

[Docket No. RP97-195-001]**Viking Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing**

February 28, 1997.

Take notice that on February 25, 1997, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to be effective January 15, 1997:

Second Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 1
 Second Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 117
 Second Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 118
 Second Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 141
 Second Substitute Original Sheet No. 142
 Second Substitute Original Sheet No. 143
 Second Substitute Original Sheet No. 144
 Second Substitute Original Sheet No. 145
 Second Substitute Original Sheet No. 146

Viking states that purpose of this filing is to comply with the Office of Pipeline Regulation's January 15, 1997, Letter in Docket No. RP97-195-000 requesting that Viking correct the pagination on these sheets consistent with the tariff sheet pagination guidelines set forth by the Commission.

Viking states that the copies of the filing have been mailed to all of its jurisdictional customers and to affected state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such protests must be filed in accordance with 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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-249-000]**William Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

February 28, 1997.

Take notice that on February 14, 1997, Williston basin Interstate Pipeline

Company (Williston Basin), 200 North Third Street, Suite 300, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501, filed in Docket No. CP97-249-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205, 157.211, and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211, 157.216) for authorization to modify an existing tap and to abandon the operation of the existing tap at Station 68+97, located in Ramsey County, North Dakota, under Williston Basin's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-487-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) 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.

Williston Basin proposes to modify an existing tap at Station 68+97 located in Ramsey County, North Dakota, on its line from Cleveland to Grafton, North Dakota, to effectuate natural gas transportation deliveries to Montana-Dakota Utilities Company (Montana-Dakota), a local distribution company, under currently effective transportation service agreements. Williston Basin states the existing tap is owned and was installed by Montana-Dakota to serve industrial, commercial and/or residential customers. Williston Basin also proposes to abandon the operation of the existing tap at Station 68+97, located in Ramsey County, North Dakota.

Williston Basin declares the authorization requested herein includes installation of a two-inch tap and riser connected by approximately twelve feet of two-inch pipe. Williston Basin asserts they will retain ownership of the two-inch tap, riser, and piping through the first high-pressure valve.

Williston Basin states the estimated total cost of this project to be \$3,700, 100% reimbursable by Montana-Dakota.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after 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 § 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 therefor, 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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER97-783-000, et al.]**Illinois Power Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings**

February 27, 1997.

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

1. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-783-000]

Take notice that on February 10, 1997, Illinois Power Company tendered for filing its amended summary of activity report for the second and third quarters of 1996.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. PECO Energy Company

[Docket No. ER97-1501-000]

Take notice that on January 31, 1997, PECO Energy Company (PECO) tendered for filing a Service Agreement dated January 8, 1997 with Green Mountain Power Corporation (Green Mountain) under PECO's FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 1 (Tariff). The Service Agreement adds Green Mountain as a customer under the Tariff.

PECO requests an effective date of January 8, 1997, for the Service Agreement.

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

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Dayton Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-1529-000]

Take notice that on January 30, 1997, Dayton Power & Light Company (DP&L) tendered for filing a summary of transactions made by DP&L for the 4th quarter of 1996.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER97-1531-000]

Take notice that on January 30, 1997, Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy) tendered for a quarterly transaction report for the quarter ending December 31, 1996.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company

[Docket No. ER97-1532-000]

Take notice that on January 31, 1997, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI) tendered for a quarterly transaction report for the quarter ending December 31, 1996.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Duquesne Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-1589-000]

Take notice that on February 10, 1997, Duquesne Light Company (Duquesne) tendered for filing a Service Agreement between Duquesne and Ohio Edison Company.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Duquesne Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-1590-000]

Take notice that on February 10, 1997, Duquesne Light Company (Duquesne) tendered for filing a Service Agreement between Duquesne and The Dayton Power & Light Company.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Duquesne Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-1591-000]

Take notice that on February 10, 1997, Duquesne Light Company (Duquesne) tendered for filing an Agreement between Duquesne and The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. Duquesne Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-1592-000]

Take notice that on February 10, 1997, Duquesne Light Company (Duquesne) tendered for filing an Agreement between Duquesne and The Toledo Edison Company.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. Duquesne Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-1593-000]

Take notice that on February 10, 1997, Duquesne Light Company (Duquesne) tendered for filing an Agreement between Duquesne and Allegheny Power.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Duquesne Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-1594-000]

Take notice that on February 10, 1997, Duquesne Light Company (Duquesne) tendered for filing a Service Agreement between Duquesne and WPS Energy Services, Inc.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Duke Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-1654-000]

