

Standardization of Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures.

SCE states that copies of this filing were served upon the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, the California Independent System Operator Corporation, the California Electricity Oversight Board, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and the Cities of Anaheim, Azusa, Banning, Riverside, and Vernon, California, and any persons on the Service List for this proceeding.

*Comment Date:* March 17, 2004.

### 9. Diverse Power Incorporated

[Docket No. ER04-444-001]

Take notice that on February 12, 2004, Diverse Power Incorporated (Diverse) submitted its proposed Revised Tariff Sheet No. 1 of its Original FERC Rate Schedule No. 1. The revised tariff sheet is being filed to reflect a change in name from Troup Electric Membership Corp. to Diverse Power Incorporated.

*Comment Date:* March 8, 2004.

### 10. Diverse Power Incorporated

[Docket No. ER04-555-000]

Take notice that on February 17, 2004, the Commission issued a "Notice of Filing" in Docket No. ER04-555-000. This notice was issued in error and is hereby rescinded.

### 11. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

[Docket No. ER04-579-000]

Take notice that on February 24, 2004, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) submitted for filing an executed service agreement for Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service with Western Resources Generation Service d/b/a Westar (Westar). SPP seeks an effective date of June 1, 2004, for the service agreement.

SPP states that Westar was served with a copy of this filing.

*Comment Date:* March 16, 2004.

### 12. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER04-580-000]

Take notice that on February 24, 2004, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM), submitted for filing an executed construction service agreement (CSA) among PJM, Bethesda Triangle, LLC, and Potomac Electric Power Company. PJM requests a waiver of the Commission's 60-day notice requirement to permit a February 12, 2004, effective date for the CSA.

PJM states that copies of this filing were served upon the parties to the agreements and the state regulatory commissions within the PJM region.

*Comment Date:* March 16, 2004.

### 13. American Electric Power Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER04-581-000]

Take notice that on February 24, 2004, AEP Service Corporation (AEPSC) on behalf of Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M), tendered for filing a revised Repair and Maintenance Agreement between I&M and Wabash Valley Power Association (O&M Agreement) designated agreement as Eight Revised I&M FERC Rate Schedule No. 81. AEPSC requests waiver of notice to permit the new O&M Agreement to be effective on/or after March 1, 2004.

AEP states that a copy of the filing was served upon the Parties and the state utility regulatory commissions of Indiana and Michigan.

*Comment Date:* March 16, 2004.

### 14. Wilbur Power LLC

[Docket Nos. QF83-168-007 and EL04-86-000]

Take notice that on February 26, 2004, Wilbur Power LLC (Wilbur Power), tendered for filing a Request for Limited Waiver of Qualifying Cogeneration Operating and Efficiency Standards, Status Report, and Request for Expedited Consideration.

*Comment Date:* March 18, 2004.

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 "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or TTY, (202) 502-8659. 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.

**Linda Mitry,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF04-6-000]

#### Questar Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Questar's Proposed Southern System Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

February 27, 2004.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Questar Pipeline Company's (Questar) proposed Southern System Expansion Project. This notice announces the opening of the scoping process we<sup>1</sup> will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help us determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. The Commission will use the EA in its decisionmaking process to determine whether to authorize the project. Please note that the scoping period will close on April 7, 2004.

The FERC will be the lead Federal agency in the preparation of the EA which will satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Southern System Expansion Project is in the preliminary design stage. At this time no formal application has been filed with the FERC. For this project, the FERC staff is initiating its NEPA review prior to receiving the application. The purpose of our NEPA Pre-Filing Process is to involve interested stakeholders early in project planning and to identify and resolve issues before an application is filed with the FERC. A docket number (PF04-6-000) has been established to place information filed by Questar, and related documents issued by the Commission, into the public record.<sup>2</sup> Once a formal application is filed with

<sup>1</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.

<sup>2</sup> To view information in the docket, follow the instructions for using the eLibrary link at the end of this notice.

the FERC, a new docket number will be established.

This notice is being sent to landowners; Federal, State, and local government agencies; Indian tribes; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; and local libraries and newspapers. We encourage government representatives to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern. With this notice, we are asking Federal, State, and local agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. Agencies that would like to request cooperating status should send a letter describing the extent to which they want to be involved. Follow the instructions for filing comments provided below.

Some affected landowners may be contacted by a project representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. If they are, the company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is certificated by the Commission, that approval conveys the right of eminent domain for securing easements for the pipeline. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with State law.

