

1997. Equitrans also states that certain other tariff sheets with it filed previously for September 1, 1997 effectiveness are mooted by the instant filing.

Equitrans states that copies of this rate filing were served on the parties to this proceeding, as well as Equitrans' jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest the 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 of Practice and Procedure. All such protests should be filed as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining appropriate action, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lindwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-610-000]

Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice on Oral Argument

January 9, 1998.

In accordance with its motion of December 23, 1997, the Public Advocate of the State of Maine (Public Advocate) is given ten minutes to present its arguments at the oral argument scheduled for January 15, 1998 in this proceeding. The Public Advocate may reserve a portion of this time for rebuttal.

The time allotted to the Public Advocate herein is separate from and in addition to the time previously allotted to the supporters and opponents of the project in our notice issued December 10, 1997.

The Public Advocate must file with the Commission by 3 p.m. on January 12, 1998, the name of the person who will represent the Public Advocate at oral argument.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2061]

Idaho Power Company; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

January 9, 1998.

On December 20, 1995, Idaho Power Company, licensee for the Lower Salmon Falls Project No. 2061, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 2061 is located on the Snake River in Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho.

The license for Project No. 2061 was issued for a period ending December 23, 1997. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on Section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2061 is issued to Idaho Power Company for a period effective December 24, 1997, through December 23, 1998, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before December 24, 1998, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), and annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the

Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Idaho Power Company is authorized to continue operation of the Lower Salmon Falls Project No. 2061 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR98-5-000]

LG&E Natural Pipeline Company; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

January 9, 1998.

Take notice that on December 31, 1997, LG&E Natural Pipeline Company (LG&E) filed pursuant to section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations a petition for rate approval requesting that the Commission approve as fair and equitable rates for NGPA section 311 transportation services the following: (i) For firm transportation service, a demand charge not to exceed \$2.0893 and a variable charge not to exceed \$0.0129 per MMBtu; (ii) for interruptible transportation service, a volumetric rate not to exceed \$0.0186 per MMBtu; and (iii) for storage services, those established by contract between LG&E and its customers.

LG&E's petition states that it is an intrastate pipeline within the meaning of section 2(16) of the NGPA operating within the State of New Mexico. According to its petition, LG&E offers both firm and interruptible transportation services in interstate commerce under section 311 of the NGPA. It also offers storage services under section 311.

LG&E's currently effective rates for section 311 services were established by a Settlement in Docket Nos. PR94-21-000, *et al.*, which was approved on August 6, 1996. 76 FERC ¶ 61,181 (1996). LG&E's currently effective maximum firm transportation rate under section 311 consists of a maximum demand charge of \$2.4746 and a maximum variable charge of \$0.0117 per MMBtu; the current maximum interruptible transportation rate is \$0.0930 per MMBtu. The rates for storage services LG&E offers under section 311 are now "market-based",

and are established through arm's length negotiations.

Article IX of the Settlement approved on August 6, 1996 required LG&E to file an application for rate approval pursuant to section 284.123(b)(2) on or before December 31, 1997 to justify its then current rates or establish new rates, and to demonstrate that the rates thus proposed are fair and equitable. LG&E states that the purpose of the petition for rate approval it has filed in the proceeding is to comply with Article IX of the Settlement and the August 6, 1996 order.

Pursuant to section 284.123(b)(2)(ii), if the Commission does not act within 150 days of the filing date, LG&E's proposed rates will be fair and equitable. The Commission may, prior to the expiration of the 150 day period, extend the time for action or may institute a proceeding to afford parties an opportunity for written comments and for oral presentation of views, data and arguments. Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding must file a motion to intervene in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All motions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before January 26, 1998. The petition for rate approval is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-25-002]

West Texas Gas Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 9, 1998.

Take notice that on December 11, 1997, West Texas Gas, Inc. (WTG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, in compliance with the Commission's November 26, 1997 order in this proceeding, the following tariff sheets, to be effective December 1, 1997:

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 5
Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 7
Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 9

WTG states that these tariff sheets remove the negotiated rate procedures from its tariff, as required by the November 26, 1997 order. In the November 26 order, the Commission

suspended the effectiveness of WTG's proposed tariff changes until May 1, 1998.

Any person desiring to protest said filing, should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NW., Washington, DC, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before January 16, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the Protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of the filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. DR98-7-000, et al.]

Georgia Power Company, et al. Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

January 8, 1998.

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

1. Georgia Power Company

[Docket No. DR98-7-000]

Take notice that on November 18 1997, Georgia Power Company, filed a request for approval for accounting purposes only, of certain depreciation-related accounting adjustments implemented by the Company in 1995 and 1996. The proposed adjustments were approved for retail purposes by the Georgia Public Service Commission.

Comment date: January 25, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Nantahala Power & Light Company

[Docket No. DR98-9-000]

Take notice that on November 19, 1997, Nantahala Power & Light Company, filed a request for approval of depreciation rates for accounting purposes only pursuant to Section 302 of the Federal Power Act. The proposed adjustments were approved for retail purposes by the North Carolina Utilities Commission effective January 1, 1996. Nantahala Power & Light Company requests that the Commission allow the proposed depreciation rates to become effective as of January 1, 1996 also.

Comment date: January 27, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Texas-New Mexico Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-1031-000]

Take notice that on December 10, 1997, Texas-New Mexico Power Company, tendered for filing a letter approving application for membership in the Western Systems Power Pool (WSPP).

Copies of the filing were served upon the New Mexico Public Utility Commission and Public Utility Commission of Texas, and all WSPP members.

Comment date: January 22, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. Central Power and Light Company; West Texas Utilities Company; Public Service Company of Oklahoma; Southwestern Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-1034-000]

Take notice that on December 16, 1997, Central Power and Light Company (CPL), West Texas Utilities Company (WTU), Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) and Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) (collectively, the "CSW Operating Companies") submitted for filing a service agreement under which the CSW Operating Companies will provide transmission service to Avista Energy, Inc. (Avista), Entergy Power Marketing Corp. (Entergy), and Electric Clearinghouse, Inc. (ECI) in accordance with the CSW Operating Companies' open access transmission service tariff. The CSW Operating Companies also submitted a notice of cancellation for each firm point-to-point transmission service agreement.

The CSW Operating Companies state that the filing has been served on ECI, Entergy, Avista, and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment date: January 22, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. Southern California Edison Company

[Docket No. ER98-1035-000]

Take notice that on December 11, 1997, Southern California Edison Company (Edison), tendered for filing the Authorized Representatives' Procedures For Post-Restructuring Operations And Accounting (Procedures), and a Notice of Cancellation of various rate schedules with the City of Anaheim. The Procedures address issues relating to the operation of the Independent System Operator (ISO) and Power Exchange.