

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, 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.

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.

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**Secretary.**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EC02-85-000 and ER02-2218-000]

#### Minnesota Power, Rainy River Energy Corporation; Notice of Filing

July 9, 2002.

Take notice that on June 26, 2002, Minnesota Power (MP) and Rainy River Energy Corporation (Rainy River) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), a Joint Application for Order Authorizing Transfer of Jurisdictional Facilities pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act seeking authorization for Rainy River to transfer to MP three power contracts. MP owns and operates generation, transmission and distribution facilities and provides electricity to 138,000 customers in northeastern Minnesota and northwestern Wisconsin. Rainy River is a power marketer that has a market-based rate tariff on file with the Commission.

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.

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*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP02-399-000, CP02-400-000 and CP02-401-000]

#### Missouri Interstate Gas, LLC; Notice of Application

July 9, 2002.

Take notice that on July 3, 2002, Missouri Interstate Gas, LLC (Missouri Interstate), 110 Algana Court, St. Peters, Missouri 63376, filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and related authorizations pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and the Commission's Rules and Regulations thereunder. Missouri Interstate requests authorization for the following:

(i) A certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Missouri Interstate to construct, install, and operate natural gas pipeline facilities in Illinois and Missouri;

(ii) A blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Part 284, Subpart G of the Commission regulations authorizing the transportation of gas for others;

(iii) A blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity under Part 157, Subpart F of the Commission's regulations authorizing the construction, acquisition, abandonment and operation of certain facilities, all as more thoroughly described in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at