

directly to a seller or sellers as consideration for the acquisition of business assets by MDU Resources or its subsidiaries. Under these circumstances, MDU Resources further requests an exemption from the Commission's competitive bidding and negotiated placement requirements. Alternatively, MDU Resources may issue or sell its common stock on the open market, from time to time, the cash proceeds therefrom to be used for the acquisition of business assets. If MDU Resources issues common stock on the open market, it will sell such shares by competitive bidding.

Comment date: October 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. El Paso Electric Company

[Docket No. ES96-53-000]

Take notice that on September 30, 1996, El Paso Electric Company (El Paso) filed an application, under § 204 of the Federal Power Act, seeking authorization to issue up to 3,500,000 shares of its common stock for its 1996 Long-Term Incentive Plan, under which officers, key employees and non-employee directors will be eligible to receive non-qualified options, incentive stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, bonus stock and performance shares of El Paso's common stock. El Paso further requests an exemption from the Commission's competitive bidding and negotiated placement requirements.

Comment date: October 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Hoffmann-La Roche Inc.

[Docket No. QF96-109-000]

On September 27, 1996, Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. of 340 Kingsland Street, Nutley, New Jersey 07110, submitted for filing an application for certification of a facility as a qualifying cogeneration facility pursuant to Section 292.207(b) of the Commission's Regulations. No determination has been made that the submittal constitutes a complete filing.

According to the applicant, the cogeneration facility will be located in the city of Belvidere, New Jersey 07823. The facility will consist of one gas turbine generator and one heat recovery boiler. Steam recovered from the facility will be used by an affiliate, Hoffmann-La Roche Vitamins and Fine Chemicals, for the processing of vitamins and for HVAC equipment. The maximum net power production capacity of the facility will be 49.5 MW. The primary energy source will be natural gas. Construction of the facility is expected to be completed in late 1997.

Comment date: October 25, 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. ER96-3013-000, et al.]

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

October 2, 1996.

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

1. Minnesota Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER96-3013-000]

Take notice that on September 16, 1996, Minnesota Power & Light Company tendered for filing a Service Agreement between Minnesota and Illinois Power Company.

Comment date: October 15, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Black Hills Corporation v. Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc.

[Docket No. EL96-76-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1996, Black Hills Corporation (Black Hills) filed a Complaint for the Reform of an Agreement for Transmission Service and the Common Use of Transmission Service (the "Agreement") between Black Hills Corporation and Basin Electric Power Cooperative; Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.; Tri-County Electric Association, Inc.; Black Hills Electric Cooperative,

Inc.; and Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (collectively, the "Respondents"). The Complaint alleges that the Agreement subsidizes the Respondents' use of Black Hills' transmission system by providing them with below-cost access to a substantial portion of the system, thereby allowing Respondents to take service from Black Hills at rates that do not reflect Black Hills' cost of service and are unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory, and preferential.

Comment date: November 1, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. Answers to the complaint shall be due on or before November 1, 1996.

3. Energy2, Inc.

[Docket No. ER96-3086-000]

Take notice that on September 24, 1996, Energy2, Inc. tendered for filing a Petition for Waivers, Blanket Approvals, and Order Approving Rate Schedule.

Comment date: October 15, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. The Montana Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-3093-000]

Take notice that on September 26, 1996, The Montana Power Company (Montana), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to 18 CFR 35.12, as an initial rate schedule, an Agreement for Electric Service between Montana and Glacier Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Cooperative).

A copy of the filing was served upon the Cooperative.

Comment date: October 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. New England Power Pool Executive Committee

[Docket No. ER96-3094-000]

Take notice that on September 26, 1996, the New England Power Pool Executive Committee filed a signature page to the NEPOOL Agreement dated September 1, 1971, as amended, signed by QST Energy Trading, Inc. (QST). The New England Power Pool Agreement, as amended, has been designated NEPOOL FPC No. 2.

The Executive Committee states that acceptance of the signature page would permit QST to join the over 100 Participants that already participate in the Pool. NEPOOL further states that the filed signature page does not change the NEPOOL Agreement in any manner, other than to make QST a Participant in the Pool. NEPOOL requests an effective date on or before December 1, 1996, or as soon as possible thereafter for commencement of participation in the Pool by QST.