Take notice that on February 11, 1997, Duke Power Company (Duke), tendered for filing a Transmission Service Agreement between Duke, on its own behalf and acting as agent for its wholly-owned subsidiary, Nantahala Power and Light Company, and Southern Energy Trading and Marketing, Inc. Duke states that the TSA sets out the transmission arrangements under which Duke will provide Southern Energy Trading and Marketing, Inc., non-firm point-to-point transmission service under Duke's Pro Forma Open Access Transmission Tariff. Duke requests that the Agreement be made effective as of January 18, 1997.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Nevada Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-1655-000]

Take notice that on February 11, 1997, Nevada Power Company (Nevada Power), tendered for filing an Electric Service coordination Tariff (Coordination Tariff) having a proposed effective date of March 1, 1997. The Coordination Tariff provides for the sale of capacity and energy by Nevada Power to all eligible parties under the Coordination Tariff. Customers who take service under the Coordination Tariff can purchase any of the following services: 1) short term energy and capacity, 2) limited term energy and capacity, 3) economy energy, or 4) emergency energy.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Florida Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-1656-000]

Take notice that on February 11, 1997, Florida Power Corporation ("FPC") tendered for filing a contract for the provision of interchange service between itself and PanEnergy Trading and Market Services, Inc. ("PanEnergy"). The contract provides

for service under Schedule J, Negotiated Interchange Service, Schedule S, FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1 and OS, Opportunity Sales.

FPC requests Commission waiver of the 60-day notice requirement in order to allow the contract to become effective as a rate schedule on February 12, 1997. Waiver is consistent with Commission policies because it will allow voluntary economic transactions to go forward.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. New York State Electric & Gas Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-1657-000]

Take notice that on February 11, 1997, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG), filed three Firm and one Non-Firm Service Agreements between NYSEG and New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, (Customer). The Service Agreements specify that the Customer has agreed to the rates, terms and conditions of the NYSEG open access transmission tariff filed on July 9, 1996 in Docket No. OA96-195-000.

NYSEG requests waiver of the Commission's sixty-day notice requirements and an effective date: January 12, 1997 Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement, January 19, 1997 Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement, January 26, 1997 Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement, and January 12, 1997 Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement. NYSEG also requests that the Commission approve the termination of the above-referenced Firm Service Agreements as of the termination date set forth in each such agreement without the need for filing a separate notice of termination pursuant to the Commission's Rules. NYSEG has served copies of the filing on The New York State Public Service Commission and on the Customer.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Duke Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-1658-000]

Take notice that on February 11, 1997, Duke Power Company (Duke), tendered for filing a Transmission Service Agreement between Duke, on its own behalf and acting as agent for its wholly-owned subsidiary, Nantahala Power and Light Company, and The Power Company of America, L.P. Duke states that the TSA sets out the transmission arrangements under which Duke will provide The Power Company of

America, L.P., non-firm point-to-point transmission service under Duke's Pro Forma Open Access Transmission Tariff. Duke requests that the Agreement be made effective as of January 23, 1997.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-1659-000]

Take notice that on February 11, 1997, Illinois Power Company ("Illinois Power"), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur, Illinois 62526, tendered for filing a Power Sales Tariff, Service Agreement under which NIPSCO Energy Services will take service under Illinois Power Company's Power Sales Tariff. The agreements are based on the Form of Service Agreement in Illinois Power's tariff.

Illinois Power has requested an effective date of February 1, 1997.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. Western Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. ER97-1660-000]

Take notice that on February 11, 1997, Western Resources, Inc., tendered for filing non-firm transmission agreements between Western Resources and Illinois Power Company, St. Joseph Light & Power Company, Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Western Power Services, Inc., Heartland Energy Services, and Sonat Power Marketing L.P. Western Resources states that the purpose of the agreements is to permit non-discriminatory access to the transmission facilities owned or controlled by Western Resources in accordance with Western Resources' open access transmission tariff on file with the Commission. The agreements are proposed to become effective as follows: Illinois Power Company, January 24, 1997; St. Joseph Light & Power Company, January 30, 1997; Wisconsin Electric Power Company, January 30, 1997; Western Power Services, Inc., January 31, 1997; Heartland Energy Services, February 1, 1997; and Sonat Power Marketing L.P., February 5, 1997.

Copies of the filing were served upon Illinois Power Company, St. Joseph Light & Power Company, Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Western Power Services, Inc., Heartland Energy Services, and Sonat Power Marketing L.P., and the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

19. Wisconsin Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-1661-000]

Take notice that on February 11, 1997, Wisconsin Electric Power Company (Wisconsin Electric), tendered for filing a transmission service agreement between itself and Northern Indiana Public Service Company (Northern). The agreement establishes Northern as a customer under Wisconsin Electric's transmission service tariff (FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 7).

