

Please submit only those comments relative to the environmental conclusions reached in the DEA within 20 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Comments should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix Project No. 4797-042, -043, -044, and -045 to all comments. For further information, please contact the project manager, Robert J. Fletcher, at (202) 219-1206. Lois D. Cashell, Secretary.

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[Project Nos. 1980, 1759, 2072, 2073, 2074, and 2131]

Wisconsin Electric Power Company; Notice of Scoping Meetings Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment

August 26, 1996.

Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992, and as part of the license applications, the Wisconsin Electric Power Company (hereinafter referred to as WE) intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) for the Upper Menominee River Basin Hydroelectric Projects. Two public scoping meetings will be held, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, to identify the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. At the scoping meetings, WE will (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially qualified data, on the resources at issue; and (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

Although WE's intent is to prepare an EA, there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited and encouraged to attend and assist in

identifying and clarifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

To help focus the discussions, a scoping document was mailed on July 31, 1996, as part of the Initial Consultation Package (ICP). Copies of the Scoping Document and ICP will also be available at the meetings.

WE will conduct site visits on Friday, September 13, 1996, to tour the Way Dam, Hemlock Falls Dam, Lower Paint Dam, Peavy Falls Dam, and Michigamme Falls Dam. The site visits will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Way Dam. On Saturday, September 14, 1996, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., WE will host a centennial open house of the Kingsford Dam. On Monday, September 16, 1996, WE will conduct site visits of the Twin Falls Dam and the Big Quinnesec Falls Dam. The site visits will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Twin Falls Dam. Persons interested in touring one or more of the sites should contact WE for an itinerary.

A scoping meeting for Federal, state, and local resource agencies will be held on Monday, September 16, 1996, at 2:00 p.m., at the Premiere Center, located at 300 East F Street, Iron Mountain, Michigan. The evening scoping meetings will be held on Monday, September 16, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. at the Premiere Center and on Tuesday, September 17, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. at the Crystal Falls Township Hall, located at Junction US Highways 2 and 141, Crystal Falls, Michigan. The site visits and scoping meetings are open to all interested parties.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings. Because this meeting will be a NEPA scoping meeting when the applications and EA are filed with the Commission in October 1999. Instead, the Commission staff will attend the meetings held on September 16 and 17, 1996.

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and, thereby, will become a part of the formal record of the proceedings on the Upper Menominee River Basin Projects. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to identify themselves for the record.

Concerned parties are encouraged to offer verbal guidance during public meetings. Speaking time allowed for individuals will be determined before each meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session, but all speakers will be provided at least five minutes to present their views.

Persons choosing not to speak but wishing to express an opinion, as well as speakers unable to summarize their positions within the allotted time, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record.

Written scoping comments may also be mailed to Ms. Rita L. Hayden, P.E., Wisconsin Electric Power Company, 231 W. Michigan St., P.O. 2046, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53201-2046, by November 17, 1996. Correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Scoping Comments, Upper Menominee River Basin Hydroelectric Projects, FERC Nos. 1980, 1759, 2072, 2073, 2074, and 2131.

For further information, please contact Ms. Annie Salmona at (414) 221-4151 (Wisconsin Electric) or Patti Leppert-Slack at (202) 219-2767 (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission).

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-716-000, et al.]

East Tennessee Natural Gas Company, et al.; Natural Gas Certificate Filings

August 23, 1996.

