

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-191-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Site Visit

May 19, 1999.

On June 1 and 2, 1999, the Office of Pipeline Regulation (OPR) staff will inspect Northern Natural Gas Company's (Northern) proposed route and potential alternative routes for the Elk River Loop '99 Project in Anoka and Sherburne Counties, Minnesota. The areas will be inspected by helicopter and automobile. Representatives of Northern will accompany the OPR staff. Anyone interested in participating in the site visits must provide their own transportation.

For additional information, contact Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. PR99-14-000]

Shenandoah Gas Company; Notice of Application

May 19, 1999.

Take notice that on May 7, 1999, Shenandoah Gas Company (Shenandoah), P.O. Box 2400, Winchester, Virginia 22604, filed a petition pursuant to section 284.224(e) (1) and 284.123(e) of the Commission's Regulations for approval of a proposed rate and operating statement applicable to a firm interstate transportation service to be rendered by Shenandoah on behalf of Mountaineer Gas Company (Mountaineer) pursuant to its blanket certificate, all as more fully described in the petition and exhibits filed therewith which are on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Pursuant to a November 2, 1998 Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement (Agreement), Shenandoah will sell to Mountaineer all of its natural gas transmission and distribution facilities located in West Virginia. Mountaineer will use such facilities to continue gas service to Shenandoah's former customers in West Virginia, as well as to new customers in West Virginia. At

the current time, the only source of gas supply to serve customers in Shenandoah's service territory in West Virginia is through Shenandoah's interconnections with Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation in Warren County, Virginia (Receipt Point).

Shenandoah and Mountaineer have entered into a Firm Interstate Transportation Service Agreement dated February 19, 1999, pursuant to which Shenandoah will provide a firm interstate transportation service to Mountaineer under authority of its blanket certificate issued in accordance with Section 284.224 of the Commission's Regulations, 44 FERC 61,108 (1988). Under the terms of the Firm Interstate Transportation Service Agreement, Shenandoah will provide a firm interstate transportation service on behalf of Mountaineer, receiving gas in Virginia and redelivering up to 16,000 Dekatherms per day to Mountaineer at the West Virginia border. Mountaineer may arrange for the transportation of its own system supplies, act as agent for any of its customers desiring such service, or release capacity to existing transportation customers in West Virginia, as requested by such customers, or to any others on an as available basis. The firm transportation service will be provided for an initial term of five years and may be canceled thereafter by either party after two years notice given after the expiration of the initial term.

Shenandoah states that the proposed rate was determined in accordance with the methodology described in section 284.123(b)(1)(i)(B) of the Commission's Regulations. Shenandoah proposes to charge (1) to a Demand Charge of \$2.3125 per Dekatherm (Dth) per month applicable to the Maximum Daily Quantity of 16,000 Dths, and (2) a Volumetric Charge of \$.0064 per Dth for all gas delivered at the Delivery Point at the West Virginia border. Shenandoah shall be compensated for lost and unaccounted-for volumes at the rate of 0.5% of all volumes received by Shenandoah at the Receipt Point for Mountaineer's account.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before June 8, 1999. 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 proceedings. 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. EC97-56-000 and ER97-4669-000]

Western Resources, Inc. and Kansas City Power & Light Company; Notice of Settlement Conference

May 19, 1999.

Take notice that a settlement conference will be convened to discuss issues raised in Docket No. ER97-4669-000. The conference is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. The settlement conference will be held at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of exploring settlement of Docket No. ER97-4669-000.

Any party as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information contact Linda Lee at (202) 208-0673, Thomas J. Burgess at (202) 208-2058, Theresa J. Burns at (202) 208-2160, or Marcia C. Hooks (202) 208-0993.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EG99-142-000, et al.]

Rathdrum Power, LLC, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

May 14, 1999.

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

1. Rathdrum Power, LLC

Docket No. EG99-144-000

Take notice that on May 7, 1999, Rathdrum Power, LLC filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to section 32(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. The applicant is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware that is engaged directly and exclusively in constructing, owning, and operating a gas-fired 270 MW (nominal) combined-cycle power plant in Rathdrum, Idaho, which will be an eligible facility.

Comment date: June 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

2. FPL Energy Wyman IV LLC

Docket No. EG99-144-000

Take notice that on May 12, 1999, FPL Energy Wyman IV LLC of 700 Universe Blvd., Juno Beach, Florida 33408, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

FPL Energy Wyman IV LLC is a Delaware limited liability company and proposes to acquire a 2.6284 percentage interest in the W.F. Wyman Unit 4 generating facility located in Yarmouth, Maine. The interest is currently owned by Montaup Electric Company and Newport Electric Corporation.

Comment date: June 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

Allegheny Energy Unit 1 and Unit 2, L.L.C.

Docket No. EG99-145-000

Take notice that on May 12, 1999 Allegheny Energy Unit 1 and Unit 2, L.L.C. filed an Application for Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status pursuant to Section 32(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, all as more fully explained in the Application.

Comment date: June 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

4. The Detroit Edison Company

Docket No. EG99-2872-000

Take notice that on May 7, 1999, The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison), tendered for filing Service Agreements (the Service Agreement) for Short Term Firm and Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service under the Open Access Transmission Tariff of Detroit Edison, FERC Electric Tariff No. 1, between Detroit Edison and Western Resources dated as of October 15, 1998. The parties have not engaged in any transactions under the Service Agreements prior to thirty days to this filing.

Detroit Edison requests that the Service Agreements be made effective as rate schedules as of May 21, 1999.

Comment date: May 27, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,*Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-262-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Eastern Express Project 2000 and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

May 19, 1999.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's (Tennessee) proposed Eastern Express Project 2000. This project involves the modification of Tennessee's existing pipeline system in Massachusetts and Connecticut to allow the transportation of an additional 173,000 decatherms per day (Dth/d) to American National Power in Haverhill, Massachusetts, and El Paso Gas Services in Haverhill, Massachusetts and Dracut, Massachusetts. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet addressing a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain, is attached to this notice as Appendix 1.¹

Summary of the Proposed Project

In order to transport the additional volumes, Tennessee proposes to make the following system changes (see Appendix 2 for a map of the proposed project area):

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.