP02-47-000. The lease

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC02-37-000, et al.]

#### Madison Gas & Electric Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

December 27, 2001.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission. Any comments should be submitted in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 1. Madison Gas & Electric Company

[Docket No. EC02-37-000]

Take notice that on December 19, 2001, Madison Gas and Electric Co. (MGE) and MGE Energy, Inc. (MGE Energy) filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), pursuant to section 203 of the Federal Power Act, for authorization of a disposition of jurisdictional facilities whereby a proposed corporate reorganization would be implemented.

MGE proposes to carry out a reorganization plan, which will result in a holding company structure under which MGE and its utility operation will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of the newly formed MGE Energy.

*Comment Date:* January 9, 2002.

##### 2. Duke Energy Southaven, LLC

[Docket No. EG02-58-000]

Take notice that on December 20, 2001, Duke Energy Southaven, LLC (Duke Southaven) filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the Commission) for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to section 32 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, and part 365 of the Commission's regulations.

Duke Southaven is a Delaware limited liability company that will be engaged directly and exclusively in the business of operating all or part of one or more eligible facilities to be located in Southaven, Mississippi. The eligible facilities will consist of a simple cycle electric generation plant with a nominal capacity of 640 MW and related interconnection facilities. The output of the eligible facilities will be sold at wholesale.

*Comment Date:* January 17, 2002. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

##### 3. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, WPS Energy Services, Inc., WPS Power Development, Inc. (and its subsidiaries)

[Docket Nos. ER95-1528-006 and ER96-1088-031]

Take notice that on December 20, 2001, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC), WPS Energy Services, Inc. (ESI) and WPS Power Development, Inc. (and its subsidiaries) (PDI) (collectively, the WPSR Companies), submitted a three-year update of the justification for their authorization to sell power at market-based rates.

The WPSR Companies state that copies of this filing have been served on the Public Service Commissions of Wisconsin, Michigan and Maine.

*Comment Date:* January 10, 2002.

##### 4. Commonwealth Chesapeake Company, LLC

[Docket Nos. ER99-415-004]

Take notice that on December 21, 2001, Commonwealth Chesapeake Company, L.L.C. (Commonwealth Chesapeake) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an updated market power study in accordance with the Commission's order issued December 21, 1998 in Docket No. ER99-415 conditionally accepting for filing Commonwealth Chesapeake's market-based rate tariff.

*Comment Date:* January 11, 2002.

##### 5. New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

[Docket Nos. ER00-3591-010 and ER00-1969-012]

Take notice that on December 21, 2001, the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) revisions to its Market Administration and Control Area Services Tariff in order to update the references to the formula used to calculate locational reserve prices, pursuant to the Commission's order issued on June 29, 2001, in the above-captioned dockets.

The NYISO has requested an effective date of September 30, 2001, for the filing.

The NYISO has served a copy of this filing upon parties on the official service lists maintained by the Commission for the above-captioned dockets.

*Comment Date:* January 11, 2002.