

declares that due to its age, obsolescence, and deterioration, replacement is required in order to ensure safe, reliable operation and service to Columbia Gulf's existing customers at current levels.

Columbia Gulf proposes to replace the existing compressor unit with a Solar Mars 100-T15000S turbine driven compressor unit, to be designated as Columbia Gulf's Unit 108, with a rating of 14,470 HP. Columbia Gulf asserts that the construction of the new unit will be within the existing compressor station site and the replacement will not change the design day/certificated capacity of 2,156,334 Mmcf/d winter, and 2,056,334 Mmcf/d summer.

Columbia Gulf states that the proposed construction is estimated to cost \$13,000,000 and the associated net debit to accumulated provision for depreciation for the abandonment is \$1,702,000. Columbia Gulf asserts that upon completion of the construction, the existing unit will be removed. Columbia Gulf states that the proposed age and condition replacement qualifies for rolled-in rate treatment under the Commission's *Pricing Policy for New and Existing Facilities Constructed by Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, 71 FERC Paragraph 61,241 (1995) (Pricing Policy Statement) as interpreted by the Commission in *Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.*, 75 FERC Paragraph 61,158 (1996). Therefore, Columbia Gulf requests all project costs should be permitted rolled-in treatment in Columbia Gulf's next rate case.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Lee M. Beckett, Counsel at (713) 267-4741 (voice) and (713) 267-4755 (telecopier), Columbia Gulf Transmission Company, 2603 Augusta, Suite 125, Houston, Texas 77057-5637.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said Application should on or before September 8, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 18 CFR 385.214) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this Application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission, on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-389-001]

Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership; Notice of Tariff Filing

August 18, 2000.

Take notice that on August 15, 2000, Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership (Cove Point) tendered for filing Substitute Original Sheet No. 7 to Second Revised Volume No. 1 of its FERC Gas Tariff. The proposed effective date of the enclosed tariff sheet is June 14, 2000.

Cove Point states that the purpose of the instant filing is to replace the tariff sheet accepted by a letter order issued August 8, 2000 which was inadvertently filed in the referenced docket without reflecting Cove Point's fuel retainage percentages accepted by the letter order issued March 24, 2000 in Docket No. RP00-210-000. In order to reflect the correct fuel retainage percentages, Cove Point is submitting Substitute Original Sheet No. 7 to replace the current effective Original Sheet No. 7.

Cove Point respectfully requests that the Commission grant a waiver of the notice requirements in Section 154.207 of its regulations, and any other waivers that may be necessary, in order that the tariff sheets be made effective as proposed herein.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 154.23(d) of the Commission's Regulations, copies of this filing are available for public inspection, during regular business hours, in a convenient form and place at Cove Point's main office at 2800 Post Oak Boulevard in Houston, Texas.

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

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-437-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Application

August 18, 2000.

Take notice that on August 11, 2000, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), a Delaware corporation, whose mailing address is Post Office Box 1492, El Paso, Texas, 79978, filed an application at Docket No. CP00-437-000, pursuant to Sections 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Sections 157.7, et seq., of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations under the NGA, for permission and approval to transfer to El Paso Field Services Company (Field Services) certain existing compression facilities, with appurtenant facilities, and the related service at the Waha Compressor Station located in Reeves County, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222).

El Paso requests expedited treatment of the abandonment application to facilitate the transfer of the subject compression facilities and to provide for a seamless operational transition.

El Paso indicates that on November 10, 1999, the Commission issued an order in response to the Williams Field Services Group, Inc. (Williams) compliant at Docket No. RP99-471-000. El Paso also indicates that the Commission found that the "A" Plant at El Paso's Blanco Compressor Station in San Juan County, New Mexico was properly functionalized as a transmission facility, but the "C" and "D" Plants, which El Paso had functionalized as transmission facilities, were in fact performing primarily a gathering function. Further, El Paso indicates that subsequently, in an Order Denying Rehearing issued on April 25, 2000, the Commission denied all requests for rehearing.

In recognition of the Commission's analysis, orders, and counsel in the Blanco Complaint Proceeding at Docket No. RP99-471-000, El Paso states that it has evaluated the existing compression facilities at its Waha Compressor Station. Additionally, El Paso states that certain shippers on El Paso's system expressed concerns regarding the functionalization of facilities and the allocation of costs for the Waha Compressor Station. El Paso submits that those shippers raised concerns similar to those raised in Docket No. RP99-471-000, i.e., that El Paso should have functionalized and spundown additional facilities and costs to El Paso's gathering affiliate. In response to those concerns, and based on El Paso's subsequent review of the facilities and operations at the Waha Compressor Station, El Paso says that it has agreed certain changes to the functionalization of the facilities at the Waha Compressor Station are appropriate. El Paso states that it has determined that certain compressor facilities at the Waha Compressor Station possess a similar physical configuration to the Blanco "C" and "D" Plants (i.e., located upstream of transmission facilities delivering directly into the mainline), operate at similar pressures (150 to 300 psia) and provide similar services as the Blanco "C" and "D" Plants (i.e., field related services vs. transmission related services).

