

[Docket No. ER96-1663-000; EC96-19-000; EL96-48-000]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company and Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Technical Conference and Potential Broadcast of Technical Conference

August 13, 1996.

Take notice that the Commission Staff will convene a two-day technical conference in the captioned proceedings to be held on Thursday, September 12 and Friday, September 13, 1996, at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. The technical conference will commence at 10:00 a.m. each day and will be open to all interested persons. The technical conference will address a number of issues related to the applications in the captioned proceedings. A tentative agenda is contained in the Attachment.

Persons wishing to speak at the technical conference must submit a request to make a statement in Docket Nos. ER96-1663-000, EC96-19-000, and EL96-48-000. The request should clearly specify that it concerns the WEPEX technical conference and must specify the name of the person desiring to speak and the party or parties the speaker represents. The request must also include a brief synopsis of the issue or issues the speaker wishes to address as well as the speaker's position on the issue or issues. All requests must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 on or before Friday, August 23, 1996.

The Commission anticipates that the number of persons desiring to speak at the conference may exceed the time allotted. Therefore, based on the requests to participate, the Commission Staff will put together panels of speakers representing a broad spectrum of interests and views for each panel. The Commission will issue a further notice listing the speakers and panels for the technical conference.

In addition, all interested persons are invited to submit written comments addressing topics discussed at the technical conference. (There is no need to reiterate comments that already have been made in pleadings filed in these dockets.) Comments must be received on or before Monday, September 23, 1996. The comments should be no longer than 25 pages in length, double spaced, on 8½" x 11" paper, with standard margins. Parties submitting comments must submit fourteen (14)

written copies of their comments and also must submit two copies of the file on a computer diskette, one in Wordperfect 5.1 format, and one in a DOS file in the ASCII format (with 1" margins and 10 characters per inch.). The two computer files should be labeled (—WP and —ASC) to avoid confusion. Comments must include a one page executive summary and must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 and reference Docket Nos. ER96-1663-000, EC96-19-000, and EL96-48-000. All written comments will be placed in the Commission's Public files and will be available for inspection or copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room during normal business hours. The Commission also will make all comments publicly available on its EBB.

Broadcast of Technical Conference

If there is sufficient interest, the Capitol Connection will broadcast the technical conference on September 12 and 13, 1996, to interested persons. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast for a fee should contact Julia Morelli at the Capitol Connection (703-933-3100) no later than September 3, 1996.

In addition, National Narrowcast Network's Hearings-On-the-Line service covers all FERC meetings live by telephone so that anyone can listen at their desk, from their homes, or from any phone without special equipment. Call (202) 966-2211 for details. Billing is based on time on-line.

CPUC Comments

At the Commission's August 1, 1996, technical conference, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) indicated that it would be filing its comments on a number of issues in these proceedings by August 15, 1996. The Commission intends to allow interested parties to file comments regarding the CPUC submission within two weeks of that filing. The Commission will issue a further notice when the CPUC makes such filing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

Attachment

Thursday, September 12, 1996

Tentative Agenda

Panel 1—Market Power

The panel will consider the market power analyses presented by the Applicants, including related topics, such as the role of demand-side bidding; the effect of any performance-based ratemaking; the role of the Power Exchange; the appropriate monitoring program; any mitigation measures that may be needed; and the effect of zones on market power; as well as other issues concerning market power that participants wish to address.

Panel 2—Transmission Pricing

The panel will consider transmission pricing issues, including cost recovery and access charges; market efficiency; cost shifting; congestion management issues, the appropriate use of zones; and treatment of losses; as well as other issues concerning transmission pricing that participants wish to address. The Commission Staff is interested in comments addressing the extent to which the Commission's capacity reservation tariff (CRT) proposal would interact with WEPEX transmission pricing.

Panel 3—Transmission Expansion

The panel will consider transmission expansion issues, including who builds such facilities, who decides whether such facilities are to be built, who pays for the facilities, the proper incentives to ensure that necessary transmission expansion facilities are built; as well as other issues concerning transmission expansion that participants wish to address.

Panel 4—Transmission Rights/TCCs

The panel will consider transmission rights and Transmission Congestion Contracts (TCCs) in the context of pools and bilateral arrangements; the role of financial versus physical rights, i.e., arrangements that confer the option to perform as opposed to the obligation to perform; as well as other issues concerning transmission rights and TCCs that participants wish to address. The Commission Staff is interested in comments addressing the interaction of the WEPEX transmission rights and TCCs with the Commission's pending CRT proposal.

