

waiver of the competitive bidding requirements and negotiated placement requirements of 18 CFR 34.2(a). Soyland requests expedited treatment of its application.

Comment Date: August 27, 2003.

Standard Paragraph

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Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER01-3155-005, et al.]

New York Independent System Operator, Inc., et al., Electric Rate and Corporate Filings

August 6, 2003.

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

1. New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

[Docket Nos. ER01-3155-005, ER01-1385-014 and EL01-45-013]

Take notice that on July 11, 2003, New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) its response to the Commission's Order on Requests for Rehearing and Motion dated June 5, 2003 in Docket Nos. ER01-3155-003, ER01-1285-012 and EL01-45-011.

Comment Date: August 20, 2003.

2. Portland General Electric Company

[Docket No. ER03-1019-001]

Take notice that on August 1, 2003, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) tendered for filing Amended Revised Tariff Sheets to the Second Revised Volume No. 8 of PGE's FERC Electric Tariff. PGE states that the revisions are intended to broaden the application of Energy Imbalance Service Schedule 4 pursuant to PGE's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT), effective April 2, 2001.

PGE requests a waiver of the Commission's 60-day notice requirement and an effective date of June 1, 2003. PGE states that a copy of the filing was served upon the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

Comment Date: August 22, 2003.

3. Ameren Services Company

[Docket No. ER03-1146-000]

Take notice that on August 1, 2003, Ameren Services Company (ASC) tendered for filing Service Agreements for Network Integration Transmission Service and a Network Operating Agreement between ASC and the City of Jackson, Missouri (Customer). ASC states that the purpose of the Agreement is to permit ASC to provide transmission service to Customer pursuant to Ameren's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment Date: August 22, 2003.

4. Ameren Services Company

[Docket No. ER03-1147-000]

Take notice that on August 1, 2003, Ameren Services Company (ASC) tendered for filing Service Agreements for Network Integration Transmission Service and a Network Operating Agreement between ASC and Ameren Energy Marketing Company as agent for Caterpillar (Customer). ASC asserts that the purpose of the Agreement is to permit ASC to provide transmission service to Customer pursuant to Ameren's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment Date: August 22, 2003.

5. New England Power Pool

[Docket No. ER03-1148-000]

Take notice that on August 1, 2003, the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) Participants Committee filed for acceptance materials to permit NEPOOL to expand its membership to include Powerex Corp. (Powerex), and to terminate the membership of SmartEnergy, Inc. (SmartEnergy). The Participants Committee requests a August 1, 2003 effective date for commencement of participation in NEPOOL by Powerex and a July 1, 2003 effective date for the termination of SmartEnergy.

The Participants Committee states that copies of these materials were sent to the New England state governors and regulatory commissions and the Participants in NEPOOL.

Comment Date: August 22, 2003.

6. Reliant Energy Services, Inc., as agent for Reliant Energy Hunterstown, LLC

[Docket No. ER03-1164-000]

Take notice that on August 1, 2003, Reliant Energy Services, Inc., as agent for Reliant Energy Hunterstown, LLC (Hunterstown, LLC) tendered for filing, pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.824d), and part 35 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a rate schedule for reactive power to be provided to the PJM Interconnection, LLC transmission grid. Hunterstown, LLC requests an effective date of September 1, 2003.

Comment Date: August 22, 2003.

7. Texas-New Mexico Power Company

[Docket No. ES03-45-000]

Take notice that on July 31, 2003, Texas-New Mexico Power Company (Texas-New Mexico) submitted an application pursuant to section 204 of the Federal Power Act seeking authorization to issue long-term, unsecured debt in an amount not to exceed \$250 million.

Texas-New Mexico also requests a waiver from the Commission's competitive bidding and negotiated placement requirements at 18 CFR 34.2.

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8. Florida Keys Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.

[Docket No. ES03-46-000]

Take notice that on August 1, 2003, Florida Keys Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. (Florida Keys) submitted an application pursuant to section 204 of the Federal Power Act

seeking authorization to issue long-term, mortgage notes in an amount equal to \$11.2 million. Florida Keys also requests a waiver from the Commission's competitive bidding and negotiated placement requirements at 18 CFR 34.2.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6642-9]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for

copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 4, 2003 (68 FR 16511).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-E65061-SC Rating EC2, Sumter National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Oconee, Chester, Fairfield, Laurens, Newberry, Union-Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick and Saluda Counties, SC.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns related primarily to water quality improvement goals and objectives for the National Forest. EPA recommends inclusion of several forest-wide goals, objectives and standards to improve water quality and identified several individual, watershed-specific, management prescriptions for implementation.

ERP No. D-AFS-E65062-TN Rating EC2, Cherokee National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Carter, Cocke, Greene, Johnson, McMinn, Monroe, Polk, Sullivan and Unicoil, TN.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns related primarily to water quality improvement goals and objectives for the National Forest. EPA recommends inclusion of several forest-wide goals, objectives and standards to improve water quality and identified several individual, watershed-specific, management prescriptions for implementation.

ERP No. D-AFS-E65063-GA Rating EC2, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, several Counties, GA.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns related primarily to water quality improvement goals and objectives for the National Forest. EPA recommends inclusion of several forest-wide goals, objectives and standards to improve water quality and identified several individual, watershed-specific, management prescriptions for implementation.

ERP No. D-AFS-E65064-AL Rating EC2, Alabama National Forests Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Bankhead National Forest, Lawrence, Winston and Franklin Counties, AL.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns related primarily to water quality improvement goals and objectives for the National Forest. EPA recommends inclusion of several forest-wide goals, objectives and standards to improve water quality and identified

several, watershed-specific, management prescriptions for implementation.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65382-SD Rating EC2, Elk Bugs and Fuels Project, Vegetation Management to Reduce the Spread of Mountain Pine Beetles and the Threat and Severity of Potential Wildfires, Black Hills National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Northern Hills Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest, Lawrence and Meade Counties, SD.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about adverse impacts of erosion on water quality and riparian habitat, sedimentation of streams and water-storage reservoirs, fish and wildlife impacts to sensitive species; and noxious weeds. EPA recommended focusing fire reducing treatments to wildland-private land interface, allowing large, fire-resistant trees to remain for wildlife habitat in the back country, and maximizing use of existing roads and reducing new roads near private lands.

ERP No. D-BLM-J01080-WY Rating EC2, West Hay Creek Coal Lease Application, Federal Coal Leasing, Buckskin Mine, Powder River Basin, Campbell County, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential impacts to air quality in the Powder River Basin, nitrogen oxides from blasting and wetlands loss.

ERP No. D-DOD-A09832-00 Rating LO, Mercury Management Project, Site Selection and Implementation of a Long-Term (i.e., 40 Years) Management Plan for the Defense Stockpile of Elemental Mercury, Hawthorne, NV; New Haven, IN; Oak Ridge, TN; Romulus, NY; Somerville, NJ; Tooele, UT and Warren, OH.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the proposed action.

ERP No. D-DOD-A10075-00 Rating LO, Programmatic EIS—Chemical and Biological Defense Program, Protection of our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen on the Battlefield, United States and other Countries.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the proposed action.

ERP No. D-DOE-C22003-NY Rating LO, West Valley Demonstration Project, Waste Management, Onsite Management and Offsite Transportation of Radioactive Waste, West Valley, Cattaraugus County, NY.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the implementation of the proposed project.

ERP No. D-DOE-L91018-OR Rating LO, Northeast Oregon Hatchery Program, Grande Ronde—Imnaha Spring Chinook Hatchery Modification