Comment date: October 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. New England Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-3095-000]

Take notice that on September 26, 1996, New England Power Company, tendered for filing a System Impact Study Agreement between Northeast Utilities Service Company and New England Power Company.

Comment date: October 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Idaho Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-3096-000]

Take notice that on September 25, 1996, Idaho Power Company (IPC), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, an Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of System Firm Capacity and Energy between IPC and the City of Richland, Washington.

Comment date: October 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Commonwealth Edison Company

[Docket No. ER96-3097-000]

Take notice that on September 26, 1996, Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd), submitted eight Service Agreements, variously dated, establishing Aquila Power (Aquila), Coral Power, L.L.C. (Coral), Virginia Power (VP), Williams Energy Services Company (WESCO), IUC Power Services (IUC), Sonat Power Marketing L.P. (Sonat), South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G), and AIG Trading Corporation (AIG), as non-firm customers under the terms of ComEd's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT). ComEd also submitted for filing an additional Service Agreement, establishing Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO), dated August 27, 1996 as a firm customer under the terms of ComEd's OATT.

ComEd requests an effective date of August 30, 1996 for Non-Firm and Firm Service Agreements, and accordingly seeks waiver of the Commission's requirements. Copies of this filing were served upon Aquila, Coral, WESCO, VP, IUC, Sonat, SCE&G, AIG, WEPCO and the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Comment date: October 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. New York State Electric & Gas Corporation

[Docket No. ER96-3098-000]

Take notice that on September 26, 1996, New York State Electric & Gas

Corporation (NYSEG), tendered for filing pursuant to 35.12 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 35.12, as an initial rate schedule, an agreement with USGen Power Services, L.P. (USGen). The agreement provides a mechanism pursuant to which the parties can enter into separately scheduled transactions under which NYSEG will sell to USGen and USGen will purchase from NYSEG either capacity and associated energy or energy only as the parties may mutually agree.

NYSEG requests that the agreement become effective on September 27, 1996, so that the parties may, if mutually agreeable, enter into separately scheduled transactions under the agreement. NYSEG has requested waiver of the notice requirements for good cause shown.

NYSEG served copies of the filing upon the New York State Public Service Commission and USGen.

Comment date: October 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. Midwest Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. ER96-3099-000]

Take notice that on September 26, 1996, Midwest Energy, Inc. (Midwest), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission the Service Agreement for Non-Firm Transmission Service, the Energy Purchase Agreement for Market-Based Sales Service and the Electric Energy Services Agreement entered into between Midwest and the City of Colby.

Midwest states that it is serving copies of the instant filing to its customers, State Commissions and other interested parties.

Comment date: October 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Southern Company Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER96-3100-000]

Take notice that on September 27, 1996, Southern Company Services, Inc. (SCSI), acting on behalf of Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company, Mississippi Power Company and Savannah Electric and Power Company (collectively referred to as Southern Companies) filed service agreements under Southern Companies' Market-Based Rate Power Sales Tariff (FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 4) with the following entities: (i) Carolina Power and Light; (ii) Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc.; (iii) Commonwealth Edison Company; and (iv) Orlando

Utilities Commission. SCSI states that the service agreements will enable Southern Companies to engage in short-term market-based rate transactions with these entities.

Comment date: October 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. MidAmerican Energy Company

[Docket No. ER96-3101-000]

Take notice that on September 27, 1996, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), 106 East Second Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801 filed with the Commission a Service Agreement with Lambda Energy Marketing Company (Lambda) dated September 17, 1996, entered into pursuant to MidAmerican's Rate Schedule for Power Sales, FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 5.

