

operating costs or other measures of energy consumption for certain consumer products specified in the Act. These test procedures are found in 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B.

Section 323(b) of the Act requires that the estimated annual operating costs of a covered product be computed from measurements of energy use in a representative average-use cycle and from representative average unit costs of energy needed to operate such product during such cycle. The section further requires DOE to provide information regarding the representative average unit costs of energy for use wherever such costs are needed to perform calculations in accordance with the test procedures. Most notably, these costs are used under the Federal Trade Commission appliance labeling program established by Section 324 of the Act and in connection with advertisements of appliance energy use and energy

costs which are covered by Section 323(c) of the Act.

The Department last published representative average unit costs of residential energy for use in the Conservation Program for Consumer Products on January 19, 1996. (61 FR 1366). Effective December 18, 1996, the cost figures published on January 19, 1996, will be superseded by the cost figures set forth in this notice.

The Department's Energy Information Administration (EIA) has developed the 1997 representative average unit after-tax costs of electricity, natural gas, No. 2 heating oil, and propane and kerosene prices found in this notice. The cost projections for heating oil, electricity and natural gas are found in the fourth quarter, 1996, EIA *Short-Term Energy Outlook*, DOE/EIA-0226 (96/4Q) and reflect the mid-price scenario. Projections for residential propane and kerosene prices are derived from their relative prices to that of heating oil,

based on 1994 averages for these three fuels. The sources for these price data are the *Petroleum Marketing Annual 1994* (DOE/EIA-0487(94)) and the September 1996 *Monthly Energy Review* (DOE/EIA-0035(96/09)). The *Short-Term Energy Outlook*, the *Petroleum Marketing Annual 1994*, and the *Monthly Energy Review* are available at the National Energy Information Center, Forrestal Building, Room 1F-048, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-8800.

The 1997 representative average unit costs stated in Table 1 are provided pursuant to Section 323(b)(4) of the Act and will become effective December 18, 1996. They will remain in effect until further notice.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 12, 1996.

Christine A. Ervin,
Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

TABLE 1.—REPRESENTATIVE AVERAGE UNIT COSTS OF ENERGY FOR FIVE RESIDENTIAL ENERGY SOURCES (1997)

Type of energy	Per million Btu ¹	In commonly used terms	As required by test procedure
Electricity	\$24.35	8.31¢/kWh ^{2,3}0831/kWh
Natural gas	6.12	61.2¢/therm ⁴ or0000612/Btu
		\$6.29/MCF ^{5,6}	
No. 2 Heating Oil	7.14	\$.99/gallon ⁷00000714/Btu
Propane	10.73	\$.98/gallon ⁸00001073/Btu
Kerosene	8.59	\$1.16/gallon ⁹00000859/Btu

¹ Btu stands for British thermal units.

² kWh stands for kilowatt hour.

³ 1 kWh =3,412 Btu.

⁴ 1 therm =100,000 Btu. Natural gas prices include taxes.

⁵ MCF stands for 1,000 cubic feet.

⁶ For the purposes of this table, one cubic foot of natural gas has an energy equivalence of 1,028 Btu.

⁷ For the purposes of this table, one gallon of No. 2 heating oil has an energy equivalence of 138,690 Btu.

⁸ For the purposes of this table, one gallon of liquid propane has an energy equivalence of 91,333 Btu.

⁹ For the purposes of this table, one gallon of kerosene has an energy equivalence of 135,000 Btu.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG97-11-000, et al.]

PMDC Netherlands B.V., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

November 8, 1996.

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

- 1. PMDC Netherlands B.V.

[Docket No. EG97-11-000]

On November 4, 1996, PMDC Netherlands B.V. (the Applicant) whose address is 4e Etage, 3012 CA Rotterdam, The Netherlands, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt

wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

The Applicant states that it will be engaged directly and exclusively in the business of owning four hydroelectric generating facilities in Spain, and selling electric energy at wholesale. The Applicant requests a determination that the Applicant is an exempt wholesale generator under Section 32(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.

Comment date: November 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

- 2. Hidro Iberica B.V.

[Docket No. EG97-12-000]

On November 4, 1996, Hidro Iberica B.V. (the "Applicant") whose address is 4e Etage, 3012 CA Rotterdam, The Netherlands, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

The Applicant states that it will be engaged directly and exclusively in the business of owning four hydroelectric generating facilities located in Spain, and selling electric energy at wholesale. The Applicant requests a determination that the Applicant is an exempt wholesale generator under Section 32(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.

