

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Comment Period Extension and Additional Public Scoping Meetings for an Environmental Impact Statement for the Alignment, Construction, and Operation of a Rail Line to a Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, NV****AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.**ACTION:** Notice of comment period extension and additional public meetings.

SUMMARY: On April 8, 2004, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a Notice of Intent (69 FR 18565) announcing its intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act for the alignment, construction, and operation of a rail line for shipments of spent nuclear fuel, high-level radioactive waste, and other materials from a site near Caliente, Lincoln County, Nevada, to a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada, and announced three public scoping meetings during a 45-day public comment period ending May 24, 2004. In response to a request from the State of Nevada, DOE is now announcing two additional public meetings, one in Las Vegas, Nevada, and one in Reno, Nevada, and extending the comment period to June 1, 2004.

DATES: The additional public meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

- Las Vegas, Nevada. Las Vegas Yucca Mountain Information Center, 4101 B Meadows Lane, May 10, 2004, from 4–8 p.m.
- Reno, Nevada. University of Nevada-Reno, Lawlor Event Center-Silver and Blue Room, 15th & North Virginia, May 12, 2004, from 4–8 p.m.

The comment period on the Notice of Intent is being extended to June 1, 2004. DOE will consider comments on the proposed scope of the Rail Alignment EIS received after June 1, 2004, to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of this Rail Alignment EIS, questions concerning the proposed action and alternatives, requests for maps that illustrate the Caliente corridor and alternatives, or requests for additional information on the Rail Alignment EIS or transportation planning in general should be directed to: Ms. Robin Sweeney, EIS Document Manager, Office of National Transportation, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, U.S. Department of Energy, 1551 Hillshire Drive, M/S 011, Las Vegas, NV 89134,

telephone 1–800–967–3477, or via the Internet at <http://www.ocrwm.doe.gov> under “What’s New.”

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 20, 2004.

Margaret S. Y. Chu,

Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. RP00–331–006 and RP01–23–008 and RP03–176–004]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

April 16, 2004.

Take notice that on April 12, 2004, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed in Appendices A and B of the filing to be effective on September 1, 2003 and April 1, 2004, respectively.

Algonquin states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission’s March 30, 2004 “Order on Rehearing and Compliance Filing” issued in Algonquin’s Order No. 637 proceeding in the captioned docket.

Algonquin states that copies of its filing have been served on all affected customers and interested state commissions, as well as to all parties on the official service lists compiled by the Secretary of the Commission in these proceedings.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with § 385.211 of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with § 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. 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 eLibrary 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. 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.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP04–105–000]

CMS Gas Transmission Company and Bluewater Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Application

April 16, 2004.

Take notice that on April 8, 2004, CMS Gas Transmission Company (CMSGT), and Bluewater Gas Storage, LLC (Bluewater) filed in the above-referenced docket an application pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), Part 153 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) regulations (18 CFR part 153), Executive Order Nos. 10485 and 12038 and the Secretary of Energy’s Delegation Order No. 0204–112, requesting permission to transfer the NGA Section 3 authorization and Presidential Permit currently issued by the Commission to CMSGT in Docket Nos. CP95–331–000 and CP95–332–000, authorizing it to operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities located at the U.S./Canadian international border in St. Clair County, Michigan, to Bluewater, so that Bluewater can operate the same facilities under the same terms and conditions. CMSGT and Bluewater state that the requests are made in order to facilitate the sale of CMSGT’s leasehold interest in the border crossing facilities to Bluewater. Both parties request that the Commission expeditiously review the filing and issue an order in this proceeding by July 1, 2004. 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 “e-Library” link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to

Douglas W. Smith, Attorney for Bluewater Gas Storage, LLC, at (202) 298-1800.

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.

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.

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.

Comment Date: May 7, 2004.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03-262-003]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Compliance Filing

April 16, 2004.

Take notice that on April 13, 2004, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, certain tariff sheets, to be effective June 1, 2004.

Natural states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Order Granting Clarification issued on March 29, 2004 (Order). Natural explains that the Order required changes to a prior compliance filing made by Natural in the referenced docket on April 17, 2003. Natural asserts that no tariff changes other than those required by the Order are reflected in this filing.

Natural states that copies of the filing are being mailed to all parties set out of the Commission's official service list in Docket No. RP03-262.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with § 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with § 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. 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 eLibrary 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. 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.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC04-96-000, et al.]

Mesquite Investors, L.L.C., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Filings

April 16, 2004.

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

1. Mesquite Investors, L.L.C., ANRV Eagle Point, L.P., ANR Venture Eagle Point Company, Okwari UCF LP

[Docket No. EC04-96-000]

Take notice that on April 15, 2004, Mesquite Investors, L.L.C. (Mesquite), ANRV Eagle Point, L.P. (ANRV), ANR Venture Eagle Point Company (ANR Eagle Point) and Okwari UCF LP (Okwari UCF) (jointly, Applicants) filed with the Commission an application pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act requesting that the Commission: (1) authorize the transfer of Mesquite's, ANRV's and ANR Eagle Point's membership interests in Utility Contract Funding, L.L.C. (UCF) to Okwari UCF; and (2) authorize the subsequent sale and transfer of up to 51 percent of the membership interests thus acquired by Okwari UCF to as yet unidentified purchasers. Applicants requested privileged treatment for certain exhibits pursuant to 18 CFR 3.9 and 388.112. Applicants also requested expedited consideration of this application.

Comment Date: May 6, 2004.

2. Mirant Las Vegas, LLC, Complainant v. Nevada Power Company, Respondent

[Docket No. EL03-229-000]

Take notice that on September 15, 2003, Mirant Las Vegas, LLC (Mirant Las Vegas) filed a complaint against Nevada Power Company (Nevada Power) alleging that the terms and conditions of Nevada Power's Interconnection and