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

1. East Tennessee Natural Gas Company

[Docket No. CP96-716-000]

Take notice that on August 14, 1996, East Tennessee Natural Gas Company (East Tennessee) a Tennessee Corporation, P. O. 2511, Houston, Texas 77252, filed, in the above docket, a request for authorization pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212) and under its blanket authority issued on September 1, 1982, in Docket No. CP82-412-000, to establish a new delivery point in order to provide additional firm transportation service to an existing customer, Loudon Utilities Gas Department (Loudon), all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, East Tennessee proposes to install a new delivery point located at approximate M.P. 3218D-101+6.6 on its system in Loudon County, Tennessee. To establish the delivery point, East Tennessee states that it will install a four-inch tie-in assembly, approximately 50 feet of four-inch interconnecting pipe, a two-inch turbine

meter, electronic gas measurement (EGM) and communications. East Tennessee states that it will own, operate and maintain the measurement facilities, the tie-in assembly and interconnecting pipe, and will maintain the communications and EGM. Loudon will provide the site for these facilities and will provide over-pressure protection, pressure regulation, heating and odorization, as required by the State of Tennessee.

East Tennessee further states that the total quantities to be delivered to Loudon will not exceed the total quantities authorized. East Tennessee asserts that the installation of the proposed delivery point is not prohibited by its tariff, and that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish the deliveries at the proposed new delivery point without detriment or disadvantage to any of its other customers.

Comment date: October 7, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

2. Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company

[Docket No. CP96-717-000]

Take notice that on August 15, 1996, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle), P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP96-717-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to upgrade the existing Ohio Gas Delta delivery point, under Panhandle's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-83-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Panhandle proposes to replace certain inefficient and undersized facilities with more efficient upgraded facilities so as to allow increased deliveries to be made at this delivery point. The estimated cost to upgrade the facilities is \$370,000.

Comment date: October 7, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

3. Northwest Pipeline Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-723-000]

Take notice that on August 16, 1996, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, filed in Docket No. CP96-723-000, an abbreviated application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations, for (1) a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of approximately 1,750 feet of new upgraded 26-inch replacement pipeline and appurtenances on Northwest's Ignacio to Sumas mainline, and (2) permission and approval to abandon by removal approximately 1,020 feet and to abandon in place approximately 730 feet of the 26-inch pipeline being replaced; all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northwest states that the installation of replacement pipeline and abandonment of existing pipeline is necessary to comply with Department of Transportation safety classification requirements. The total costs to construct the proposed pipeline and abandon the existing pipeline segment are estimated at \$685,000.

Comment date: October 7, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

4. Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company

[Docket No. CP96-724-000]

Take notice that on August 19, 1996, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (Eastern Shore), P.O. Box 1769, Dover, Delaware 19903-1769, filed in Docket No. CP96-724-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to add one new delivery point for Delmarva Power and Light Company (Delmarva), an existing customer, under Eastern Shore's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-40-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Eastern Shore proposes to construct and operate one delivery point and associated facilities near Cox Neck Road (County Road 411) in St. Georges, New Castle County, Delaware (Cox Neck Delivery Point) to serve Delmarva. Eastern Shore states the proposed Cox Neck Delivery Point would require the installation of a meter and appurtenant equipment and approximately 200 feet of 4-inch-diameter service lateral.

Eastern Shore states that deliveries to Delmarva at the Cox Neck Delivery Point will be approximately 175 Mcf on a peak day and approximately 17,500 Mcf per year.

Eastern Shore asserts that the delivery of gas through the new tap would be within the customer's existing entitlement, that there will be no

adverse impact on Eastern Shore's other customers' peak and annual deliveries, and that no additional facilities will be required to serve the new delivery point other than a meter and regulating station and service lateral, the costs of which will be paid for by Delmarva.

Eastern Shore further states that its tariff does not prohibit the addition of delivery points for existing customers.

Comment date: October 7, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

5. Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company

[Docket No. CP96-725-000]

Take notice that on August 19, 1996, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252, filed in Docket No. CP96-725-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon by removal a delivery tap and measurement facilities located in Montgomery County, Texas, under Tennessee's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-413-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Tennessee proposes to abandon the facilities, including the meter, piping and appurtenant facilities, which were installed and placed in service in June 1972 to serve Terra Resources, Inc. (Terra), for the sale and delivery of natural gas for oil field operations. It is stated that no gas has flowed through the meter since 1992 and that the sales agreement between Tennessee and the Daniels Corporation (Daniels), the successor-in-interest to Terra, was terminated in 1992. It is asserted that Daniels was the only customer served by the facilities, and a letter was included in the application showing Daniels' consent to the abandonment.