Comment date: November 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E

at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

3. North American Energy Services Company

[Docket No. EG97-14-000]

On November 5, 1996, North American Energy Services Company, a Washington corporation, 999 Lake Drive, Suite 310, Issaquah, Washington 98027 (the "Applicant"), filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator ("EWG") status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

The Applicant will be engaged in managing daily operations and maintenance of eligible facilities to be constructed in Colombia: The 130 MW Termovalle power plant located at Valle del Cauca, Colombia, consisting of a Westinghouse 501F combustion turbine generator and associated equipment and real estate. The turbine will be natural gas or fuel oil No. 2 fired.

Comment date: November 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

4. New England Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-300-000]

Take notice that on October 31, 1996, New England Power Company (NEP), tendered for filing Service Agreements under its FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 9 for Network Integration Transmission Service to Green Mountain Power Corporation and Central Vermont Public Service. NEP also tendered, as a supplement to the CVPS Service Agreement, a Support Agreement for the G-33 Circuit.

Comment date: November 21, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. Atlantic City Electric Company

[Docket No. ER96-1361-003]

Take notice that on October 10, 1996, Atlantic City Electric Company submitted a filing in compliance with the Commission's order of September 26, 1996 in the captioned docket.

Comment date: November 22, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Northeast Utilities Service Company

[Docket No. ER96-2332-001]

Take notice that on October 18, 1996, Northeast Utilities Service Company tendered for filing its refund report in the above-referenced docket.

Comment date: November 21, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Plum Street Marketing Energy, Inc. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER96-2525-001; Docket No. ER96-2585-001]

Take notice that on October 10, 1996, Plum Street Energy Marketing, Inc., and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation submitted their filing in compliance with the Commission's September 25, 1996 order in the above-captioned dockets.

Comment date: November 21, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. The Montana Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-291-000]

Take notice that on October 30, 1996, The Montana Power Company (Montana), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to 18 CFR 35.13 Firm and Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreements with Missoula Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MEC) and Vigilante Electric Cooperative, Inc. (VEC) under FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 2 (Open Access Transmission Tariff).

A copy of the filing was served upon MEC and VEC.

Comment date: November 22, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. Southwestern Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER97-292-000]

Take notice that on October 31, 1996, Southwestern Public Service Company (Southwestern), submitted an executed service agreement under its open access transmission tariff with E Prime. The service agreement is for umbrella firm transmission service.

Comment date: November 21, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. PacifiCorp

[Docket No. ER97-293-000]

Take notice that on October 31, 1996, PacifiCorp, tendered for filing in accordance with 18 CFR Part 35 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, Amendment No. 2 to Long-Term Power Sales Agreement (91-SAO-30005) between PacifiCorp and Western and Amendment No. 1 to Long-Term Power Sales Agreement (91-SAO-30006) between PacifiCorp and Western.

Copies of this filing were supplied to Western, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, Public Service Commission

of Utah, and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

A copy of this filing may be obtained from PacifiCorp's Regulatory Administration Department's Bulletin Board System through a personal computer by calling (503) 464-6122 (9600 baud, 8 bits, no parity, 1 stop bit).

Comment date: November 21, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Consumers Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-294-000]

Take notice that on October 31, 1996, Consumers Power Company (Consumers), filed new Power Sales Agreements with the Cities of Bay City, Eaton Rapids, Hart, Portland and St. Louis, the Village of Chelsea, Southeastern Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc.

Consumers states the Power Sale Agreements will take effect on January 1, 1997, extend for a five-year term and provide for the sale of both firm and interruptible wholesale power on an unbundled basis. The Power Sales Agreements will replace earlier wholesale power agreements which expire on December 31, 1996.

Copies of the filing were served upon the parties to the Power Sales Agreements and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Comment date: November 21, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Soyland Power Cooperative, Inc.

[Docket No. ER97-295-000]

Take notice that on October 31, 1996, Soyland Power Cooperative, Inc. (Soyland), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) proposed changes to its initial rate filing dated September 12, 1996, in Docket No. ER96-2974-000. The proposed effective date of the changes included in the filing is January 1, 1997.

