

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER98-4561-000, et al.]

Metropolitan Edison Company, et al. Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

September 28, 1998.

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

1. Metropolitan Edison Company

[Docket No. ER98-4561-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1998, Metropolitan Edison Company (trading and doing business as GPU Energy), filed a letter clarifying the effective date requested for a settlement agreement and a service agreement under GPU Energy's Market-Based Sales Tariff, both filed in the above-captioned docket on September 16, 1998.

GPU Energy states that copies of its letter have been served on Middletown and on the Public Utilities Commission of Pennsylvania.

Comment date: October 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, NGE Generation, Inc., Pennsylvania Electric Company, and Mission Energy Westside, Inc.

[Docket Nos. EC98-64-000 and ER98-4600-000]

Take notice that on September 21, 1998, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG), NGE Generation, Inc. (NGE Gen), and Pennsylvania Electric Company (Penelec) filed an application pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 824, and Part 33 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR Part 33), requesting authority to sell certain facilities to Mission Energy Westside, Inc. (MEW) (collectively, Applicants). The Applicants also tendered for filing certain agreements pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, which are part of the Divestiture Transaction.

The Applicants have served a copy of this filing on the NYPSC and the PaPUC.

Comment date: October 28, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company

[Docket No. ER98-4617-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1998, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company (Fitchburg), tendered for filing

a service agreement between Fitchburg and Engage Energy US, L.P. (Engage Energy), for service under Fitchburg's Market-Based Power Sales Tariff. This Tariff was accepted for filing by the Commission on September 25, 1997, in Docket No. ER97-2463-000.

Fitchburg requests an effective date of August 28, 1998, for the service agreement with Engage Energy.

Comment date: October 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. Unitil Power Corp.

[Docket No. ER98-4618-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1998, Unitil Power Corp. (UPC), tendered for filing a service agreement between UPC and Engage Energy US, L.P. (Engage Energy), for service under UPC's Market-Based Power Sales Tariff. This Tariff was accepted for filing by the Commission on September 25, 1997, in Docket No. ER97-2460-000.

UPC requests an effective date of August 28, 1998, for the service agreement with Engage Energy.

Comment date: October 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. Consumers Energy Company

[Docket No. ER98-4619-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1998, Consumers Energy Company (Consumers), tendered for filing an executed Service Agreement for Network Integration Transmission Service pursuant to Consumers' Open Access Transmission Service Tariff and a Network Operating Agreement with Lakehead Pipe Line Company (Customer), with effective date of September 11, 1998.

Copies of the filed agreements were served upon the Michigan Public Service Commission and the Customer.

Comment date: October 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. PP&L, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-4620-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1998, PP&L, Inc. (formerly known as Pennsylvania Power & Light Company) (PP&L), filed a Service Agreement dated September 11, 1998 with Baltimore Gas & Electric (BG&E) under PP&L's Market-Based Rate and Resale of Transmission Rights Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff, Volume No. 5. The Service Agreement adds BG&E as an eligible customer under the Tariff.

PP&L requests an effective date of September 23, 1998, for the Service Agreement.

PP&L states that copies of this filing have been supplied to BG&E and to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Comment date: October 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. PP&L, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-4621-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1998, PP&L, Inc. (formerly known as Pennsylvania Power & Light Company) (PP&L), filed a Service Agreement dated September 9, 1998, with NGE Generation, Inc., (NGE) under PP&L's Market-Based Rate and Resale of Transmission Rights Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff, Volume No. 5. The Service Agreement adds NGE as an eligible customer under the Tariff.

PP&L requests an effective date of September 23, 1998, for the Service Agreement.

PP&L states that copies of this filing have been supplied to NGE and to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Comment date: October 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Wisconsin Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-4622-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1998, Wisconsin Electric Power Company (Wisconsin Electric), tendered for filing electric service agreements under its Market Rate Sales Tariff (FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 8) with Minnesota Power, Inc. (MP) and Western Resources, Inc., (Western).

Wisconsin Electric respectfully requests an effective date of September 23, 1998, to allow for economic transactions.

Copies of the filing have been served on MP and Western, the Michigan Public Service Commission, and the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

Comment date: October 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. Cleco Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-4623-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1998, Cleco Corporation, (CLECO), tendered for filing a service agreement under which Cleco Corporation, Transmission Services will provide Long Term Firm point-to-point transmission service to Cleco Corporation, Merchant Energy Services under its point-to-point transmission tariff.

CLECO states that a copy of the filing has been served on Cleco Corporation, Merchant Energy Services.

Comment date: October 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. The United Illuminating Company

[Docket No. ER98-4625-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1998, The United Illuminating Company (UI), tendered for filing a Service Agreement, dated September 9, 1998, between UI and Griffin Energy Marketing, L.L.C. (Griffin), for non-firm point-to-point transmission service under UI's Open Access Transmission Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 4, as amended. The Service Agreement adds Griffin as a transmission customer under the Tariff.

