

385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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**[Docket No. ER96-1316-000]**

**TransAlta Enterprises Corporation;  
Notice of Issuance of Order**

June 24, 1996.

TransAlta Enterprises Corporation (TransAlta) filed an application for authorization to sell power at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, TransAlta requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by TransAlta. On June 12, 1996, the Commission issued an Order Granting Late Intervention, Accepting Market-Based Rates, and Granting Waivers and Authorizations (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's June 12, 1996 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (D), (E), and (G):

(D) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by TransAlta 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 385.214.

(E) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (D) above, TransAlta is hereby authorized to issue securities and to assume obligations or liabilities as guarantor, endorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of TransAlta, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(G) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of TransAlta's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities. \* \* \*.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is July 12, 1996.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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**[Docket No. ER95-1615-003, et al.]**

**Entergy Power Marketing Corp., et al.;  
Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation  
Filings**

June 21, 1996.

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

**1. Entergy Power Marketing Corp.**

[Docket No. ER95-1615-003]

Take notice that on June 13, 1996, Entergy Power Marketing Corp. tendered for filing its compliance filing in the above-referenced docket.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**2. Indeck Pepperell Power Associates Inc.**

[Docket No. ER96-1635-000]

Take notice that on June 14, 1996, Indeck Pepperell Power Associates, Inc. ("Indeck Pepperell") submitted for filing Amendment No. 1 ("Amendment") to the Electric Power Service Agreement between Indeck Pepperell and Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company ("MMWEC").

Indeck Pepperell states that its filing is in accordance with Part 35 of the Commission's regulations. Indeck Pepperell requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements so that the Amendment may become effective on June 15, 1996.

Copies of the filing were served upon MMWEC.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**3. Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

[Docket No. ER96-1768-000]

Take notice that on January 18, 1996, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) tendered for filing an amendment to its filing of Ruling No. 14 made May 9, 1996, both for itself and on behalf of Southern California Edison Company (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E). The Ruling tendered for filing was agreed upon by PG&E, SCE and SDG&E in the course of administering the California Power Pool Agreement, dated July 20, 1964 (Agreement). The Agreement has been filed with the Commission as PG&E Rate Schedule FPC No. 27, SCE Rate Schedule FPC No. 24, and SDG&E Rate Schedule FPC No. 13. The purpose of this Ruling is to provide for new spinning reserve requirements. The purpose of the amended filing is to clarify certain aspects of the Ruling as requested by Commission Staff.

Copies of this filing have been served upon the parties on the service list including the California Public Utilities Commission.

SCE and SDG&E have both provided Certificates of Concurrence to this filing.

*Comment date:* July 5, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**4. The Dayton Power & Light Company**

[Docket No. ER96-1917-000]

Take notice that on June 17, 1996, The Dayton Power and Light Company (Dayton) tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket. Dayton requests the agreement be effective as originally requested on May 25, 1996 and requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements.

*Comment date:* July 5, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**5. PECO Energy Company**

[Docket No. ER96-2124-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1996, PECO Energy Company (PECO), filed a Service Agreement dated June 4, 1996, with DuPont Power Marketing, Inc. (DUPONT) under PECO's FERC Electric Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 4 (Tariff). The Service Agreement adds DUPONT as a customer under the Tariff.

PECO requests an effective date of June 4, 1996, for the Service Agreement.

PECO states that copies of this filing have been supplied to DUPONT and to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Northeast Utilities Service Company  
[Docket No. ER96-2125-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1996, Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO), tendered for filing a Service Agreement with NorAm Energy Services, Inc. under the NU System Companies's System Power Sales/Exchange Tariff No. 6.

NorAm Energy Services, Inc. also filed a Certificate of Concurrence as it relates to exchange transactions under the Tariff.

NUSCO states that a copy of this filing has been mailed to NorAm Energy Services, Inc.

NUSCO requests that the Service Agreement become effective sixty (60) days following the Commission's receipt of the filing.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Northeast Utilities Service Company  
[Docket No. ER96-2126-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1996, Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO), tendered for filing, a Service Agreement with TransCanada Power Corp. (TransCanada) under the NU System Companies' System Power Sales/Exchange Tariff No. 6.

