

on December 31, 1996, by Consumers and The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison), with Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc.

The service agreement filed qualifies for waiver of notice requirements pursuant to July 30, 1993, order issued by the Commission.

Consumers requests that such waiver be granted and that the Service Agreement be allowed to become effective June 16, 1998.

Copies of the filed agreement were served upon the Michigan Public Service Commission, Detroit Edison and the transmission customer.

Comment date: July 14, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

21. Washington Water Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-3482-000]

Take notice that on June 24, 1998, Washington Water Power Company, tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to 18 CFR 35.13, unexecuted Service Agreements under WWP's FERC Electric Tariff First Revised Volume No. 9, with Constellation Power Source, Inc., and MIECO, Inc.

WWP requests waiver of the prior notice requirements and that the unexecuted Service Agreements become effective July 1, 1998.

Comment date: July 14, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

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,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-3483-000, et al.]

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, et al. Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

June 30, 1998.

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

1. Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-3483-000]

Take notice that on June 25, 1998, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E), filed a service agreement between RG&E and Williams Energy Services Company (Customer). This Service Agreement specifies that the Customer has agreed to the rates, terms and conditions of RG&E's Market-Based Rate Tariff, FERC Electric Rate Schedule, Original Volume No. 3 (Market Based Power Sales Tariff) accepted by the Commission in Docket No. ER97-3553-000 (80 FERC ¶ 61,284) (1997)).

RG&E requests waiver of the Commission's sixty (60) day notice requirements and an effective date of June 22, 1998, for and Williams Energy Services Company Service Agreement.

RG&E has served copies of the filing on the New York State Public Service Commission and on the Customer.

Comment date: July 15, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Northern States Power Company (Minnesota); Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin)

[Docket No. ER98-2640-001]

Take notice that on June 25, 1998, Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) and Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin) (collectively referred to as NSP), submitted its Market-Based Electric Services Tariff in compliance with the Commission's June 12, 1998, order in the above-referenced docket.

Comment date: July 15, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. American Electric Power Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-3484-000]

Take notice that on June 25, 1998, the American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC), tendered for filing executed service agreements with Merchant Energy Group of the

Americas, Inc., Snohomish Public Utility District, Southern Company Energy Marketing, L.P., and Southern Company Services, Inc., as agent for Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company, Mississippi Power Company, and Savannah Electric and Power Company, under the Wholesale Market Tariff of the AEP Operating Companies (Power Sales Tariff). The Power Sales Tariff was accepted for filing effective October 10, 1997 and has been designated AEP Operating Companies' FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 5.

AEPSC respectfully requests waiver of Commission notice requirements and requests that the service agreements with Merchant Energy Group of Americas Inc., become effective May 8, 1998, Snohomish Public Utility District become effective May 2, 1998, Southern Company Services, Inc., become effective May 20, 1998, and Southern Company Energy Marketing, L.P., become effective May 19, 1998.

A copy of the filing was served upon the Parties and the State Utility Regulatory Commissions of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Comment date: July 15, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. UtiliCorp United Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-3485-000]

Take notice that on June 25, 1998, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp), filed service agreements with VTEC Energy, Inc., for service under its Non-Firm Point-to-Point open access service tariff for its operating divisions, Missouri Public Service, WestPlains Energy-Kansas and WestPlains Energy-Colorado.

UtiliCorp requests that the service agreements become effective on June 25, 1998, in order to comply with the Commission's filing requirements.

A copy of this filing has been served upon the Missouri Public Service Commission, Kansas Corporation Commission, Colorado Public Utilities Commission and VTEC Energy Inc.

Comment date: July 15, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. UtiliCorp United Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-3486-000]

Take notice that on June 25, 1998, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp), filed a service agreement with Basin Electric Power Cooperative for service under its Non-Firm Point-to-Point open access service tariff for its operating division, WestPlains Energy-Colorado.

UtiliCorp requests that the service agreement become effective on June 25, 1998, in order to comply with the Commission's notice requirements.