Comment date: October 7, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

6. Kern River Gas Transmission

[Docket No. CP96-727-000]

Take notice that on August 19, 1996, Kern River Gas Transmission Company (Kern River), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84108, filed an abbreviated application in Docket No. CP96-727-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Section 157 of the Commission's Regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of facilities, all as more

fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Kern River requests authorization to construct and operate the proposed Blue Diamond Meter Station on Kern River's existing pipeline located near Las Vegas, Nevada. Kern River states that the installation of the new meter station will allow it to make deliveries to Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) enabling Southwest to provide firm transportation service to Nevada Power Company (NPC) at NPC's Clark and Sunrise electric generating stations in Clark County, Nevada, and to serve imminent increases in demand in its Las Vegas service area.

The estimated cost of constructing the Blue Diamond Meter Station is \$871,500. Kern River will finance this cost as well as an \$8 million "Contribution-in-Aid-of-Construction" towards Southwest's required construction tie-in consisting of approximately 24 miles of 24-inch diameter pipeline, by use of internally generated funds. Kern River plans to place the proposed facilities in service by May 1, 1997.

Comment date: September 13, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said filing should on or before the comment date file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party 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 jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act 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 filing if no motion to intervene is filed within 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 the applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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Western Area Power Administration

Proposed Allocation of the Post-2000 Resource Pool—Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Eastern Division

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Allocation.

SUMMARY: Western Area Power Administration (Western), a Federal power marketing agency of the Department of Energy, hereby announces its Post-2000 Resource Pool Proposed Allocation of Power to fulfill the requirements of Subpart C—Power Marketing Initiative of the Energy Planning and Management Program Final Rule, 10 C.F.R. § 905. The Post-2000 Resource Pool Proposed Allocation of Power is Western's implementation of Subpart C—Power Marketing Initiative of the Energy Planning and Management Program Final Rule. Western's call for applications for power was published in the Federal Register at 61 FR 2817, January 29, 1996, and revised and clarified in the Federal Register at 61 FR 28574, June 5, 1996. Western published the Final Post-2000 Resource

Pool Allocation Procedures in the Federal Register at 61 FR 41142, August 7, 1996.

Applications for power were accepted at Western's Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region until close of business on July 5, 1996. The Proposed Allocation of Power published herein is the result of those applications. Only comments relevant to the proposed allocations will be accepted during this period. A Federal Register notice of the final allocations of power will address the comments received during the comment period.

DATES: The comment period on the Proposed Allocation of Power will begin August 30, 1996 and will end October 7, 1996. To be assured of consideration, all written comments must be sent by certified or return receipt requested U.S. mail and received by the end of the comment period. Western will hold public information forums and public comment forums on the Proposed Allocation of Power on September 18, 19, and 20, 1996, at the following locations and times:

September 18, 1996

Hilton Sioux Hotel, 707 Fourth St.,
Sioux City, Iowa

Information forum—1 p.m. (not to exceed 2 hours)

Comment forum—immediately following the information forum
September 19, 1996

Kelly Inn, 1-29 and Main Avenue,
Fargo, North Dakota

Information forum—1 p.m. (not to exceed 2 hours)

Comment forum—immediately following the information forum
September 20, 1996

Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza, 505
North 5th Street, Rapid City, South
Dakota

Information forum—9 a.m. (not to exceed 2 hours)

Comment forum—immediately following the information forum

All comments regarding the Proposed Allocation of Power should be directed to the following address: Mr. Gerald C. Wegner, Regional Manager, Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 35800, Billings, MT 59107-5800.

All documentation developed or retained by Western for the purpose of developing the Proposed Allocation of Power will be available for inspection and copying at the Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region located at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert J. Harris, Power Marketing Manager, Upper Great Plains Customer