NUSCO has also filed a Certificate of Concurrence by TransCanada for exchange transactions under the Tariff.

NUSCO states that a copy of this filing has been mailed to TransCanada.

NUSCO requests that the Service Agreement become effective sixty (60) days following the Commission's receipt of the filing.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Jersey Central Power & Light Company Metropolitan Edison Company Pennsylvania Electric Company

[Docket No. ER96-2127-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1996, GPU Service Corporation (GPU), on behalf of Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company and Pennsylvania Electric Company (jointly referred to as the GPU Operating Companies), filed an executed Service Agreement between GPU and KN Marketing, Inc. (KNM), dated June 5, 1996. This Service Agreement specifies that KNM has agreed to the rates, terms and conditions of the GPU Operating Companies' Operating Capacity and/or Energy Sales Tariff (Sales Tariff) designated as FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 1. The Sales Tariff was accepted by the

Commission by letter order issued on February 10, 1995 in *Jersey Central Power & Light Co., Metropolitan Edison Co. and Pennsylvania Electric Co.*, Docket No. ER95-276-000 and allows GPU and KNM to enter into separately scheduled transactions under which the GPU Operating Companies will make available for sale, surplus operating capacity and/or energy at negotiated rates that are no higher than the GPU Operating Companies' cost of service.

GPU requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements for good cause shown and an effective date of June 5, 1996 for the Service Agreement.

GPU has served copies of the filing on regulatory agencies in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER96-2128-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1996, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), filed the Contract for Purchases and Sales of Power and Energy between FPL and South Carolina Public Service. FPL requests an effective date of June 17, 1996.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER96-2129-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1996, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) filed the Contract for Purchases and Sales of Power and Energy between FPL and MidCon Power Services Corp. FPL requests an effective date of June 17, 1996.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Duke Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-2130-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 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 Louis Dreyfus Electric Power, Inc. (LDEP). Duke states that the TSA sets out the transmission arrangements under which Duke will provide LDEP non-firm transmission service under its Transmission Service Tariff.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Duke Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-2131-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 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 Eastex Power Marketing, Inc. (EPM). Duke states that the TSA sets out the transmission arrangements under which Duke will provide EPM non-firm transmission service under its Transmission Service Tariff.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Duke Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-2132-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1996, Duke Power Company (Duke) tendered for filing Schedule MR Transaction Sheets supplementing the Service Agreement for Market Rate (Schedule MR) Sales between Duke and Commonwealth Edison Company under Duke's FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 3.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Southern California Edison Company

[Docket No. ER96-2133-000]

Take notice that on June 12, 1996, Southern California Edison Company (Edison) tendered for filing the following Firm Transmission Agreement (FTS Agreement) and associated Amendment No. 1 (Amendment No. 1) to the Supplemental Agreement to the Integrated Operations Agreement (IOA) with the City of Vernon (Vernon), FERC Rate Schedule No. 154, and a Notice of Cancellation of FERC Rate Schedule No. 154.7:

Edison-Vernon Victorville-Lugo Firm Transmission Service Agreement Between Southern California Edison Company And City of Vernon Amendment No. 1 to the Supplemental Agreement to the Integration Operations Agreement Between the City of Vernon And Southern California Edison Company Dated August 25, 1982 for the Integration of Vernon's Entitlement in the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Notice of Cancellation of the Edison-Vernon Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Firm Transmission Service Agreement

The FTS Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions by which Edison,

among other things, will provide firm bi-directional transmission service between the midpoint of the Victorville-Lugo 500 kV transmission line and Vernon's City Gate. Amendment No. 1 revises the Supplemental Agreement for integration of Vernon's entitlement in the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (Palo Verde Resource) to reflect Vernon's new transmission arrangements with Edison and the third parties for the Palo Verde Resource. The Notice of Cancellation provides for the cancellation of FERC Rate Schedule No. 154.7, including all supplements thereto, concurrent with the effective date of the FTS Agreement.

