

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 notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Comments, interventions and protests to the applications must be filed on or before the comment date.

Also in this proceeding, initial comments to the Offer of Settlement must be filed on or before the comment date, and reply comments on the Offer of Settlement, if desired, must be filed on or before the reply comment date. Anyone filing an initial or reply comments on the settlement, motions to intervene or protests must serve a copy of those documents on the applicants. However, on or before the reply comment date, it is not necessary to serve comments, motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the applicants.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the comments, protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: March 31, 2006.

Reply Comment Date: April 10, 2006.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER06-398-000; ER06-399-000]

Duquesne Keystone, LLC; Duquesne Conemaugh, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

March 3, 2006.

Duquesne Keystone, LLC and Duquesne Conemaugh, LLC (collectively, the Duquesne Group) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with accompanying rate schedules. The proposed market-based rate schedules provide for the sale of energy, capacity and ancillary at market-based rates. The Duquesne Group also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, the Duquesne

Group requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by the Duquesne Group.

On March 2, 2006, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development—West, granted the request for blanket approval under part 34. The Director's order also stated that the Commission would publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** establishing a period of time for the filing of protests. Accordingly, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by the Duquesne Group should file a motion to intervene or protest 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, 385.214 (2004).

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protest is April 3, 2006.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition by the deadline above, the Duquesne Group is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the Duquesne Group, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of the Duquesne Group's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Director's Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also 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 filed to access the document. 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. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP06-69-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Petition

March 3, 2006.

Take notice that on February 27, 2006, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed a petition for Exemption of Temporary Acts and Operations from Certificate Requirements, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(5) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.207(a)(5)), and section 7(c)(1)(B) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717(c)(1)(B)), seeking approval of an exemption from certificate requirements to perform temporary activities related to drilling a test well and performing other activities to assess the feasibility of developing an underground natural gas storage facility in Pinal County, Arizona, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web 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, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding the petition should be directed to Richard Derryberry, Director, Regulatory Affairs, El Paso Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, phone (719) 520-3782 or fax (719) 667-7534.

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