Friday, September 13, 1996

Tentative Agenda

Panel 5—ISO Facilities and Operations

The panel will consider the transmission-distribution split; the ISO integration of national, regional, and individual transmission owner reliability criteria; which criteria will take precedence if there are conflicts; what control of transmission will be transferred from utilities to the ISO; and the incentives the ISO will have to achieve

efficiency in its operations; as well as other issues concerning ISO facilities that participants wish to address.

Panel 6—Bidding and Settlements

The panel will consider the integration of PX bidding and bilateral schedules; the types of information that should flow among the PX, ISO, and market participants; the advantages and disadvantages of an ISO/PX separation; the costs of operations; how, when, and by whom unit commitments should be determined; pricing of ancillary services; and the role of economic criteria in determining curtailments of must-run and must take units in overgeneration situations; as well as other issues concerning bidding and settlements that participants wish to address.

Panel 7—Role of Scheduling Coordinators

The panel will consider the functions, responsibilities, and qualifications of Scheduling Coordinators, including, for example, whether the Scheduling Coordinators are the sole communication link between the ISO and its customers, both during normal system conditions and during emergencies; as well as other issues concerning Scheduling Coordinators that are of concern to the participants.

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[Docket No. GT96-90-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Filing of Refund Report

August 13, 1996.

Take notice that on July 30, 1996, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee) tendered for filing a refund report detailing the allocation to its firm customers of the refund received from the Gas Research Institute (GRI). The refund represents the GRI's overcollection of \$654,157.00 from Tennessee during 1995.

Tennessee states that this refund report is being made to comply with the Commission Order issued February 22, 1995, in Docket No. RP95-124-000. Tennessee states that the report indicates that the pro rata refunds to the affected customers were made through adjustments to their respective July invoices.

Tennessee notes that copies of the refund report were served on each of its customers, interested state commissions, and all persons on the Commission's service list for this proceeding.

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 Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

All such protests or motions should be filed on or before August 20, 1996. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-336-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

August 13, 1996.

Take notice that on August 7, 1996, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), submitted for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume 1, the following revised tariff sheet to be effective on September 5, 1996:

Second Revised Sheet No. 328

Tennessee states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's policy prohibiting re-releases of the same firm capacity to the same replacement shipper at less than the maximum tariff rate during the prescribed 28-day period, unless posted for bidding, where the re-released capacity is the same capacity as—or overlaps—the previous month's released capacity. 18 CFR 284.243(h)(2). See Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, 71 FERC ¶ 61,265, p. 62,057 (1995); Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation, 71 FERC ¶ 61,235, p. 61,905 (1995).

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 NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or 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 this 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 available

for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. TM96-15-29-001]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

August 13, 1996.

Take notice that on August 8, 1996, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing certain revised tariff sheets to its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1 which tariff sheets are enumerated in Appendix A attached to the filing.

Transco states that the purpose of the instant filing is to supplement Transco's July 22, 1996, Tracker Filing in Docket No. TM96-15-29-000 (July 22 filing) in order to reflect the currently effective demand rates charged by National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) under (a) its Rate Schedules X-42 and SS-1, the costs of which are included in the rates and charges payable under Transco's Rate Schedule LSS, (b) its Rate Schedules X-54 and SS-1, the costs of which are included in the rates and charges payable under Transco's Rate Schedule SS-2, and (c) its Rate Schedule X-58, the costs of which are included in the rates and charges payable under Transco's Niagara Import Point Project—System Expansion (NIPPs—SE). Transco's July 22 filing failed to recognize a change in National Fuel's demand billing components from an Mcf basis to a Dt basis. Transco also failed to reflect a \$100,000 transportation discount received from National Fuel for its Rate Schedule X-54 in calculating Transco's SS-2 rates.

In order to correct these errors, Transco states that it is submitting substitute tariff sheets herein as replacements for the SS-2, LSS and NIPPs—SE tariff sheets included in the July 22 filing. The tracking filing is being made pursuant to Section 4 of Transco's Rate Schedule LSS, Section 4 of Transco's Rate Schedule SS-2, and Section 8.01(I) of Transco's NIPPs—SE Rate Schedule X-315.

Transco states that included in Appendices B and C attached to the filing are explanations of the rate changes and details regarding the computation of the revised Rate Schedules LSS, SS-2, and NIPPs—SE rates.