Copies of this filing were served upon the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California and all interested parties.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Jersey Central Power & Light Company Metropolitan Edison Company Pennsylvania Electric Company

[Docket No. ER96-2134-000]

Take notice that on June 13, 1996, GPU Service Corporation (GPU) on behalf of Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company and Pennsylvania electric Company (jointly referred to as the "GPU Companies), filed a Service Agreement between GPU and KN Marketing Inc. (KNM) dated June 12, 1996. This Service Agreement specifies that KNM has agreed to the rates, terms and conditions of the GPU Companies' Energy Transmission Service Tariff accepted by the Commission on September 28, 1995, in docket No. ER95-791-000 and designated as FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 3.

GPU requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements for good cause shown an effective date of June 12, 1996, for the Service Agreement. GPU has served copies of the filing on regulatory agencies in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and on KNM.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Jersey Central Power & Light Company Metropolitan Edison Company Pennsylvania Electric Company

[Docket No. ER96-2135-000]

Take notice that on June 13, 1996, GPU Service Corporation (GPU) on behalf of Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company and Pennsylvania electric

Company (jointly referred to as the "GPU Companies), filed a Service Agreement between GPU and Coral Power L.L.C. (Coral) dated June 12, 1996. This Service Agreement specifies that Coral has agreed to the rates, terms and conditions of the GPU Companies' Energy Transmission Service Tariff accepted by the Commission on September 28, 1995, in docket No. ER95-791-000 and designated as FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 3.

GPU requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements for good cause shown an effective date of June 12, 1996, for the Service Agreement. GPU has served copies of the filing on regulatory agencies in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and on Coral.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Portland General Electric Company  
[Docket No. ER96-2136-000]

Take notice that Portland General Electric Company (PGE) on June 13, 1996, tendered for filing proposed changes in Portland General Electric Company Rate Schedule FERC No. 73.

PGE is proposing changes in its Long Term Power Sales Agreement (Agreement) with the Western Area Power Administration (Western). The changes proposed will enable PGE to sell and Western to purchase up to 60 percent of firm deliverable energy at a rate less than the current energy rate specified in the original Agreement.

The original Long-Term Power Sale Agreement (PGE Rate Schedule FERC No. 73) obligates Western to purchase at least 40 percent of Deliverable Energy during each month, but Western otherwise need not pay for energy not delivered. Western has the option to purchase the remaining 60 percent of Deliverable Energy. Amendment No. 2 to Rate Schedule FERC No. 73 decreases the energy rate for the remaining 60 percent Deliverable Energy available to Western from that approved by the Commission in PGE's original filing. The requested decrease in the energy rate is provided to encourage Western to purchase the remaining 60 percent of Deliverable Energy available.

PGE requests the Commission grant waiver of the notice requirements to allow Amendment No. 2 to the Long-Term Power Sale Agreement between PGE and the Western Area Power Administration to become effective August 1, 1996.

Copies of this filing were served upon Western Area Power Administration and the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. Virginia Electric and Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-2137-000]

Take notice that on June 13, 1996, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Virginia Power) tendered for filing a Service Agreement between Delmarva Power & Light company and Virginia Power, dated June 1, 1996, under the Power Sales Tariff to Eligible Purchasers dated May 27, 1994. Under the tendered Service Agreement Virginia Power agrees to provide services to Delmarva Power & Light Company under the rates, terms and conditions of the Power Sales Tariff as agreed by the parties pursuant to the terms of the applicable Service Schedules included in the Power Sales Tariff.

Copies of the filing were served upon the Virginia State Corporation Commission, the North Carolina Utilities Commission, the Delaware Public Service Commission, and the Maryland Public Service Commission.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

19. New England Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-2138-000]

Take notice that on June 13, 1996, New England Power Company (NEP) filed a Service Agreement with Strategic Energy LTD under NEP's FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 5.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

20. New England Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-2139-000]

Take notice that on June 13, 1996, New England Power Company (NEP) filed a Service Agreement and Certificate of Concurrence with Federal Energy Sales, Inc. under NEP's FERC Electric Tariffs, Original Volume Nos. 5 and 6.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

21. Northern States Power Company (Minnesota Company)

[Docket No. ER96-2140-000]

Take notice that on June 13, 1996, Northern States Power Company tendered for filing the Transmission Service Agreement between NSP and Federal Energy Sales, Inc.