UI requests an effective date of September 9, 1998 and has therefore requested that the Commission waive its 60-day prior notice requirement.

Copies of the filing were served upon the Director—Power Marketing, Griffin Power Marketing, L.L.C. and Robert J. Murphy, Executive Secretary, Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control.

Comment date: October 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-4627-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1998, Entergy Services, Inc., on behalf of Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Entergy Gulf States, Inc., Entergy Louisiana, Inc., Entergy Mississippi, Inc., and Entergy New Orleans, Inc., tendered for filing a Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement and a Short-Term Firm Point-to-Point Transportation Agreement both between Entergy Services, Inc., as agent for the Entergy Operating Companies, and Duke/Louis Dreyfus, L.L.C.

Comment date: October 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-4628-0000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1998, Entergy Services, Inc. (Entergy Services), on behalf of Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Entergy Gulf States, Inc., Entergy Louisiana, Inc., Entergy Mississippi, Inc., and Entergy New Orleans, Inc. (collectively, the Entergy Operating Companies), tendered for filing a Short-Term Market Rate Sales Agreement between Entergy Services, as agent for the Entergy Operating Companies, and PanCanadian Energy

Services, Inc., for the sale of power under Entergy Services' Rate Schedule SP.

Comment date: October 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-4629-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1998, Entergy Services, Inc., on behalf of Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Entergy Gulf States, Inc., Entergy Louisiana, Inc., Entergy Mississippi, Inc., and Entergy New Orleans, Inc., (collectively, the Entergy Operating Companies) tendered for filing a Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement between Entergy Services, Inc., as agent for the Entergy Operating Companies, and Commonwealth Edison Company.

Comment date: October 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-4630-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1998, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (Niagara Mohawk), tendered for filing a pro forma Service Agreement for Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's Scheduling and Balancing Services Tariff, signed by Lyonsdale Power Company, L.L.C. This Service Agreement implements the terms of the proposed Tariff, which would establish a system of economic incentives designed to induce users of Niagara Mohawk's electric transmission system to match actual deliveries of electricity to delivery schedules provided under Niagara Mohawk's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).

A copy of the filing was served upon Lyonsdale Power Company, L.L.C., and the New York Public Service Commission.

Comment date: October 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-4631-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1998, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, tendered for filing a pro forma Service Agreement for Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's Scheduling and Balancing Services Tariff, signed by Niagara Mohawk Energy Marketing, Inc., a Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation subsidiary. This Service Agreement implements the terms of the proposed Tariff, which would establish a system of economic

incentives designed to induce users of Niagara Mohawk's electric transmission system to match actual deliveries of electricity to delivery schedules provided under Niagara Mohawk's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).

A copy of the filing was served upon Niagara Mohawk Energy Marketing, Inc., and the New York Public Service Commission.

Comment date: October 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Western Kentucky Energy Corp.

[Docket No. ER98-4634-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1998, Western Kentucky Energy Corp. (WKEC), submitted for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a form of service agreement for short-term energy sales and an executed service agreement for short-term energy sales with LG&E Energy Marketing Inc., (LEM).

WKEC asks for waiver of the Commission's prior notice requirements to permit the service agreement with LEM to go into effect as of July 17, 1998.

Comment date: October 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-4635-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1998, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, tendered for filing a proposed Scheduling and Balancing Services Tariff. The proposed Tariff would establish a system of economic incentives designed to induce users of Niagara Mohawk's electric transmission system to match actual deliveries of electricity to delivery schedules provided under Niagara Mohawk's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).

While the Commission in its Order 888A recognized the need for the kind of scheduling and balancing incentives provided by the Tariff, it also determined that these issues should not be addressed through the mechanism of the transmission providers' OATT tariffs. Consequently, Niagara Mohawk submits the current Tariff, which operates separately from the OATT to effect the required coordination on a uniform and nondiscriminatory basis in a free-market context.

Copies of the filing were served upon Niagara Mohawk's OATT customers, all generators in Niagara Mohawk's control area, and the New York Public Service Commission.

Comment date: October 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

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,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southeastern Power Administration

Notice of Proposed Rate Adjustment

AGENCY: Southeastern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of rate order.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of the confirmation and approval by the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy, on an interim basis, of Rate Schedules SOCO-1, SOCO-2, SOCO-3, SOCO-4, ALA-1-I, MISS-1-I, Duke-1, Duke-2, Duke-3, Duke-4, Santee-1, Santee-2, Santee-3, Santee-4, SCE&G-1, SCE&G-2, SCE&G-3, SCE&G-4, and Pump-1. The rates were approved on an interim basis through September 30, 2003, and are subject to confirmation and approval by the Federal Regulatory Commission on a final basis.