A copy of this filing has been served upon the Colorado Public Utilities Commission and Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

Comment date: July 15, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-3488-000]

Take notice that on June 25, 1998, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (Central Hudson), tendered for filing a proposed amendment to its Power Sales Tariff on file in Docket No. ER97-890 to permit sales to its power marketing affiliate, Central Hudson Enterprise Corporation (CHEC). Central Hudson has also submitted for filing a Power Sales Agreement with CHEC.

Central Hudson requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements to permit the amendment to its Power Sales Tariff and its Power Sales Agreement to become effective August 1, 1998.

Comment date: July 15, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph:

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Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6121-8]

Change in Minimum Oxygen Content Requirement for Reformulated Gasoline

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA's reformulated gasoline (RFG) program contains various standards for RFG, including an oxygen content standard. When the RFG program was implemented, the per-gallon minimum standard applicable to RFG in all covered areas was 1.5% by weight. In 1997, pursuant to the RFG regulations, EPA increased this standard by 0.1% to 1.6% by weight for several of the RFG covered areas (and for certain refineries, importers and blenders) because these areas failed a series of compliance surveys for oxygen content in 1996. Certain covered areas have failed the oxygen compliance survey series for 1997, and EPA is increasing the per-gallon minimum standard applicable to these areas by 0.1%. Since the previous increases remain in effect, the per-gallon minimum oxygen requirement in all but one of these areas failing in 1997 will increase to 1.7% by weight. This notice announces the increased standard, and describes the covered areas and parties that are subject to the increased standard. The increased standard will help ensure that all covered areas receive the full benefit of the oxygen content requirement in the RFG program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stuart Romanow, Fuels and Energy Division, Office of Mobile Sources, Environmental Protection Agency, Washington D.C. (6406J) 202-564-9296.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Regulatory Entities

Regulatory categories and entities potentially affected by this action include:

Category	Examples of affected entities
Industry	Refiners, importers, oxygenate blenders of reformulated gasoline.

This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. This table lists the types of entities that EPA is now aware could be potentially affected by this action. Other types of entities not

listed in the table could also be affected. To determine whether your entity is affected by this action, you should carefully examine the existing provisions at 40 CFR 80.41. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the preceding **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

II. Background

Section 211(k) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA establish standards for reformulated gasoline (RFG) to be used in specified ozone nonattainment areas (covered areas). The RFG requirements contain performance standards for reductions of emissions from motor vehicles of ozone forming volatile organic compounds and toxic pollutants.

Standards for RFG are contained in 40 CFR 80.41. Refiners and other parties subject to the standards can choose to comply on either a per gallon basis or to comply on average. (The standards for compliance on average ("averaged standards") are numerically more stringent than the per gallon standards. The averaged standards for RFG are contained in § 80.41(b). These averaged standards include a per-gallon minimum requirement of 1.5 weight percent oxygen. This 1.5% per-gallon minimum oxygen requirement initially applied to all refineries, importers and blenders of RFG who elected to comply with the averaged standard for oxygen. However, as a result of oxygen survey series failures in 1996, EPA required that certain refineries, importers and blenders comply with a 1.6% minimum, beginning on September 29, 1997.¹ (The survey process and the consequences of oxygen survey series failures are described below.) The per-gallon minimum requirement is in addition to the requirement for 2.1 weight percent oxygen, on average. The average standard for oxygen must be met by a refiner or oxygenate blender for all of the RFG it produced at a refinery or blending facility, or for RFG imported by an importer, but these parties are not required to meet this standard for the RFG supplied to each covered area separately.

Any refiner, importer or oxygenate blender has the option of meeting the RFG standards on average or per gallon. If a party is subject to the averaged standards, then the requirement to conduct surveys, as specified in § 80.68, must be satisfied. In these surveys, RFG samples are collected at retail gasoline

¹ See "Change in Minimum Oxygen Requirement for Reformulated Gasoline" 62 FR 41047 (July 31, 1997).