NSP requests that the Commission accept the agreement effective May 21, 1996, and requests waiver of the

Commission's notice requirements in order for the agreement to be accepted for filing on the date requested.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

22. Preferred Energy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER96-2141-0000]

Take notice that on June 13, 1996, Preferred Energy Services, Inc. (PES) petitioned the Commission for acceptance of PES Rate Schedule FERC No. 1; the granting of certain blanket approvals, including the authority to sell electricity at market-based rates, and the waiver of certain Commission regulations. PES is not affiliated with any entity which owns, operates, or controls electric power generating or transmission facilities, or that has a franchised electric power service area.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

23. Federal Energy Sales, Inc.

[Docket No. ER96-2142-000]

Take notice that on June 13, 1996, Federal Energy Sales, Inc., tendered for filing a letter from the Executive Committee of the Western Systems Power Pool (WSPP) indicating that FES has satisfied the requirements for WSPP membership. Accordingly, FES requests that the Commission permit its participation in the WSPP.

FES requests waiver of the 60-day prior notice requirement to permit its membership in the WSPP to become effective as of June 3, 1996.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

24. Monterey Consulting Associates

[Docket No. ER96-2143-000]

Take notice that on June 13, 1996, Monterey Consulting Associates tendered for filing a petition for an order approving rate schedule and granting blanket approval and waivers.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

25. Inland Pacific Energy Services Corporation

[Docket No. ER96-2144-000]

Take notice that on June 14, 1996, Inland Pacific Energy Services Corporation (Inland), tendered for filing Electric Service Rate Schedule No. 1, together with a petition for waivers and blanket approvals of various Commission regulations necessary for such Rate Schedule to become effective 60 days after the date of the filing.

Inland states that it intends to engage in electric power and energy transactions as a marketer, and that it proposes to make sales under rates, terms and conditions to be mutually agreed to with the purchasing party. Inland further states that it is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Inland Pacific Enterprises Ltd., which is also a wholly-owned subsidiary of BC Gas Inc., and that Inland Pacific Enterprises Ltd. owns a two-thirds interest in NW Energy Corporation which owns and operates a wood waste power generation plant at Williams Lake, British Columbia, Canada. Inland states that it will market, among other things, the surplus capacity and energy from the Williams Lake plant to purchasers in the United States. Inland also states that neither it nor any of its affiliates have market power in generation, own electric transmission facilities or franchised retail service areas.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

26. New England Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-2145-000]

Take notice that on June 14, 1996, New England Power Company submitted for filing a letter agreement for transmission service to Federal Energy Services, Inc.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

27. Ohio Edison Company Pennsylvania Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-2146-000]

Take notice that on June 14, 1996, Ohio Edison Company tendered for filing on behalf of itself and Pennsylvania Power Company, an Agreement for Power Transactions with Old Dominion Electric Cooperative. This initial rate schedule will enable the parties to purchase and sell capacity and energy in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

28. Ohio Edison Company Pennsylvania Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-2147-000]

Take notice that on June 14, 1996, Ohio Edison Company tendered for filing on behalf of itself and Pennsylvania Power Company, an Agreement for Power Transactions with Stand Energy. This initial rate schedule will enable the parties to purchase and sell capacity and energy in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

29. Ohio Edison Company Pennsylvania Power Company )

[Docket No. ER96-2148-000]

Take notice that on June 14, 1996, Ohio Edison Company tendered for filing on behalf of itself and Pennsylvania Power Company, an Agreement for Power Transactions with Coastal Electric Services Company. This initial rate schedule will enable the parties to purchase and sell capacity and energy in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

*Comment date:* July 8, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

30. Edison Source

[Docket No. ER96-2150-000]

Take notice that on June 14, 1996, Edison Source tendered for filing an application for waivers and blanket approvals under regulations of the Commission and for an order accepting its FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1. Edison Source is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Edison International and an affiliate of Southern California Edison Company.

Edison Source intends to engage in electric capacity and energy transactions as a marketer and broker. In these transactions Edison Source intends to charge market rates as mutually agreed to by Edison Source and the purchaser. All other terms of the transaction would also be determined by negotiation between the parties. All sales and purchases will be arms-length transactions.

