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Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. EC96-19-000]**

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company and Southern California Edison Co.; Notice of Filing**

May 14, 1996.

Take notice that Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company ("the Companies"), on April 29, 1996, tendered for filing a Joint Application for Authorization To Convey Operational Control of Designated Jurisdictional Facilities to an Independent System Operator. This application requests authorization to transfer operational control (but not ownership) of certain transmission facilities to an Independent System Operator ("ISO"). The application describes the proposed governance and structure of the ISO, the manner in which the ISO will operate, and the transmission access and pricing rules that will apply to service over the ISO grid.

In addition, the application sets forth recommended time frames for actions by the Companies, the Commission, and the participants in this proceeding. The Commission invites comments on these procedural proposals in addition to comments on the substantive proposal.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such application should file a petition to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 214 and 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214 and 385.211. All petitions or protests should be filed on or before June 13, 1996. 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 petition to intervene. Copies of this application are

on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. CP96-370-000]**

**Transwestern Pipeline Company; Notice of Application**

May 14, 1996.

Take notice that on April 30, 1996, Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern), 1400 Smith Street, P.O. Box 1188, Houston, Texas 77251-1188, filed an application with the Commission in Docket No. CP96-370-000 pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting a blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity, authorizing Transwestern to install and operate mobile compressors on a temporary basis while existing compressors are undergoing maintenance, and permission and approval to abandon the compressors, all as more fully set forth in the application which is open to the public for inspection.

Transwestern states that it requires the blanket certificate in order to maintain throughout in the event of scheduled or unscheduled maintenance. Transwestern also states that it would attempt to achieve comparable horsepower and deliverability with the temporary compressors as that which is available with the permanent compressors. Transwestern asserts that the blanket certificate would enable Transwestern to install temporary compressors without a prior filing and to avoid interruptions of service to customers. Transwestern states that it does not own a compressor unit which could be used on an as-needed, temporary basis and that it would use rental units at a cost estimated to be no greater than \$75,000 per unit per month.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before May 24, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a part to a proceeding or to

participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the NGA and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed with the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Transwestern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. ER96-1573-000, et al.]**

**Duquesne Light Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings**

May 13, 1996.

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

**1. Duquesne Light Company**

[Docket No. ER96-1573-000]

Take notice that on April 15, 1996, Duquesne Light Company filed a Network Integration Service Tariff and Point-to-Point Transmission Service Tariff.

Copies of the filing were served on the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

*Comment date:* May 28, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**2. UNITIL Power Corporation**

[Docket No. ER96-1700-000]

Take notice that on April 30, 1996, UNITIL Power Corporation, tendered for filing pursuant to Schedule II Section H of Supplement No. 1 to Rate Schedule FERC Number 1, the UNITIL System Agreement, the following material:

1. Statement of all sales and billing transactions for the period January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995 along

with the actual costs incurred by UNITIL Power Corp. by FERC account.

2. UNITIL Power Corp. rates billed from January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995 and supporting rate development.

*Comment date:* May 28, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 3. Union Electric Company

[Docket No. ER96-1701-000]

Take notice that on May 1, 1996, Union Electric Company (UE), tendered for filing an Interchange Agreement dated April 12, 1996, between UE and Louisville Gas and Electric Company. UE asserts that the purpose of the Agreement is to set out specific rates, terms and conditions for the types of power and energy to be exchanged.

*Comment date:* May 28, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 4. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER96-1702-000]

Take notice that on May 1, 1996, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC), tendered for filing an executed service agreement under its CS-1 Coordination Sales Tariff. The affected customer is Oconto Electric Cooperative. The service agreement provides for capacity and energy sales for an initial ten-year period. On behalf of itself and the customer, WPSC requests an effective date of May 1, 1996.

WPSC has served copies of its filing on Oconto Electric Cooperative, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and the other customers served under WPSC's CS-1 Tariff.

*Comment date:* May 28, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 5. Pacific Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER96-1703-000]

Take notice that on May 1, 1996, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), tendered for filing a Scheduling Services Agreement dated April 24, 1996, (the Agreement), between the USGen Power Services, L.P. (USGenPS) and PG&E. USGenPS is a Delaware limited partnership acting as a marketer of electric power. The Agreement provides for PG&E acting as USGenPS's Scheduling Agent for its customers for the purposes of scheduling certain electric power outside the PG&E Control Area.

Copies of this filing have been served upon USGenPS and the California Public Utilities Commission.

*Comment date:* May 28, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 6. Black Hills Corporation

[Docket No. ER96-1704-000]

Take notice that on May 1, 1996, Black Hills Corporation (Black Hills), which operates its electric utility business under the name Black Hills Power and Light Company, tendered for filing a power sales agreement, dated as of April 25, 1996, between Black Hills and Calpine Power Services Company.

The new agreement provides for Black Hills to sell Calpine Power Services Company firm capacity and energy during certain defined on-peak periods during 1996 and 1997.

Black Hills requests and provides waiver of the Commission's notice requirements to permit this rate schedule to become effective June 1, 1996.

*Comment date:* May 28, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 7. Idaho Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-1705-000]

Take notice that on May 1, 1996, Idaho Power Company tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, amendments to Rate Schedule FERC No. 84, its Power Sale Agreement with the cities of Azusa, Banning and Colton, California.

