

disadvantage to El Paso's other customers.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-147-000]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Technical Conference

May 8, 1996.

In the Commission's order issued on March 22, 1996, in the above-captioned proceeding,¹ the Commission held that the filing raises issues for which a technical conference is to be convened.

The conference to address the issues has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

All interested persons and Staff are permitted to attend.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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[Project No. 11574-000 CT]

City of Norwich, Department of Public Utilities; Notice Not Ready for Environmental Analysis, Notice Requesting Interventions and Protests, Notice Inviting Competing Applications, and Notice of Scoping Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

May 8, 1996.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has issued a letter accepting the City of Norwich,

Department of Public Utilities, application for the Occum Hydroelectric Project, located on the Shetucket River, near the City of Norwich, New London County, Connecticut.

The existing Occum Project's facilities consist of a 90-acre impoundment; a dam consisting of two adjacent spillway sections, earth embankments, and an intake structure; a 225-foot-long by 160-foot-wide forebay area; a 40-foot-long by 32-foot-wide powerhouse, housing one turbine with a total capacity of 800 kW; and appurtenant facilities. The project would have an average annual generation of about 3,750 megawatt-hours.

The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time. A public notice will be issued in the future indicating its readiness for environmental analysis and soliciting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions on the application, and the applicant's reply comments.

The purpose of this notice is to: (1) Invite interventions and protests; (2) advise all parties as to the proposed scope of the staff's environmental analysis, including cumulative effects, and to seek additional information pertinent to this analysis; (3) advise all parties of their opportunity for comment; and (4) to invite competing applications.

Competition

Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified deadline date for this application, the competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submitting a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified deadline date for the particular application. Applications for a preliminary permit will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant named in this public notice.

Interventions and Protests

All filings must: (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST," "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," or "COMPETING APPLICATION;" (2) set forth in the

heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

An additional copy must be sent to: Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

All filings for any protest or motion to intervene, competing application, or notice of intent must be received 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Scoping Process

The Commission's scoping objectives are to:

- Identify significant environmental issues;
- Determine the depth of analysis appropriate to each issue;
- Identify the resource issues not requiring detailed analysis; and
- Identify reasonable project alternatives.

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify significant issues related to the proposed action and to determine what issues should be covered in the environmental document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The document entitled "Scoping Document I" (SDI) will be circulated to enable appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies, developers, Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other interested parties to effectively participate in and contribute to the scoping process. SDI provides a brief description of the proposed action, project alternatives, the geographic and temporal scope of a cumulative effects analysis, and a list of preliminary issues identified by staff.

The Commission will decide, based on the application, and agency and public comments to scoping, whether licensing the Occum Hydroelectric Project constitutes a major federal action significantly impacting the quality of the human environment. The

¹ 74 FERC ¶ 61,309.

Commission staff will not hold scoping meetings unless the Commission decides to prepare an environmental impact statement, or the response to SDI warrants holding such meetings.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to comment on SDI and assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed.

All filings should contain an original and 8 copies. Failure to file an original and 8 copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefit of your comments in a timely manner. See 18 CFR 4.34(h). In addition, commentors *may* submit a copy of their comments on a 3½-inch diskette formatted for MS-DOS based computers. In light of our ability to translate MS-DOS based materials, the text need only be submitted in the format and version that it was generated (i.e., MS Word, WordPerfect 5.1/5.2, ASCII, etc.). It is not necessary to reformat word processor generated text to ASCII. For Macintosh users, it would be helpful to save the documents in Macintosh word processor format then write them to files on a diskette formatted for MS-DOS machines. All comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, and should show the following captions on the first page: Occum Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 11574-000.

Further, interested persons are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures, requiring parties or interceders (as defined in 18 CFR 385.2010) to file documents on each person whose name is on the official service list for this proceeding. See CFR 4.34(b).

The Commission staff will consider all written comments and may issue a Scoping Document II (SDII). SDII will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping process.

For further information regarding the scoping process, please contact Michael Dees, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Hydropower Licensing, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or at (202) 219-2807.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-355-000]

**Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company;
Notice of Request Under Blanket
Authorization**

May 8, 1996.

Take notice that on April 26, 1996, as supplemented on May 1, 1996, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252-2511, filed in Docket No. CP96-355-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212(a) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212(a)) for authorization to modify an existing receipt point interconnection located in LaFourche Parish, Louisiana, to also provide delivery point capabilities for Riverside Pipeline Company (Riverside), an intrastate pipeline company, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-413-000, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Tennessee states that Riverside requested modification of the existing receipt point to provide delivery point capabilities. Service will be provided pursuant to Riverside's interruptible transportation agreement with Tennessee. Tennessee proposes to replace the existing 2-inch 600# RF X RF check valve with a 2.375-inch O.D. spool pieced and install a 2-inch orifice restriction plate. Tennessee will continue to own, operate, and maintain the side valve assembly. Riverside will own, operate, and maintain the meter facility and will own the new installation of a 2-inch orifice tube. The estimated cost of this project is \$20,705, 100% reimbursable to Tennessee.

Tennessee states that there is no proposed increase in the maximum contract quantity for Riverside. Tennessee notes that there will be no impact on peak day or annual deliveries. Tennessee states that once the proposed facilities are in place, it will deliver from 500-750 Dekatherms per day. Tennessee asserts that the end-user of the gas will be Riverside and LLOG Exploration. Tennessee asserts that the establishment of the new delivery point is not prohibited by its existing tariff. Tennessee states that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish deliveries at the requested point without detriment or disadvantage to any other customers.

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385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER95-692-004, et al.]

**TransCanada Power Corporation, et
al.; Electric Rate and Corporate
Regulation Filings**

May 8, 1996.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. TransCanada Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER95-692-004]

Take notice that on April 18, 1996, TransCanada Power Corporation tendered for filing a letter stating that TransCanada-Northridge Power Ltd.'s name has been changed to TransCanada Power Corporation.

Comment date: May 23, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Louis Dreyfus Energy, ACME Power Marketing, Inc., Calpine Power Services Company, ATG Trading Corporation, Aquila Power Corporation, Eastex Power Marketing, Inc., Energy West Power Co., LLC

[Docket Nos. ER92-850-016, ER94-1538-006, ER94-1545-006, ER94-1691-009, ER95-216-009, ER96-118-003, and ER96-392-002 (not consolidated)]

Take notice that the following informational filings have been filed with the Commission and are on file and available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room:

On April 30, 1996 Louis Dreyfus Energy filed certain information as required by the Commission's December 2, 1992 order in Docket No. ER92-850-000.

On April 10, 1996 ACME Power Marketing, Inc. filed certain information as required by the Commission's October 18, 1994 order in Docket No. ER94-1538-000.