

Banning is able to begin acting as its own Scheduling Coordinator.

Edison is requesting that the Agreement become effective as of October 1, 1998.

Copies of this filing were served upon the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California and all interested parties.

Comment date: October 20, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. New England Power Pool

[Docket No. ER98-4698-000]

Take notice that on September 30, 1998, the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL or Pool), Executive Committee filed a request for termination of membership in NEPOOL, with an effective date of September 1, 1998, of Princeton Municipal Light Department (Princeton). Such termination is pursuant to the terms of the NEPOOL Agreement dated September 1, 1971, as amended, and previously signed by Princeton. The New England Power Pool Agreement, as amended (the NEPOOL Agreement), has been designated NEPOOL FPC No. 2.

The Executive Committee states that termination of Princeton with an effective date of September 1, 1998, would relieve this entity, at Princeton's request, of the obligations and responsibilities of Pool membership and would not change the NEPOOL Agreement in any manner, other than to remove Princeton from membership in the Pool.

Comment date: October 20, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-4701-000]

Take notice that on September 30, 1998, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) Second Revised Sheet No. 64 to its Open Access Transmission Tariff, FERC Tariff Original Volume No. 2 (OAT). This filing is intended to reduce the gross receipts tax charged under the OAT in order to comply with New York State law.

RG&E requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements for good cause shown and an effective date of October 1, 1998.

A copy of this filing has been served on all parties to Docket No. OA96-141. In addition, the revised tariff sheet is available on RG&E's website and OASIS.

Comment date: October 20, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. American Energy Trading, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-4702-000]

Take notice that on September 30, 1998, American Energy Trading, Inc., tendered for filing notice of succession relating to a change in the name from American Energy Solutions, Inc., to American Energy Trading, Inc. American Energy Trading, Inc., hereby adopts, ratifies and make its own in every respect all applicable rate schedules and supplements in Rate Schedule No. 1, heretofore filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by American Energy Solutions, Inc., effective August 31, 1998.

Comment date: October 20, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Virginia Electric and Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-4703-000]

Take notice that on September 30, 1998, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Virginia Power), tendered for filing each of the Service Agreements between Virginia Electric and Power Company and Northern/AES Energy, LLC and CSW Energy Services, Inc., under the FERC Electric Tariff (Second Revised Volume No. 4), which was accepted by order of the Commission dated August 13, 1998 in Docket No. ER98-3771-000. Under the tendered Service Agreements, Virginia Power will provide services to Northern/AES Energy, LLC and CSW Energy Services, Inc., under the rates, terms and conditions of the applicable Service Schedules included in the Tariff.

Copies of the filing were served upon Northern/AES Energy, LLC, CSW Energy Services, Inc., the Virginia State Corporation Commission and the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Comment date: October 20, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Central Illinois Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER98-4704-000]

Take notice that on September 30, 1998, Central Illinois Public Service Company (CIPS), tendered for filing revisions to its Rate Schedule for Full Requirements Service to Mt. Carmel Public Utility Company (Mt. Carmel). Under the revision, proposed to be effective August 1, 1998, CIPS will lower the demand charge for service to Mt. Carmel and offer a further discount

under specified conditions to permit Mt. Carmel to retain large industrial loads.

CIPS requests an effective date of August 1, 1998 and, accordingly, seeks waiver of the Commission's notice requirements.

Copies of the filing were served upon Mt. Carmel Public Utility Company and the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Comment date: October 20, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said 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 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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 these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1994-004]

Heber Light & Power Company, Utah; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

October 9, 1998.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for a new license for the Snake Creek Hydroelectric Project, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA). The U.S.D.A. Forest Service cooperated with the Commission by reviewing and commenting on drafts of the DEA. The project is located on Snake Creek and partially within the Uinta National Forest, in Wasatch County, Utah. The DEA contains the staff's analysis of the

potential environment impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P.

Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. For further information, contact Nicholas Jayjack, Environmental Coordinator, at (202) 219-2825.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-538-000]

Midwestern Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed GPC Sales Tap Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

October 9, 1998.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Midwestern Gas Transmission Company's (Midwestern) proposal to construct 2.84 miles of 8-inch-diameter pipeline in Knox and Daviess Counties, Indiana; one hot tap in Knox County; and one meter station in Daviess County. The EA will also address the issues raised by other parties in the original prior notice filing.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the

proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law. A fact sheet addressing a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain, is attached to this notice as appendix 1.²

Summary of the Proposed Project

Midwestern wants to expand the capacity of its facilities in Indiana to transport an additional 10,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas to Grain Processing Corporation (GPC). Midwestern seeks authority to construct and operate:

- One 8-inch hot tap on its existing, 30-inch-diameter 2100 Line in Knox County, Indiana;
- 2.84 miles of 8-inch-diameter pipeline (lateral) extending from the hot tap in Knox County to the GPC Plant in Daviess County, Indiana; and
- One meter station with dual 6-inch orifice meter runs and electronic gas measurement equipment on a site provided by GPC, Daviess County, Indiana.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 2.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require 36.94 acres of land. Midwestern proposes to use 100 feet for its construction right-of-way for the pipeline. The construction work area would be reduced to a 50-foot permanent right-of-way corridor through wetlands areas. Midwestern has not proposed a permanent right-of-way width for non-wetland areas.

Following construction, 0.25 acre would be maintained as new aboveground facilities. The meter station would require 0.23 acres. The hot tap facilities would require 900 square feet and would be surrounded by a 3-inch pipe cattle fence.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (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 concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Air quality and noise.
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section on page 4 of this notice.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on: (a) a preliminary review of the proposed facilities; (b) the environmental information provided by Midwestern; and (c) concerns raised by other commentors. This preliminary list

¹ Midwestern filed a prior notice under Section 157.211 of the Commission's regulations. It converted to a Section 7 filing due to protests filed during the comment period.

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.