

division of NorthWestern Corporation, submitted a filing in compliance with the Letter Order issued December 19, 2002 in this proceeding by the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development—West (December 19 Order). Pursuant to the December 19 Order, Idaho Power and NWE provided revised copies of the Agreement for Load Following Services between Idaho Power and NWE designated as required by Order No. 614, FERC Stats. & Regs., ¶ 31,096.

Comment Date: February 11, 2003.

7. New York State Electric & Gas Corporation

[Docket No. ER03-316-001]

Take notice that on January 17, 2003 New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) tendered an Errata Filing for corrections to its December 23, 2002 filing letter for revisions to the annual charges for routine operation and maintenance and general expenses, as well as revenue and property taxes based on data from NYSEG's annual report to FERC (FERC form 1) for the twelve month period ending December 31, 2001 for the Facilities Agreement with the Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. in the above mentioned docket.

NYSEG states that copies of the filing have been served upon the other parties to the above captioned proceeding.

Comment Date: February 11, 2003.

8. Klondike Wind Power LLC

[Docket No. ER03-416-001]

Take notice that on January 21, 2003, Klondike Wind Power LLC (Klondike) submitted for filing a revised market-based tariff (Tariff) with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) reflecting its name change from West Valley Generation LLC. Klondike requests waiver of the 60-day prior notice requirement to allow its revised Tariff to become effective as of December 19, 2002.

Comment Date: February 11, 2003.

9. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

[Docket No. ER03-431-000]

Take notice that on January 21, 2003, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL Electric) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an executed Generator Interconnection Agreement between PPL Electric and Lower Mount Bethel Energy, LLC (Lower Mount Bethel).

PPL Electric and Lower Mount Bethel request an effective date for the Interconnection Agreement of March 24, 2003, which is the first business day falling at least sixty days from the date of filing.

Comment Date: February 11, 2003.

10. SP Newsprint Co.

[Docket No. ER03-432-000]

Take notice that on January 21, 2003, SP Newsprint Co. tendered for filing an application for authorization to sell energy, capacity, and other auxiliary services at market-based rates pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act.

Comment Date: February 11, 2003.

11. Progress Energy Service Company, on behalf of Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.

[Docket No. ER03-433-000]

Take notice that on January 21, 2003, Progress Energy Service Company on behalf of Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc., (Progress Carolinas) tendered for filing an executed long-term Service Agreement between Progress Carolinas and the following eligible buyer, The Town of Waynesville, NC. Service to this eligible buyer will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of Progress Carolinas' Market-Based Rates Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff No. 5.

Progress Carolinas requests an effective date of January 1, 2003 for this Service Agreement. Progress Carolinas also states that copies of the filing were served upon the North Carolina Utilities Commission and the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Comment Date: February 11, 2003.

Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file 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). 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. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659. Protests and

interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-37-000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Availability of and Public Comment Meetings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Grasslands Project

January 24, 2003.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (WBI) in the above referenced docket.

The DEIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with the appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact. The DEIS also evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including system alternatives, major route alternatives, and route variations.

The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is participating as a cooperating agency in the preparation of this DEIS because the project would cross Federal land under the jurisdiction of two field offices in Wyoming and Montana. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USFS) is also a cooperating agency in the preparation of this document because the Little Missouri National Grasslands would be crossed by the project. The DEIS will be used by the BLM to consider issuance of a right-of-way grant for the portion of the project on all Federal lands.

The DEIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities:

- Approximately 223 miles of new 16-inch-diameter pipeline from near Belle Creek, Montana, to the proposed

Manning Compressor Station in Dunn County, North Dakota;

