Applications will be subjected to formal merit review and will be evaluated against the following criteria, which are listed in order of importance as set forth in 10 CFR Part 605:

1. Scientific and/or technical merit of the project.

2. Appropriateness of the proposed method or approach.

3. Competency of applicant's personnel and adequacy of proposed resources.

4. Reasonableness and appropriateness of the proposed budget.

The evaluation will include program policy factors such as the relevance of the proposed research to the terms of the announcement and the agency's programmatic needs. General information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluations and selection process, and other policies and procedures may be found in the Application Guide for the Office of **Energy Research Financial Assistance** Program and 10 CFR Part 605. Electronic access to the Application Guide is possible via the Internet using the following Web site address: http:// www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/ grants.html

(The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR Part 605)

Issued in Washington, DC on June 25, 1997.

John Rodney Clark,

Associate Director for Resource Management, Office of Energy Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-2604-000]

Applied Resources Integrated Services, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

July 1, 1997.

Applied Resources Integrated Services, Inc. (Applied Services) submitted for filing with the Commission a rate schedule under which Applied Services will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Applied Services also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Applied Services requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and

assumptions of liability by Applied Services.

On June 17, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, 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 Applied Services 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).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Applied Services 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 Applied Services' 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 July 17, 1997. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-2413-000]

Fina Energy Services Company; Notice of Issuance of Order

July 1, 1997.

Fina Energy Services Company (Fina) submitted for filing with the Commission a rate schedule under which Fina will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Fina also requested waiver of various Commission

regulations. In particular, Fina requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Fina.

On June 18, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, 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 Fina 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

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Fina 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 Fina'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 July 18, 1997. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-2681-000]

New Millennium Energy Corporation; Notice of Issuance of Order

July 1, 1997.

New Millennium Energy Corporation (NMEC) submitted for filing with the Commission a rate schedule under which NMEC will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. NMEC also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, NMEC requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by NMEC.

On June 18, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, 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 NMEC 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).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, NMEC 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 NMEC'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 July 18, 1997. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-3289-000, et al.]

PECO Energy Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

June 27, 1997.

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

1. PECO Energy Company

[Docket No. ER97-3289-000]

Take notice that on June 11, 1997, PECO Energy Company (PECO), filed a Service Agreement dated May 29, 1997, with Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E) under PECO's FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 1 (Tariff). The Service Agreement adds RG&E as a customer under the Tariff.

PECO requests an effective date of May 29, 1997, for the Service Agreement.

PECO states that copies of this filing have been supplied to RG&E and to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Comment date: July 11, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-3290-000]

Take notice that on June 11, 1997, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an executed Transmission Service Agreement between NMPC and City of Watertown. This Transmission Service Agreement specifies that City of Watertown has signed on to and has agreed to the terms and conditions of NMPC's Open Access Transmission Tariff as filed in Docket No. OA96–194– 000. This Tariff, filed with FERC on July 9, 1996, will allow NMPC and City of Watertown to enter into separately scheduled transactions under which NMPC will provide transmission service for City of Watertown as the parties may mutually agree.

NMPC requests an effective date of June 6, 1997. NMPC has requested waiver of the notice requirements for good cause shown.

NMPC has served copies of the filing upon the New York State Public Service Commission and City of Watertown.

Comment date: July 11, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. PECO Energy Company

[Docket No. ER97-3291-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1997, PECO Energy Company (PECO) filed a Service Agreement dated May 29, 1997 with Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) under PECO's FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 1 (Tariff). The Service Agreement adds CMEEC as a customer under the Tariff.

PECO requests an effective date of May 29, 1997, for the Service Agreement. PECO states that copies of this filing have been supplied to CMEEC and to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Comment date: July 11, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. Carolina Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-3292-000]

Take notice that on June 10, 1997, Carolina Power & Light Company (Carolina), tendered for filing executed Service Agreements between Carolina and the following Eligible Entities: Constellation Power Source; GPU Energy; Minnesota Power & Light Company; and Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency. Service to each Eligible Entity will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of Carolina's Tariff No. 1 for Sales of Capacity and Energy.

Copies of the filing were served upon the North Carolina Utilities Commission and the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Comment date: July 11, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. Northern States Power Company (Minnesota Company)

[Docket No. ER97-3293-000]

Take notice that on June 11, 1997, Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) (NSP), tendered for filing a Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement between NSP and Coral Power L.L.C.

NSP requests that the Commission accept the agreement effective May 13, 1997, and requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements in order for the agreement to be accepted for filing on the date requested.

Comment date: July 11, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Northern States Power Company (Minnesota Company)

[Docket No. ER97-3294-000]

Take notice that on June 11, 1997, Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) (NSP), tendered for filing a Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement between NSP and NESI Power Marketing, Inc.

NSP requests that the Commission accept the agreement effective May 12, 1997, and requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements in order for the agreement to be accepted for filing on the date requested.

Comment date: July 11, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.