*Comment date:* July 8, 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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[Docket No. CP96-517-000]

**Algonquin LNG, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Algonquin LNG Modifications Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

June 24, 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 in the Algonquin LNG Modifications Project. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement (EIS) is necessary and whether to approve the project.<sup>1</sup>

*Summary of the Proposed Project*

Algonquin LNG, Inc. (ALNG) seeks Commission authorization to expand its existing liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility in Providence, Rhode Island and construction of pipeline facilities in East Providence, Rhode Island. The purpose of the proposed facilities are to provide natural gas liquefaction, LNG storage, LNG trucking, and LNG vaporization services on a firm and interruptible, open access, blanket basis.

*Existing Facilities*

ALNG owns and operates a 600,000-barrel LNG storage facility on the west side of the Providence River. The facility has been in operation for over 20 years, and is exclusively supplied with LNG delivered by truck. Upon demand, LNG is either redelivered in liquid form into trucks supplied by its customers, or vaporized into Providence Gas Company's (PGC) distribution system. ALNG states that the usefulness of the facility is limited by its lack of liquefaction capabilities and direct access to the interstate pipeline grid.

PGC currently receives gas from Algonquin Gas Transmission Company's (AGT) East Providence Meter Station (among other points) which is located on the east side of the

Providence River about 1.7 miles southeast of the site. After delivery at the meter station, PGC transports the gas in a northerly direction in a 12-inch-diameter pipeline to a manifold of three 10-inch-diameter pipelines that cross the Providence River. These three pipelines converge into a 12-inch-diameter pipeline on the west side of the Providence River that ultimately feeds PGC's Allens Avenue Plant located adjacent to the ALNG site.

*Proposed Facilities*

ALNG's proposes to construct the following facilities on or near its existing LNG storage facility:

- A liquefaction facility with a capacity of 40,000 million British thermal units per day (MMbtu/d);
- LNG pumps and vaporizers with a capacity of 375,000 MMBtu/d;
- Boil-off gas compressors;
- 1.05 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline;
- 0.25 mile of 10.75-inch-diameter pipeline;
- Metering facilities;
- Inspect the existing 600,000-barrel LNG storage tank, and install new instrumentation; and
- Miscellaneous construction including water/glycol system, feed gas compressors, odorant injection, control systems, and fire protection system additions.

ALNG also requests authorization:

- To acquire two existing 0.45-mile-long, 10.75-inch-diameter pipeline crossings of the Providence River;
- To abandon three existing vaporizers and related facilities;
- To abandon its present LNG services;
- To provide an enhanced, open access LNG handling service; and
- For a blanket certificate to construct eligible facilities.

AGT proposes to reconstruct the East Providence Meter Station to accommodate lower natural gas deliveries as a result of PGC transferring volumes to the ALNG Interconnect. Construction would occur under AGT's subpart F Blanket Certificate and associated environmental requirements.

PGC would construct limited non-jurisdictional facilities on its property in association with the proposed project. These include:

- Construction of a regulator station to accept gas from ALNG; and
- Retirement of PGC boil-off compressors and certain structures.

The proposed Algonquin LNG Modifications Project is shown in appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

*Land Requirements for Construction*

The proposed facilities have been sited within existing industrial areas, and within or along roadway and utility rights-of-way. In general, the construction of the proposed LNG facilities would be confined to the existing 16.5 acre ALNG plant area leased from PGC, and an additional adjacent 4.2 acres to be leased from PGC. A proposed valve site and interconnections to the PGC system would require work immediately adjacent to the ALNG site on PGC properties that are currently used for gas distribution activities. These areas are currently graded and covered with gravel.

The proposed new pipeline in East Providence would typically require a 50-foot-wide permanent right-of-way and a 25-foot-wide temporary construction workspace. A reduced right-of-way and construction workspace would be utilized along the Veterans Memorial Parkway to avoid and/or minimize impacts. The proposed permanent right-of-way would encompass an area of about 3.59 acres. The construction workspace would require an additional 4.53 acres. With exception to the Veterans Memorial Parkway, these areas are all industrial land that has been previously disturbed.

Access to the proposed facilities would be from existing public and private roadways. No new access roads would be required.

*The EA Process/Environmental Issues*

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 and whether an EIS is necessary. 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.

available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

<sup>1</sup> Algonquin LNG, Inc.'s application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Parts 157 and 284 of the Commission's regulations.

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the Federal Register. Copies are