### Summary of the Proposed Project

Questar proposes to expand its natural gas system to add an additional 102,000 dekatherms per day of firm transportation capacity. More specifically, Questar requests Commission authorization to:

- Construct and operate approximately 18.4 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline near the city of Price in Carbon County, Utah. Approximately nine miles of the proposed pipeline would loop<sup>3</sup> Questar's existing Main Line (M.L.) No. 40 and the remaining nine miles would follow other existing utility rights-of-way;
- Construct and operate two new compressor stations. The Water Canyon Compressor Station, with approximately 9,400 nominal horsepower (hp) of compression, would be constructed adjacent to Questar's M.L. No. 40 in Duchesne County, Utah. The Thistle Creek Compressor Station, with approximately 5,800 nominal hp of

<sup>3</sup> A pipeline "loop" is a segment of pipe installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to the existing pipeline at both ends. A loop increases the amount of gas that can move through that portion of the system.

compression, would be constructed adjacent to Questar's M.L. No. 41 in Utah County, Utah; and

- Modifications within the existing fenced yards of Questar's Oak Spring Compressor Station located in Carbon County, Utah and the Greasewood Compressor Station located in Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

A map depicting the proposed pipeline route and compressor stations is provided in appendix 1.<sup>4</sup>

Questar proposes to place the project in service by October 2005. To achieve this in-service date, Questar intends to request approval to begin construction of the pipeline facilities in May 2005.

### The EA Process

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 us to discover and address issues and concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues and reasonable alternatives. By this notice, we are requesting agency and public comments on the scope of the issues to be analyzed and presented in the EA. All scoping comments received will be considered during the preparation of the EA. To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section of this notice.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be included in an EA. The EA will be mailed to Federal, State, and local government agencies; Indian tribes; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; affected landowners; other interested parties; local libraries and newspapers; and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. Depending on the response to this notice and the nature of issues raised during the review process, a 30-day comment period may be allotted for review of the EA. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

<sup>4</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available on the Commission's Internet Web site <http://www.ferc.gov> at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch at 202.502.8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the end of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, reasonable alternatives (including alternative compressor station sites and pipeline routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 7, 2004, and carefully follow these instructions:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to:  
Magalie R. Salas, Secretary,  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,  
888 First St., NE., Room 1A,  
Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of your comments for the attention of Gas Branch 3, DG2E; and
- Reference Docket No. PF04-6-000 on the original and both copies.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. Therefore, the Commission encourages electronic filing of comments. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper and save it to a file on your hard drive. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing."

### Intervention

When Questar files its application for authorization to construct the proposed pipeline, the Commission will publish notice of the application in the **Federal Register** and establish a deadline for interested persons to intervene in the proceeding. Because the NEPA Pre-Filing Process occurs before an application to begin a proceeding is officially filed, petitions to intervene during this process are premature and will not be accepted by the Commission. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

**Availability of Additional Information**

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance with eLibrary, the eLibrary helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is also available for viewing on the FERC Internet website. 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.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to [www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm](http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm).

Information about the project is also available from Questar. Questar has established a single point of contact for the project. The contact is Mr. David Ingleby, Supervisor, Property and Right-of-Way, and can be reached by phone at 1-800-366-8532 or e-mail at [David.Ingleby@Questar.com](mailto:David.Ingleby@Questar.com). You may also access Questar's Southern System Expansion Project Web site at [www.questarssp.com](http://www.questarssp.com).

**Linda Mitry,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 289-013]

**Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E); Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests**

February 27, 2004.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New major license.

b. *Project No.:* P-289-013.

c. *Date filed:* October 7, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E).

e. *Name of Project:* Ohio Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Ohio River, in Jefferson County, Kentucky. This project is located at the U.S. Army Corp of Engineer's McAlpine Locks and Dam Project.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Ms. Linda S. Portasik, Senior Corporate Attorney, Louisville Gas and Electric Company, 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, (502) 627-2557.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Costello, [john.costello@ferc.gov](mailto:john.costello@ferc.gov), (202) 502-6119.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's rules of practice require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Motions to intervene and protests 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission encourages electronic filings.

k. This application has been accepted, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Project Description:* The Ohio Falls Hydroelectric Station consists of the following existing facilities: (a) A concrete powerhouse containing eight-10,040 kW generating units, located at the U.S. Army Corp of Engineer's McAlpine Locks and Dam Project; (b) a concrete headworks section, 632 feet long and 2 feet wide, built integrally with the powerhouse; (c) an office and electric gallery building; (d) a 69 kV transmission line designated as line 6608 to the Canal substation; (e) an access road, (f) a 266.6-foot long swing bridge over McAlpine Locks for access; (g) one half mile of railroad tracks; and (h) appurtenant facilities. The project facilities are owned by LG&E.

m. A copy of the application is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "E Library" link—select "Docket #" and follow the instructions. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of rules of practice and procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE"; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

o. *Procedural Schedule:* The Commission staff proposes to issue one Environmental Assessment (EA) rather than issuing a draft and final EA. Staff intends to allow 30 days for entities to comment on the EA, and will take into