

1005”), with appurtenances, located in Dona Ana and Luna Counties, New Mexico. Subsequently, on March 28, 2000, El Paso filed an application at Docket No. CP98-717-001 requesting amended authorization to abandon the facilities granted by the January 15, 1999, order. Specifically, El Paso sought Commission authorization to abandon approximately 44 miles of Line No. 1005 by transfer to El Paso Energy Communications Company (“EPECC”) for use as conduit for fiber optic cable, with the remaining 5.16 miles to be abandoned in place. Thereafter, on August 10, 2000, the Commission granted El Paso authority to amend its certificate at Docket No. CP98-717-001.

El Paso explains that although the Commission approved its amended application on August 10, 2000, El Paso has been unable to consummate the conveyance of the approximate 44 miles of Line No. 1005 to EPECC due to the suspension of EPECC’s fiber optic expansion plans. Therefore, EPECC is no longer desirous of acquiring the 44 miles of Line No. 1005 from El Paso. Based on this change in circumstances, El Paso no longer intends to convey the 44-mile segment of Line No. 1005 and, instead, now desires to abandon the entire 49.16 miles of Line No. 1005 in place. Accordingly, El Paso is seeking to amend the January 15, 1999, order, as amended, modifying El Paso’s method of abandonment of Line No. 1005 from abandonment by transfer to abandonment in place.

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 the comment date stated below 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 in the proceeding, with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. 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.

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. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

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.

Comment Date: January 29, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03-221-000]

High Island Offshore System, L.L.C.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 8, 2003.

Take notice that on December 31, 2002, High Island Offshore System, L.L.C. (HIOS) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed in Appendix A to the filing, to become effective February 1, 2003.

HIOS states that the proposed rate changes result in a decrease in total system revenues from jurisdictional service by approximately \$.5 million annually, based on the 12-month base period ending September 30, 2002, as adjusted for known and measurable changes through the nine month test period ending June 30, 2003.

HIOS states the rate change is necessary to compensate HIOS for its operating costs and allows HIOS to recover a reasonable depreciation

expense, an increase in negative salvage expenses and a management fee.

HIOS states that a full copy of its filing is being served on all jurisdictional customers, applicable state commissions and interested parties that have requested service.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission’s rules and regulations. All such motions or 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission’s Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the “FERRIS” link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. *See* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission’s Web site under the “e-Filing” link.

Comment Date: January 13, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP00-411-005 and RP01-44-007]

Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.; Notice of Compliance Filing

January 8, 2003.

Take notice that on December 31, 2002, Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. (Iroquois) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Original Sheet No. 65A; Original Sheet No. 65B;