The October 31, 1996, filing represents a decrease in the rates Soyland charges for sales to its 21 Member rural electric distribution cooperatives under their long-term, all-requirements Wholesale Power Contracts. The rate decrease arises as a result of the adoption of a 1997 budget that is based on a new capital structure and changed costs arising out of the September 13, 1996, buy-out, by Soyland, of its indebtedness to the Rural Utilities Service, and the restructuring of its business relationships, all as described more fully in the transmittal letter accompanying Soyland's initial rate filing with respect to the Member

Wholesale Power Contracts, filed in Docket No. ER96-2974-000 on September 12, 1996.

Copies of the filing were served upon Adams Electrical Cooperative, Clay Electric Co-operative, Inc., Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative, Corn Belt Electric Cooperative Inc., Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, Edgar Electric Cooperative Association, Farmers Mutual Electric Company, Illinois Rural Electric Co., Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., M.J.M. Electric Cooperative, Inc., McDonough Power Cooperative, Menard Electric Cooperative, Monroe County Electric Co-operative, Inc., Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative Co., Shelby Electric Cooperative, Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc., Spoon River Electric Co-operative, Inc., Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, Western Illinois Electrical Coop. (the 21 member cooperatives) and the Illinois Commerce Commission. In addition, copies were served on all parties which intervened in Docket No. ER96-2974-000, the docket assigned by the Commission to Soyland's September 12, 1996, initial rate filing with respect to the Member Wholesale Power Contracts.

Comment date: November 21, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-296-000]

Take notice that on October 31, 1996, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), tendered for filing a proposed notice of cancellation of an umbrella service agreement with Gainesville Regional Utilities for Firm Short-Term transmission service under FPL's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

FPL requests that the proposed cancellation be permitted to become effective on July 9, 1996.

FPL states that this filing is in accordance with Part 35 of the Commission's Regulations.

Comment date: November 21, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-298-000]

Take notice that on October 31, 1996, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), tendered for filing a proposed notice of cancellation of an umbrella service agreement with Delhi Energy Services, Inc. for Firm Short-Term transmission service under FPL's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

FPL requests that the proposed cancellation be permitted to become effective on July 9, 1996.

FPL states that this filing is in accordance with Part 35 of the Commission's Regulations.

Comment date: November 21, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. New England Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-299-000]

Take notice that on October 31, 1996, New England Power Company (NEP), filed a Service Agreement with Aquila Power Corporation for non-firm, point-to-point transmission service under NEP's open access transmission tariff, FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 9.

Comment date: November 21, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Western Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. OA96-100-001]

Take notice that on October 31, 1996, Western Resources, Inc. tendered for filing its compliance filing pursuant to the Commission's October 16, 1996, Order Accepting and Rejecting Informational Filings and Requests For Waiver Filed Under Order No. 888.

Comment date: November 21, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Edison Sault Electric Company

[Docket No. OA97-23-000]

Take notice that on November 1, 1996, Edison Sault Electric Company submitted for filing pursuant to Section 35.28(d) of the Commission's Regulations as promulgated in Order No. 888, an Application For Waiver Of The Requirements Of Order No. 889.

Comment date: November 21, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. Allegheny Power Service Corporation on behalf of Monongahela Power Company, the Potomac Edison Company, West Penn Power Company (Allegheny Power)

[Docket No. OA96-86-001]

Take notice that on October 31, 1996, Allegheny Power Service Corporation on behalf of Monongahela Power Company. The Potomac Edison Company and West Penn Power Company (Allegheny Power) filed a Supplement No. 1 to its informational filing to meet Commission requirements. This Supplement No. 1 to Allegheny Power's Informational Filing gives notice to wholesale requirements customers of the applicable

transmission service rate if they choose to purchase unbundled power and transmission services upon expiration of existing arrangements.

Copies of the filing have been provided to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Maryland Public Service Commission, the Virginia State Corporation Commission, the West Virginia Public Service Commission, and all affected parties.

Comment date: November 21, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

19. Pennsylvania Power & Light Company

[Docket No. OA96-221-001]

Take notice that on October 31, 1996, Pennsylvania Power & Light Company (PP&L) tendered for filing a revised informational filing in compliance with the Commission's Order No. 888, Docket No. RM85-8-000, 61 Fed. Reg. 61 Fed. Reg. 21,540 (May 10, 1996), FERC Stats. and Regs. ¶31,036 (1996), *reh'g pending*, and the Commission's "Order Accepting and Rejecting Informational Filings and Requests for Waiver Filed Under Order No. 888 By Public Utilities" issued on October 16, 1996, 77 FERC ¶61,025 (1996). In its revised informational filing, PP&L sets forth the unbundled charges for power, transmission service, ancillary services, and losses applicable under its existing requirements wholesale electric service contracts providing for bundled fixed rates.

