

filing on Taylor and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment Date: June 11, 2002.

11. Delmarva Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER02-1864-000]

Take notice that on May 21, 2002, Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva) tendered for filing an Interconnection Agreement between Delmarva and Conectiv Delmarva Generation, Inc. (CDG). The Interconnection Agreement provides for the interconnection of CDG's generating facilities with the Delmarva transmission system.

Delmarva respectfully requests that the Interconnection Agreement become effective on July 21, 2002. Copies of the filing were served upon the Delmarva Public Service Commission, Maryland Public Service Commission and the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

Comment Date: June 11, 2002.

12. Desert Southwest Power, LLC

[Docket No. ER02-1866-000]

Take notice that on May 21, 2002, Desert Southwest Power, LLC submitted a Notice of Succession pursuant to 18 CFR 35.16 and 131.51 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Regulations. Caithness Energy Marketing, LLC has changed its name to Desert Southwest Power, LLC and effective April 23, 2002 succeeded to Caithness Energy Marketing, LLC Rate Schedule FERC No. 1, Market-Based Rate Schedule filed in Docket No. ER01-2353-000, which was effective July 15, 2001.

Comment Date: June 11, 2002.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file 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). 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. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for

assistance). 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.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC02-49-000, et al.]

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

May 28, 2002.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

1. The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, The Toledo Edison Company, FirstEnergy Ventures Corp., Bay Shore Power Company and NRG Northern Ohio Generating LLC, NRG Ashtabula Generating LLC, NRG Lakeshore Generating LLC

[Docket No. EC02-49-000]

The Commission issued the following text as a Notice of Filing (Notice) on February 11, 2002. Because the February 11, 2002 Notice was not published in the **Federal Register**, the Commission is reissuing the original Notice with a new due date for comments. Parties that have already filed comments, interventions, and protests need not do so again.

Take notice that on February 1, 2002, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, The Toledo Edison Company, FirstEnergy Ventures Corp., and Bay Shore Power Company (collectively, FirstEnergy Companies) and NRG Northern Ohio Generating LLC, (NRG Northern Ohio), NRG Ashtabula Generating LLC, and NRG Lakeshore Generating LLC (collectively the NRG Companies) (the FirstEnergy Companies and NRG Companies together, Applicants) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a joint application requesting authorization pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act for FirstEnergy Companies to transfer certain jurisdictional facilities associated with four electric generating stations, which are located in Ohio and total 2,535 MW, to the NRG Companies and passive participant owner lessors,

which will in turn enter into long-term leases with NRG Northern Ohio. Additionally, pursuant to a Transition Power Purchase Agreement, FirstEnergy Solutions Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., engaged in wholesale and retail power marketing, will have the ability to schedule up to 92 percent of the capacity of the Facilities (excluding certain combustion turbines) through 2005. *Comment Date:* June 5, 2002.

1. KeySpan Ravenswood, Inc.

[Docket No. ER99-2387-001]

Take notice that on May 23, 2002, KeySpan-Ravenswood, Inc. (Ravenswood) tendered for filing its triennial market power analysis in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order granting it market based rate authority in Docket No. ER99-2387-000 on May 27, 1999.

Comment Date: June 13, 2002.

2. Panda-Rosemary Limited Partnership

[Docket Nos. QF89-241-002 EL02-90-000]

Take notice that on May 17, 2002, Panda-Rosemary Limited Partnership (Panda-Rosemary), filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a Request for Waiver of QF Operating and Efficiency Standards and Application for Recertification as a Qualifying Cogeneration Facility pursuant to 292.205" and 292.207(b) of the Commission's regulations. No determination has been made that the submittal constitutes a complete filing.

The facility is a nominal 180-MW, natural gas fired, topping cycle cogeneration facility (the Facility) located in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. The Facility is interconnected with the North Carolina Power system and power from the Facility is sold to North Carolina Power.

Comment Date: June 27, 2002.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file 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). 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. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person

designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). 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.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-142-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Rock Springs Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

May 28, 2002.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Rock Springs Expansion Project involving the abandonment, construction and operation of facilities by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) in Chester County, Pennsylvania.¹ The facilities being abandoned consist of 8.6 miles of 14-inch-diameter pipeline which would be replaced with 8.6 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline. The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail

to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Columbia provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.fed.us).

Summary of the Proposed Project

Columbia is proposing the Rock Springs Energy Expansion Project to expand its existing system in Pennsylvania to provide firm transportation service to Rock Springs Generation, L.L.C.'s and CED Rock Springs, Inc.'s power plant to be built in Cecil County, Maryland. This project would allow Columbia to deliver 270,000 Dekatherms per day of gas to the power plant.

Columbia proposes to abandon its existing 8.6 mile 14-inch-diameter Line 1278 in Chester County, Pennsylvania and replace it with 24-inch-diameter pipeline beginning at Columbia's Downingtown Compressor Station and extending to its Eagle Compressor Station. The Rock Springs Generation, L.L.C. and CED Rock Springs, Inc. would construct 800 feet of nonjurisdictional 16-inch-diameter pipeline from the existing Rock Springs Meter Station in Cecil County, Maryland to the power plant. See appendix 2 for a location map of Columbia's Line 1278.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of Columbia's proposed facilities would require about 97 acres of land, including construction right-of-way for the pipeline and extra work areas needed for access and staging areas. Columbia would generally use a 50-to 75-foot-wide construction right-of-way during replacement. Line 1278 parallels for 6.5 miles Columbia's existing Line 1896 which will be replaced the summer of 2002 under the order issued in Docket No. CP01-439-000. The majority of the construction right-of-way for Line 1278 would overlap the construction right-of-way used for Line 1896. About 53 acres would be maintained as permanent right-of-way.

Construction access to Columbia's project generally would be via the construction right-of-way, private drives, and existing road network. Columbia has identified 10 existing

access roads necessary for the construction of its project. No new access roads would be constructed.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us² to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- geology and soils
- water resources and wetlands
- vegetation and wildlife
- threatened and endangered species
- cultural resources
- land use
- reliability and safety
- air quality and noise

We will evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

¹ Columbia's application was filed with the Commission on April 5, 2002, under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

² "We", "us", and "our", refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).