MidAmerican requests an effective date of September 17, 1996 for the Agreement with Lambda, and accordingly seeks a waiver of the Commission's notice requirement. MidAmerican has served a copy of the filing on Lambda, the Iowa Utilities Board, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

Comment date: October 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. MidAmerican Energy Company

[Docket No. ER96-3102-000]

Take notice that on September 27, 1996, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), 106 East Second Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801, filed with the Commission a Firm Transmission Service Agreement with Coral Power, L.L.C. (Coral) dated September 18, 1996, and Non-Firm Transmission Service Agreements with Coral dated September 18, 1996, and MidCon Power Services Corp. (MidCon) dated September 20, 1996, entered into pursuant to MidAmerican's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

MidAmerican requests an effective date of September 18, 1996 for the Agreements with Coral, and September 20, 1996 for the Agreement with MidCon, and accordingly seeks a waiver of the Commission's notice requirement. MidAmerican has served a copy of the filing on Coral, MidCon, the Iowa Utilities Board, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

Comment date: October 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Public Service Electric and Gas Company

[Docket No. ER96-3103-000]

Take notice that on September 27, 1996, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), tendered for filing an agreement to provide non-firm transmission service to Western Power Services, Inc., pursuant to PSE&G's Open Access Transmission Tariff presently on file with the Commission in Docket No. OA96-80-000.

PSE&G further requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations such that the agreement can be made effective as of September 27, 1996.

Comment date: October 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. The Montana Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-3104-000]

Take notice that on September 27, 1996, The Montana Power Company (Montana), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to 18 CFR 35.12, as an initial rate schedule, a Firm Energy Sale Agreement between Montana and Public Utility District #1 of Benton County, Washington (Benton).

A copy of the filing was served upon Benton.

Comment date: October 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Western Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. ES96-50-000]

Take notice that on September 26, 1996, Western Resources, Inc. filed an application, under § 204 of the Federal Power Act, seeking authorization to issue promissory notes and short-term securities, from time to time, in an aggregate principal amount of not more than \$1.5 billion outstanding at any one time, during the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1998, with a final maturity date no later than December 31, 1999.

Comment date: October 24, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Commonwealth Edison Company

[Docket No. ES96-51-000]

Take notice that on September 30, 1996, Commonwealth Edison Company filed an application, under § 204 of the Federal Power Act, seeking authorization to issue unsecured short-term securities, from time to time, in an aggregate principal amount of not more than \$1.2 billion outstanding at any one time, during the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1998, with a final

maturity date no later than December 31, 1999.

Comment date: October 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. George V. McGowan

[Docket No. ID-2981-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1996, George V. McGowan filed an application pursuant to Section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act to hold the following positions:

Director—Baltimore Gas and Electric Company
Director—NationsBank, N.A.,
(subsidiary of NationsBank Corporation)

Comment date: October 15, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

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Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL 5634-2]

TSCA Submissions; Information Collection; Submission to OMB

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) entitled: Voluntary Cover Sheet for TSCA Submissions [EPA ICR #1780.01; OMB control number to be assigned] has been forwarded to the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval pursuant to the OMB procedures in 5 CFR 1320.10. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection its estimated cost and burden, and a copy of the actual data collection instrument.

The Agency is requesting that OMB approve this new ICR for 3 years. A Federal Register notice announcing the Agency's intent to seek OMB approval for this ICR and a 60-day public comment opportunity, requesting comments on the request and the contents of the ICR, was issued on June 26, 1996 (61 FR 33113). EPA did not receive any comments on this ICR during the comment period.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before November 8, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CONTACT:

Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1780.01.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1780.01 and OMB Control No. 2070-[to be assigned], to the following addresses:

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regulatory Information Division (Mail Code: 2137), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460

And to:

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Review Requested: This is a request to approve a new information collection pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.10.

ICR Numbers: EPA ICR No. 1780.01; OMB Control No. 2070-[to be assigned]

Title: Voluntary Cover Sheet for TSCA Submissions

Abstract: The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires companies to submit information and studies for existing chemical substances under sections 4, 6, and 8. Under normal reporting conditions, EPA receives approximately 1,700 submissions each year; each submission represents on average three studies. In addition, specific data call-ins can be imposed on industry.

As a follow-up to industry experience with a 1994 TSCA data call-in, the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA), the Specialty Organics Chemical Manufacturers Association (SOCMA), and the Chemical Industry Data Exchange (CIDX), in cooperation with