DATES: Approval of rates on an interim basis is effective through September 30, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leon Jourlmon, Assistant Administrator, Finance & Marketing, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy, Samuel Elbert Building, 2 South Public Square, Elberton, Georgia 30635-2496, (706) 213-3800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Order issued March 18, 1994, in

Docket No. EF93-3011-000, confirmed and approved Wholesale Power Rate Schedules GA-1-D, GA-2-D, GA-3-C, GU-1-D, ALA-1-H, MISS-1-H, MISS-2-D, SC-3-C, SC-4-B, CAR-3-C, SCE-2-C, GAMF-3-B. Rate schedules SOCO-1, SOCO-2, SOCO-3, SOCO-4, ALA-1-I, MISS-1-I, Duke-1, Duke-2, Duke-3, Duke-4, Santee-1, Santee-2, Santee-3, Santee-4, SCE&G-1, SCE&G-2, SCE&G-3, SCE&G-4, and Pump-1 replace these schedules.

Dated: September 18, 1998.

Elizabeth A. Moler,
Deputy Secretary.

In the matter of: Southeastern Power Administration—Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina System Power Rates. Rate Order No. SEPA-37.

Order Confirming and Approving Power Rates on an Interim Basis

Pursuant to Sections 302(a) and 301(b) of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Pub. L. 95-91, the functions of the Secretary of the Interior and the Federal Power Commission under Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944, 16 U.S.C. 825s, relating to the Southeastern Power Administration (Southeastern) were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy. By Delegation Order No. 0204-108, effective May 30, 1986, 51 FR 19744 (May 30, 1986), the Secretary of Energy delegated to the Administrator the authority to develop power and transmission rates, and delegated to the Under Secretary the authority to confirm, approve, and place in effect such rates on an interim basis, and delegated to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) the authority to confirm and approve on a final basis or to disapprove rates developed by the Administrator under the delegation. On November 4, 1993, the Secretary of Energy issued Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, granting the Deputy Secretary authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect Southeastern's rates on an interim basis. This rate is issued by the Deputy Secretary pursuant to said notice.

Background

Power from the Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina System of Projects is presently sold under Wholesale Power Rate Schedules GA-1-D, GA-2-D, GA-3-C, GA-1-D, ALA-1-H, ALA-3-D, MISS-1-H, MISS-2-D, SC-3-C, SC-4-B, CAR-3-C, SCE-2-C, and GAMF-3-B. These rate schedules were approved by the FERC on March 18, 1994, for a period ending September 30, 1998 (66 FERC 62168).

Discussion

System Repayment

An examination of Southeastern's revised system power repayment study, prepared in July 1998, for the Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina System shows that with an annual revenue increase of \$1,877,000 over the revenues in the current repayment study using current rates, all system power costs are paid within the 50-year repayment period required by existing law and DOE Procedure RA 6120.2. The Administrator of Southeastern has certified that the rates are consistent with applicable law and that they are the lowest possible rates to customers consistent with sound business principles.

Public Notice and Comment

Opportunities for Public Review and Comment on Wholesale Power Rate Schedules SOCO-1, SOCO-2, SOCO-3, SOCO-4, ALA-1-I, MISS-1-I, Duke-1, Duke-2, Duke-3, Duke-4, Santee-1, Santee-2, Santee-3, Santee-4, SCE&G-1, SCE&G-2, SCE&G-3, SCE&G-4, and Pump-1, was announced by notice published in the **Federal Register** March 24, 1998. Public Information and Comment Forums were held April 29, 1998, in College Park, Georgia, and April 30, 1998, in Columbia, South Carolina, and written comments were invited through June 22, 1998. The notice proposed rates with a revenue increase of \$14.6 million in Fiscal Year 1999 and all future years. An alternative set of rates including the costs associated with the Pump Storage Units at the Richard B. Russell Project was also proposed. There were 22 comments received and evaluated. Written comments were received from five (5) sources by mail and facsimile during the comment period. Transcripts of the Public Information and Comment Forums are included as Exhibits A-4-A and A-4-B. A review of comments is included as Exhibit A-5. The following is a summary of the 22 comments.

Staff Evaluation of Public Comments

1. *Comment:* Using the 1997 Corps of Engineers' O&M amount, which is significantly higher than prior years, as a base for the 1998 study amount for O&M yields an unrealistically high number. In computing Corps O&M Expense, Southeastern should take 1993-1997 average costs and escalate them at a rate of about 4% for 2.5 years yielding an average annual cost of \$34,307,000.

Response: Two responders suggested an alternative way to estimate Corps of Engineers O&M expenses. Because the