*Comment date:* May 28, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 8. Portland General Electric Company

[Docket No. ER96-1706-000]

Take notice that on May 1, 1996, Portland General Electric Company (PGE), tendered for filing a Revision No. 7 to Exhibit C and Revision No. 2 to Exhibit D of the General Transfer Agreement for Integration of Resources between the Bonneville Power Administration and PGE, Contract No. DE-MS79-89BP02273, (Portland General Electric Rate Schedule FERC No. 185).

Copies of the filing have been served on the Bonneville Power Administration.

Pursuant to 18 CFR 35.11, PGE respectfully requests that the Commission grant waiver of the notice requirements of 18 CFR 35.3 to allow the revisions to become effective as of March 31, 1996.

*Comment date:* May 28, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 9. Duke Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-1708-000]

Take notice that on May 1, 1996, Duke Power Company (Duke), tendered for filing a Transmission Service Agreement (TSA) between Duke, on its own behalf and acting as agent for its wholly-owned subsidiary, Nantahala Power and Light Company, and The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company and PSI Energy, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as Cinergy Companies). Duke states that the TSA sets out the transmission arrangements under which Duke will provide Cinergy Companies non-firm transmission service under its Transmission Service Tariff.

*Comment date:* May 28, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 10. Wisconsin Power and Light Company

[Docket No. ER96-1713-000]

Take notice that on May 1, 1996, Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L), tendered for filing an Agreement dated April 25, 1996, establishing Prairie du Sac Electric and Water Utility as a customer under the terms of WP&L's Network Integration Service Transmission Tariff.

WP&L requests an effective date of May 1, 1996, and accordingly seeks waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. A copy of this filing has been served upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

*Comment date:* May 28, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 11. Maine Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-1714-000]

Take notice that on May 1, 1996, Maine Electric Power Company (MEPCO), tendered for filing an extension of the term of the Participation Agreement entered into between it and certain United States Utilities, dated June 20, 1969, as amended.

*Comment date:* May 28, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 12. Northern Indiana Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER96-1715-000]

Take notice that on May 1, 1996, Northern Indiana Public Service Company, tendered for filing an executed Service Agreement between Northern Indiana Public Service Company and K N Marketing, Inc.

Under the Service Agreement, Northern Indiana Public Service Company agrees to provide services to

K N Marketing, Inc. under Northern Indiana Public Service Company's Power Sales Tariff, which was accepting for filing by the Commission and made effective by Order dated August 17, 1995 in Docket No. ER95-1222-000. Northern Indiana Public Service Company and K N Marketing, Inc. request waiver of the Commission's sixty-day notice requirement to permit an effective date of May 1, 1996.

Copies of this filing have been sent to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

*Comment date:* May 28, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 13. Northern Indiana Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER96-1716-000]

Take notice that on May 1, 1996, Northern Indiana Public Service Company, tendered for filing an executed Service Agreement between Northern Indiana Public Service Company and Valero Power Services Company.

Under the Service Agreement, Northern Indiana Public Service Company agrees to provide services to Valero Power Services Company under Northern Indiana Public Service Company's Power Sales Tariff, which was accepting for filing by the Commission and made effective by Order dated August 17, 1995 in Docket No. ER95-1222-000. Northern Indiana Public Service Company and Valero Power Services Company request waiver of the Commission's sixty-day notice requirement to permit an effective date of May 1, 1996.

Copies of this filing have been sent to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

*Comment date:* May 28, 1996, 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 this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-297-000]

#### Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Security Loop II Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

May 14, 1996.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed by the Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) for its Security Loop II Project.<sup>1</sup> This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether to approve the project.

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Great Lakes wants to complete the looping of its entire mainline system which is fully subscribed with firm service, to provide greater reliability and operating flexibility for its shippers.<sup>2</sup> Great Lakes seeks authority to construct and operate three segments of 36-inch-diameter pipeline loop in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan:

- Loop Segment 1 would be about 2.4-miles-long, wholly within Delta County, Michigan. It would begin at milepost (MP) 560.3 along Great Lakes' existing mainline and end at Great Lakes' existing Rapid River Compressor Station at MP 562.7.

<sup>1</sup> Great Lakes' application was filed with the Commission on April 4, 1996 under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

<sup>2</sup> The only portions of Great Lakes' existing 968-mile-long 36-inch-diameter mainline which have not been looped are the three segments, totalling 24.5 miles, addressed in this proposal. A loop is a segment of pipeline which is usually installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it at both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through that segment of the pipeline system.

- Loop Segment 2 would be about 12.5-miles-long, also within Delta County, Michigan, extending from MP 562.7 to MP 575.2.

- Loop Segment 3 would be about 9.6-miles-long, in Mackinac County, Michigan. It would begin at Great Lakes' existing Naubinway Compressor Station at MP 640.1 and end at MP 649.7.

As part of this project, Great Lakes would modify existing piping and install additional above-ground facilities at its Rapid River and Naubinway Compressor Stations, and Rapid River Meter Station.<sup>3</sup> The proposed loop construction would also necessitate the abandonment and removal of the existing tie-ins at the beginning of Loop Segment 1, the end of Loop Segment 2, and the end of Loop Segment 3.

The general location of the proposed project facilities are shown in appendix 1.<sup>4</sup>

#### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern. Federal agencies can request to be cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources, fisheries and wetlands.

<sup>3</sup> The proposed above-ground facilities would consist of a pig launcher and receiver at the Rapid River Compressor Station, a launcher at the Naubinway Compressor Station, and a valve at the Rapid River Meter Station.

<sup>4</sup> 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.