

following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of comments.

General Issues

A. Are the proposed collections of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency? Does the information have practical utility? (Practical utility is defined as the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.)

B. What enhancements can be made to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a potential respondent:

A. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions need clarification?

B. Can information be submitted by the due date?

C. The estimated burden on each respondent on Form NWP-830G and Annex A is an average of 1 hour per response (with one response per quarter, four times per year.) Burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose and provide the information, above what would be required for efficient management. Please comment on the accuracy of the estimate.

D. The agency estimates that the only costs to the respondents are for the time it will take them to complete the collection. Please comment if respondents will incur start-up costs for reporting, or any recurring annual costs for operation, maintenance, and purchase of services associated with this information collection.

E. What additional actions could be taken to minimize the burden of this collection of information? Such actions may involve the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

F. Does any other Federal, State, or local agency collect similar information? If so, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a Potential User

A. Is the information useful at the levels of detail indicated on the form?

B. For what purpose(s) would the information be used? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources for the information and are they useful? If so, what are their weaknesses and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or

included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL00-34-000]

ExxonMobil Chemical Company and ExxonMobil Refining & Supply Company v. Entergy Gulf States, Inc.; Notice of Complaint

January 14, 2000.

Take notice that on January 13, 2000, ExxonMobil Chemical Company and ExxonMobil Refining & Supply Company (together ExxonMobil) submitted for filing a complaint against Entergy Gulf States, Inc. (Entergy) for interpreting its Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) inconsistently with Order No. 888 and to the disadvantage of a qualifying cogeneration facility (QF) in contravention of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended. ExxonMobil requests that the Commission order Entergy to interpret its OATT consistent with Order No. 888 and consider all substations through which ExxonMobil's QF power is received to be a single point of receipt on Entergy's system.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests must be filed on or before February 2, 2000. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference

Room. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222) for assistance. Answers to the complaint shall also be due on or before February 2, 2000.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-162-000]

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 14, 2000.

Take notice that on January 10, 2000, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A attached to the filing, to be effective February 10, 2000.

Panhandle states that the purpose of this filing, made in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.202 of the Commission's Regulations, is to implement Rate Schedule HFT for Hourly Firm Transportation service pursuant to Panhandle's blanket certificate authorization under Section 284.221 of the Commission's Regulations. Rate Schedule HFT is designed to serve the needs of electric generation customers and other shippers that require greater delivery flexibility within the gas day than other rate schedules provide.

Panhandle states that copies of this filing are being served on all affected customers and applicable state regulatory agencies.

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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public

inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2964-006, Michigan]

City of Sturgis; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

January 14, 2000.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for relicensing of the Sturgis Hydroelectric Project, located on the St. Joseph River in St. Joseph County, Michigan, and has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. In the DEA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the existing project and has concluded that approval of the project, with appropriate environmental protection measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The DEA also may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any comments should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Sturgis Hydroelectric Project No. 2964-006" to all comments. For further information, please contact Patrick Murphy at 202-219-2659.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1984-069 Wisconsin]

Wisconsin River Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

January 14, 2000.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA analyzes the environmental impacts of Wisconsin River Power Company's application to sell 2,380 acres of project lands along with four recreation sites to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). All lands are part of the Castle Rock/Petenwell Hydroelectric Project located on the Wisconsin and Yellow Rivers in Adams, Juneau and Woods Counties, Wisconsin. The WDNR proposes to use these lands to expand its Buckhorn State Park and Wildlife Area. The EA was written by the WDNR and adopted by commission staff (with modifications) in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Commission staff's modifications are contained in our order approving the application issued December 22, 1999.

Copies of our order and the EA are available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The order and EA may also be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP99-624-000]

Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd.; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Medicine Bow Lateral Phase II Project

January 14, 2000.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd.

(WIC) in the above-referenced docket. The proposed project would include the construction and operation of approximately 5.6 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline, add 7,170 horsepower (hp) of compression to an existing compressor station, and a new check meter at an existing compressor station.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

WIC proposed to build a new pipeline and compression facilities to increase the transportation capacity of its existing Medicine Bow Lateral in Colorado and Wyoming. The new facilities would enable WIC to transport an additional 120,000 Dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of natural gas from the Powder River Basin.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following proposed natural gas transmission facilities:

- about 5.6 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Weld County, Colorado;
- one 7,170-hp compressor unit at WIC's existing Douglas Compressor Station in Converse County, Wyoming; and
- one check meter at WIC's existing Cheyenne Compressor Station in Weld County, Colorado.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your comments to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental