

authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Intent To Eliminate the Bulletin Board System

February 3, 1999.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the Commission), hereby gives notice that it intends to eliminate the Commission's Bulletin Board System (BBS) effective on or about April 9, 1999. The BBS currently consists of four parts, the Commission Issuance Posting System (CIPS), the Electric Power Data (EPD), the FERC Form No. 1 Forum, and the Gas Pipeline Data (GPD). As explained further below, the majority of the data from the BBS has been relocated to the Commission's internet site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us>. The Commission does not plan to move the remainder of the data.

With the advent of the Commission's internet site, use of the BBS has dropped dramatically. Registered users have declined from over 3000 to 395 in a continuing downward trend. Calls per day to the BBS have dropped from a high of 867 per day to less than 100 a day. This contrasts with the average number of user visits per day to the Commission's website of approximately 1590. The software used to operate the BBS is not year 2000 compliant. In view of the increasing popularity of the Commission's website and decline in use of the BBS, the Commission has decided to reduce duplication and costs by discontinuing the BBS.

The Commission will move files of continuing interest to the public from the BBS to the Commission's internet site. Specifically, the data being moved to the Commission's Internet site is listed in Appendix A of this notice and described below.

The internet version of CIPS, CIPS on the Web, became available on November 10, 1997. Based on input from users of CIPS on the Web, an upgrade was completed on January 6, 1999. The upgrade added new features such as the ability to do a combined search; to download multiple files; to find files loaded since the last time the user accessed the system; and improved Help screens. These new features provide

much of the functionality available on CIPS.

All data available on the Electric Power Data portion of the BBS has been to the Commission's internet site. This data may be found on the portion of the internet site dedicated to the electric industry. The Form No. 1 data and submission software found in the FERC No. 1 may also be found at this location.

For this 1998 report to be filed in April 1999, the Commission is upgrading the submission software it provides electric utilities to complete Form No. 1. Details of this upgrade were provided in the notice issued in Docket No. RM93-20-000 on January 13, 1999 (64 Fed. Reg. 3074). The new submission software requires the data to be submitted in a new data format, a format consistent with the Commission's Form No. 1 database. To provide consistency and ease of use, the Commission plans to make available for viewing and printing the Form No. 1 data in its database via the Internet. Upon availability of the database, Form No. 1 data will no longer be made available by the Commission in the old format. The Commission does not have plans to maintain the old submission software used to view and print the historical data in the old format. Until the Form No. 1 database is available through the Internet, the data and submission software historically available for download from the BBS will be available on the Internet.

The majority of the data available on the GPD has been relocated to the Commission's internet site. Form No. 8, the Underground Gas Storage Report, will not be moved from the BBS to the internet site. By Order No. 581,<sup>1</sup> the Commission discontinued Form No. 8. No Form No. 8 data was filed after October 1995. While the electronic data collected in the form will not be available through the website, a paper version of the forms may be ordered from the Records Information Management System (RIMS). RIMS can be accessed from the Commission's website.

An area was established within the GPD for communications relating to the work being done by the working groups established pursuant to the orders issued in Docket Nos. RM95-3-000<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Revisions to Uniform System of Accounts, Forms, Statements, and Reporting Requirements for Natural Gas Companies, Order No. 581, 60 Fed. Reg. 53,019 (October 11, 1995), 72 FERC ¶ 61,301 (1995), order on reh'g, Order No. 581-A, 74 FERC ¶ 61,223 (1996).

<sup>2</sup> Filing and Reporting Requirements for Interstate Natural Gas Company Rate Schedules and Tariffs, Order No. 582, 60 Fed. Reg. 52,960 (October 11, 1995), 72 FERC ¶ 61,300 (1995), order on reh'g,

and RM95-4-000.<sup>3</sup> The tasks set for these working groups have been completed. The files found in this area will not be transferred to the Internet.

Some of the files which relate to reporting periods pre-dating January 1, 1996 relating to Form 2 and Form 11 will not be transferred to the Internet. These files are now obsolete, no longer supported, or in insufficient demand. These include the print software, user manual, edit check software, company contacts, and data in the SAS format.<sup>4</sup>

#### Comment Procedures

The Commission invites interested persons to submit written comments on the matters and issues in this notice. The original and 14 copies of such comments must be received by the Commission before 5:00 p.m. [insert date 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**]. Comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 and should refer to Public Access to the Commission's Bulletin Board System.

In addition to filing paper copies, the Commission encourages the filing of comments either on computer diskette or via Internet E-Mail. Comments may be filed in the following formats: WordPerfect 6.1 or lower version, MS Word Office 97 or lower version, or ASCII format.

For diskette filing, include the following information on the diskette label: Public Access to Commission's Bulletin Board System; the name of the filing entity; the software and version used to create the file; and the name and telephone number of a contact person.

For Internet E-Mail submittal, comments should be sent to "comment.rm@ferc.fed.us" in the following format. On the subject line, specify "Public Access to Commission's Bulletin Board System" In the body of the E-Mail message, include the name of the filing entity; the software and version used to create the file, and the name and telephone number of the contact person. Attach the comment to the E-Mail in one of the formats specified above. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's E-Mail address upon receipt. Questions on electronic filing should be directed to Brooks Carter at

Order No. 582-1, 61 Fed. Reg. 9613 (March 11, 1996), 74 FERC ¶ 61,224 (1996).

<sup>3</sup> See, n.1.

<sup>4</sup> SAS format is a proprietary format used by SAS, an integrated computer applications system, formerly used by the Commission to process selected electronic filings.

(202) 501-8145 or by e-mail at brooks.carter@ferc.fed.us.

Comments should take note that, until the Commission amends its rules and regulations, the paper copy of the filing remains the official copy of the document submitted. Therefore, any discrepancies between the paper filing and the electronic filing or the diskette will be resolved by reference to the paper filing.

All written comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and will be available for inspection in the Commission's Public Reference room at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, during regular business hours. Additionally, comments may be viewed and printed remotely via the Internet through FERC's Homepage using the RIMS link or the Energy Information Online icon. RIMS user assistance is available at 202-208-2222, or by E-Mail to rimsmaster@ferc.fed.us.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL99-32-000, et al.]

#### Florida Power & Light Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

February 3, 1999.

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

##### 1. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. EL99-32-000]

Take notice that on January 27, 1999, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) filed a petition for declaratory order. The petition asks the Commission to issue a declaratory order that clarifies (1) the minimum time period for which a resource can be designated as a network service by a customers, and the advance notice time for a designation; and (2) that a particular resource that Seminole Electric Cooperative (Seminole) has designated as a network resource does not qualify as a network resource.

*Comment date:* February 26, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 2. Power Providers Inc., Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc., DTE Energy Trading, Inc., Fina Energy Services Company, Engage Energy US, L.P., AC Power Corporation, PacifiCorp Power Marketing, Inc., British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation, and Avista Energy, Inc.

[Docket Nos. ER96-2303-010, ER94-1384-022, ER97-3834-005, ER97-2413-007, ER97-654-008, ER97-2867-006, ER95-1096-016, ER97-4024-007, and ER96-2408-011].

Take notice that on January 27, 1999, the above-mentioned power marketers filed quarterly reports with the Commission in the above-mentioned proceedings for information only. These filings are available for public inspection and copying in the Public Reference Room or on the internet under Records Information Management System (RIMS) for viewing and downloading.

##### 3. Cargill-Alliant, LLC, Exact Power Co., Inc., Union Electric Development Corporation, Enron Energy Services, Inc., and Coral Power, L.L.C.

[Docket Nos. ER97-4273-006, ER97-382-008, ER97-3663-006, ER98-13-008, and ER96-25-014]

Take notice that on January 28, 1999, the above-mentioned power marketers filed quarterly reports with the Commission in the above-mentioned proceedings for information only. These filings are available for public inspection and copying in the Public Reference Room or on the internet under Records Information Management System (RIMS) for viewing and downloading.

##### 4. Con Edison Energy, Inc., The Utility-Trade Corp., TransCanada Power, Utility-2000 Energy Corp., Sunoco Power Marketing, L.L.C., Competitive Utility Services, Corp., Edison Source, Sempra Energy Trading Corp., Unitol Resources, Inc., Sonat Power Marketing Inc., Sonat Power Marketing Inc., Conoco Power Marketing Inc., and PG&E Energy Services, Energy Trading Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-2491-002, ER95-1382-016, ER96-692-016, ER95-187-016, ER97-870-008, ER97-1932-008, ER96-2150-012, ER94-1691-021, ER97-2462-007, ER95-1050-016, ER96-2343-010, ER95-1441-016, and ER95-1614-018]

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under Records Information Management System (RIMS) for viewing and downloading.

##### 5. ISO New England Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-3554-001]

Take notice that on January 29, 1999, ISO New England Inc., tendered for filing revisions to its Tariff for Transmission Dispatch and Power Administration Services in compliance with Commission's December 30, 1998 Order in this Docket.

Copies of said filing have been served upon all parties to this proceeding, upon NEPOOL Participants and upon all non-Participant entities that are customers under the NEPOOL Open Access Transmission Tariff, as well as upon the utility regulatory agencies of the six New England States.

*Comment date:* February 18, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 6. NYSEG Solutions, Inc.

[Docket No. ER99-220-001]

Take notice that on January 26, 1999, the above-mentioned power marketer filed a quarterly report with the Commission in the above-mentioned proceeding for information only. This filing is available for public inspection and copying in the Public Reference Room or on the internet under Records Information Management System (RIMS) for viewing and downloading.

##### 7. EME Homer City Generation L.P.

[Docket No. ER99-666-001]

Take notice that on January 28, 1999, EME Homer City Generation L.P. (EMEHC), tendered for filing a revised Code of Conduct made in compliance with the Commission's order issued on January 13, 1999, in the above referenced docket.

*Comment date:* February 17, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 8. SEI Wisconsin, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER99-669-001]

Take notice that on January 29, 1999, SEI Wisconsin, L.L.C., tendered for filing revised codes of conduct in compliance with the order issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on January 14, 1999, in the above-captioned docket. SEI Wisconsin L.L.C., 86 FERC ¶ 61,028 (1999).

Copies of this filing were served on all parties designated on the official service list.

*Comment date:* February 18, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.