Specifically, El Paso submits that it has determined the following facilities at the Waha Compressor Station to be consistent with the Commission's findings for the Blanco "C" and "D" Plants (performing primarily a gathering service): (1) One General Electric Frame 5 Gas Turbine and one "sour gas"

compressor unit, comprising a total of 26,250 ISO horsepower; and (2) interconnecting drive units, with appurtenant piping and related equipment (Waha Field Compression Facilities). As a consequence, El Paso states that it does not desire to own and operate these Waha Field Compression Facilities as "gathering facilities" since the ownership and operation of the gathering facilities by El Paso would not be consistent with its past corporate restructuring which involved the spin-down of gathering facilities to Field Services.

El Paso says that it believes that the abandonment of these compression facilities by transfer to Field Services will provide for a smooth, seamless transition of services without any interruption in service or rate stacking, which would occur if the compression facilities were acquired by a third party. Further, El Paso says that such abandonment is consistent with El Paso's spin-down of facilities to Field Services, which was approved by the Commission at Docket No. CP94-183-000. Finally, El Paso says that it is El Paso's understanding that upon transfer of the Waha Field Compression Facilities, Field Services will continue to deliver the same volumes of natural gas at the required mainline pressure at the existing custody transfer point immediately downstream of the Saha Treating Plant.

El Paso says that it will continue to own and cause the operation of its remaining compression facilities located at the Waha Compressor Station for jurisdictional transmission service.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Mr. A.W. Clark, Vice President, El Paso Natural Gas Company, Post Office Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978 at (915) 496-2600.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said document should, on or before September 8, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20426, a protest or motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rule 211 or 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. The Commission's Rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. Any person wishing to become a party to a

proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the Applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedures herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be

unnecessary for El Paso to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER00-2924-000 and ER00-2924-001]

Green Valley Hydro, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

August 18, 2000.

Green Valley Hydro, LLC (Green Valley) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Green Valley will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates. Green Valley also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Green Valley requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Green Valley.

On August 17, 2000, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Corporate Applications, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Green Valley 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 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Green Valley is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, 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 applicant, and 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 Green Valley's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is September 18, 2000.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-359-001]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Compliance Filing

August 18, 2000.

Take notice that on August 11, 2000, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to become effective July 31, 2000.

Fifth Revised Volume No. 1
Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 4000
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 4001
Substitute Original Sheet No. 4002

Koch states that it filed the above reference tariff sheets in compliance with the Commission's Order Accepting Tariff Sheets, Subject to Conditions, issued on July 26, 2000, in Docket No. RP00-359. The proposed tariff changes allow for an Internet auction process created for its Interruptible Storage Service (ISS) and its Parking and Lending Service (PAL).

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

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David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL00-99-000]

Maine Public Utilities Commission, Complainant v. ISO New England, Inc. Respondent; Notice of Complaint

August 18, 2000.

Take notice that on August 17, 2000, the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC), tendered for filing a complaint under sections 206 and 306 of the Federal Power Act petitioning the Commission for an order directing ISO New England (ISO-NE) to recalculate the clearing price of Energy for Trading Intervals 13-17 on May 8, 2000 to exclude the bid price for energy purchased from a supplier in New York State under an ICAP-Energy 2 bilateral contract. The complaint alleges that the clearing price resulting from ISO-NE's inclusion of the referenced external contract as a qualifying source resulted in a market clearing price inconsistent with Market Rules 4 and 5 and Operating Procedure 9 and, thus, in violation of the field rate doctrine. Alternatively, the complaint argues, the \$6000 clearing price is in violation of the filed rate because the ISO did not fulfill its obligation under Market Rule 17 to monitor and mitigate where appropriate to ensure that the markets function properly. For this reason, the complainant requests that the clearing price be recalculated to substitute a default bid that the ISO should have imposed, such as the \$1100/MWh clearing price identified in its June 12, 2000 emergency rule filing.

In addition, the MPUC complains that Market Rule 15 is no longer just and reasonable and proposes revisions to Market Rule 15 to restore the ISO's ability to identify and correct, within a limited time frame, prices that result from market design flaws.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 and