- Approximately 28 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline loop¹ adjacent to WBI's existing Bitter Creek supply lateral pipeline in Wyoming;
- Maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) upgrade on approximately 28 miles of existing 8-inch-diameter Bitter Creek supply lateral pipeline in Wyoming from 1,203 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) to 1,440 psig, and abandonment in-place of segments of existing pipe at three road crossings and replacement with heavier walled pipe;
- MAOP upgrade on approximately 40 miles of existing 8-inch-diameter Recluse-Belle Creek supply lateral pipeline in Wyoming and Montana from 1,203 psig to 1,440 psig, and abandonment in-place of segments of existing pipe at eight road crossings and replacement with heavier walled pipe;
- 4,180 horsepower (hp) of gas fired compression (comprised of two 2,090 hp compressors) at one new compressor station located in Dunn County, North Dakota (Manning Compressor Station), and electric coolers installation at this station;
- An additional transmission compressor unit (1,200 hp) at the existing Cabin Creek Compressor Station in Fallon County, Montana;
- 0.9 mile of 12-inch-diameter pipeline from the proposed mainline to the existing Cabin Creek Compressor Station in Fallon County, Montana;
- 1.0 mile of 16-inch-diameter pipeline from the proposed Manning Compressor Station to interconnect with Northern Border Pipeline Company's Compressor Station 5 in Dunn County, North Dakota; and
- Various additional facilities, including 14 mainline valves, 4 cathodic protection units, 8 pig launchers/receivers, 5 metering stations, and 2 regulators.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to provide an additional outlet for the increased production of natural gas in the Powder River Basin, allowing transportation of about 80 million cubic feet per day of natural gas; provide access to WBI's storage facilities to shippers of gas produced in the Powder River Basin and elsewhere; and provide access to and from WBI's storage facilities to and from the facilities of Northern Border Pipeline Company for delivery to Midwestern and other national markets.

¹ A loop is a segment of pipeline that is usually installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it at both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the system.

Comment Procedures and Public Meeting

Any person wishing to comment on the DEIS may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 1, PJ11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP02-37-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before March 17, 2003.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, the FERC invites you to attend the public meetings the staff will conduct in the project area to receive comments on the DEIS. All meetings will begin at 7 p.m., and are scheduled as follows:

Date/Location

Monday, March 3, 2003—Travelodge

Hotel, 532 15th St. W., Dickinson, North Dakota, (701) 483-5600

Tuesday, March 4, 2003—Fallon County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Hall, Baker, Montana, (406) 778-2451

Wednesday, March 5, 2003—Tower West Lodge, 109 N U.S. Highway 14/16, Gillette, Wyoming, (307) 686-2210

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the DEIS. Transcripts of the meetings will be prepared.

After these comments are reviewed, any significant new issues are investigated, and modifications are made to the DEIS, a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

will be published and distributed by the staff. The FEIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments filed on the DEIS.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this DEIS. You must file your request to intervene as specified above.² You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

The DEIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

A limited number of copies of the DEIS are available from the Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch identified above. In addition, copies of the DEIS have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, individuals who have requested the DEIS, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the FERRIS link. Click on the FERRIS link, enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance with FERRIS, the FERRIS helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659 or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The FERRIS link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Information concerning the involvement of the BLM is available from Dalice Landers, Realty Specialist and Project Lead at (406) 233-2836. Information concerning the involvement of the USFS is available from Tina

² Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

Thornton, Realty Specialist and Project Lead at (701) 225-5151.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12400-000]

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Comments

January 24, 2003.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.
- b. *Project No.:* 12400-000.
- c. *Date filed:* October 28, 2002.
- d. *Applicant:* Universal Electric Power Corp.
- e. *Name of Project:* Mississippi Lock and Dam #22 Project.
- f. *Location:* On Mississippi River, in Ralls County, Missouri, utilizing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Mississippi Lock and Dam #22.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)—825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Raymond Helter, Universal Electric Power Corp., 1145 Highbrook Street, Akron, OH 44301, (330) 535-7115.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, (202) 502-6062.
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. Please include the project number (P-12400-000) on any comments or motions filed. The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener files comments or documents

with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would utilize the Corps' existing Mississippi Lock and Dam #22 and consist of: (1) Eight proposed 80-foot-long, 108-inch-diameter steel penstocks, (2) a proposed powerhouse containing eight generating units having an installed capacity of 10 MW, (3) a proposed 200-foot-long, 14.7 kV transmission line, and (4) appurtenant facilities.

Applicant estimates that the average annual generation would be 61 GWh and would be sold to a local utility.

l. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail ferconlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. *Competing Preliminary Permit:* Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

n. *Competing Development Application:* Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

o. *Notice of Intent:* A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

p. *Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit:* A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

q. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

r. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.