Comment date: November 21, 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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[Project No. 2233-027]

Portland General Electric Company, Smurfit Newsprint Corporation, Simpson Paper Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

November 12, 1996.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA is an application for an amendment of license for the Willamette Falls Project. The amendment of license application concerns the closure of six authorized hydropower units of the project's Simpson development by sealing the units with concrete plugs and steel plates. The EA finds that approval of the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Willamette Falls Project is located on the Willamette River in West Linn and Oregon City, Oregon.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA are available for review at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2-A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager, Jon Cofrancesco at (202) 219-0079.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5652-9]

Gulf of Mexico Program Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Gulf of Mexico Program.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Program's Citizens Advisory Committee will hold a meeting at the River House Conference Center, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James D. Giattina, Director, Gulf of Mexico Program Office, Building 1103, Room 202, John C. Stennis Space Center, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000, at (601) 688-3726.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A workshop of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Gulf of Mexico Program will be held at the River House Conference Center, Stennis Space Center, MS. The committee will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 12 and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on December 13. Agenda items will include: Follow-up to Management Committee Meeting; Organizational Changes; New Members Introduction and Brief; Definition of Role of the CAC; Assignments/ Involvement of the CAC with Focus Groups; Discussion of FACA; and Break-out Groups for Opportunities to Meet by Issue and State. The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: November 12, 1996.

James D. Giattina,

Director, Gulf of Mexico Program.

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[FRL-5652-8]

Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Integrated Human Exposure Committee (IHEC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on December 19-20, 1996 at the Environmental Protection Agency's Waterside Mall Complex, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 in Room M2103. For convenient access, members of the public should use the EPA entrance next to the Safeway store. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and end no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) each day. All meetings are open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at meetings will be on a first-come basis.

Purpose of the Meeting—The main purpose of the meeting is to discuss and review the EPA Office of Research and Development's (ORD) draft Exposure Factors Handbook, which is intended to revise the extant (published in March 1990) version of the Handbook. The Handbook is intended to encourage consistency in exposure assessments, while allowing risk assessors the flexibility to tailor assessment approaches to specific situations. This Handbook provides a summary of the

available data on consumption of drinking water; consumption of fruits, vegetables, beef, dairy products, and fish, soil ingestion; inhalation rates; skin surface area; lifetime; activity patterns; and body weight. Since publication of the 1990 document, new data on exposure factors have become available, and revision was necessary to update the Handbook.

The Committee is being asked to review the revised Handbook, addressing: a) its consistency with EPA's published Exposure Guidelines; b) usefulness of its data presentation to exposure assessors; c) the way in which supporting studies have been grouped vis-a-vis the exposure factors being evaluated; and d) data interpretation and characterization of uncertainty.

For Further Information—Single copies of the review document can be obtained by contacting the ORD Center for Environmental Research Information (CERI) at (513) 569-7562. The EPA document numbers are: EPA/600/P-95/002Ba (for volume I); EPA/600/P-95/002Bb (for volume II); and EPA/600/P-95/002Bc (for volume III). PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE FROM THE SAB. Members of the public desiring additional technical information about the draft Handbook should contact Ms. Jacqueline Moya (8623), US EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-2385, or by sending a request via Internet to moya.jacqueline@epamail.epa.gov.

Members of the public desiring additional information about the meeting, including a draft agenda, should contact Ms. Dorothy Clark, Staff Secretary, Science Advisory Board (1400), US EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-8414, fax (202) 260-7118, or Internet at: clark.dorothy@epamail.epa.gov. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting must contact Mr. Samuel Rondberg, Designated Federal Official for the IHEC, in writing at the above address no later than 4:00 p.m., December 10, 1996 via fax (202) 260-7118 or via Internet at: rondberg.sam@epamail.epa.gov. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. At least 35 copies of any written comments to the Committee are to be given to Mr. Rondberg no later than the time of the presentation for distribution to the Committee and the interested public. Mr. Rondberg may be contacted by telephone at (202) 260-2559.