Wisconsin Electric respectfully requests an effective date sixty days after filing. Wisconsin Electric is authorized to state that Northern joins in the requested effective date.

Copies of the filing have been served on Northern and the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

20. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-1662-000]

Take notice that on February 11, 1997, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation ("WPSC"), tendered for filing an executed Transmission Service Agreement between WPSC and American Electric Power Service Corp. The Agreement provides for transmission service under the Open Access Transmission Service Tariff, FERC Original Volume No. 11.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

21. Ohio Valley Electric Corporation, Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-1664-000]

Take notice that on February 12, 1997, Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (including its wholly-owned subsidiary, Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation) (OVEC), tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service, dated January 31, 1997 (the Service Agreement) between Federal Energy Sales, Inc. (Federal Energy Sales) and OVEC. OVEC proposes an effective date of January 31, 1997 and requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirement to allow the requested effective date. The Service Agreement provides for non-firm transmission service by OVEC to Federal Energy Sales.

In its filing, OVEC states that the rates and charges included in the Service Agreement are the rates and charges set forth in OVEC's Order No. 888 compliance filing (Docket No. OA96-190-000).

A copy of this filing was served upon Federal Energy Sales.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

22. Ohio Valley Electric Corporation, Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-1665-000]

Take notice that on February 12, 1997, Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (including its wholly-owned subsidiary, Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation) (OVEC), tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service, dated February 5, 1997 (the Service Agreement) between Duke/Louis Dreyfus L.L.C. (Duke/Louis Dreyfus) and OVEC. OVEC proposes an effective date of February 5, 1997 and requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirement to allow the requested effective date. The Service Agreement provides for non-firm transmission service by OVEC to Duke/Louis Dreyfus.

In its filing, OVEC states that the rates and charges included in the Service Agreement are the rates and charges set forth in OVEC's Order No. 888 compliance filing (Docket No. OA96-190-000).

A copy of this filing was served upon Duke/Louis Dreyfus.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

23. New England Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-1666-000]

Take notice that on February 12, 1997, New England Power Company (NEP) filed Service Agreements with U.S. Generating Co. and Wisconsin Electric Power Co. for non-firm, point-to-point transmission service under NEP's open access transmission tariff, FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 9.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

24. Portland General Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-1667-000]

Take notice that on February 12, 1997, Portland General Electric Company (PGE), tendered for filing under FERC Electric Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 2, an executed Service Agreement with the Okanogan Public Utility District.

Pursuant to 18 CFR 35.11 and the Commission's order issued July 30, 1993 (Docket No. PL93-2-002), PGE respectfully requests the Commission grant a waiver of the notice requirements of 18 CFR 35.3 to allow the executed Service Agreement to become effective February 1, 1997.

A copy of this filing was caused to be served upon the Okanogan Public Utility District as noted in the filing letter.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

25. New England Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-1668-000]

Take notice that on February 12, 1997, New England Power Company (NEP) filed a Service Agreement with Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co. (FG&E) for non-firm, point-to-point transmission service under NEP's open access transmission tariff, FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 9.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

26. Public Service Company of New Mexico

[Docket No. ER97-1669-000]

Take notice that on February 12, 1997, Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM), submitted for filing an executed service agreement under the terms of PNM's Open Access Transmission Tariff with Southwestern Public Service Company. PNM's filing is available for public inspection at its offices in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

27. Southern Company Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER97-1670-000]

Take notice that on February 12, 1997, 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 two (2) service agreements under Southern Companies' Market-Based Rate Power Sales Tariff (FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 4) with the following entities: (i) Illinois Power Company; and (ii) Morgan Stanley Capital Group, Inc. SCSI states that the service agreements will enable Southern Companies to engage in short-term market-based rate transactions with this entity.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

28. Black Brook Energy Company

[Docket No. ER97-1676-000]

Take notice that on February 12, 1997, Black Brook Energy Company tendered for filing a Petition for Initial Rate

Schedule, Waivers and Blanket Authority.

Comment date: March 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

29. City of Vernon, California

[Docket No. OA97-524-000]

Take notice that on February 7, 1997, City of Vernon, California (Vernon) filed an application for waiver of the requirements of Order No. 889. Vernon states that it meets the standards enunciated by the Commission for eligibility for such a waiver.

Comment date: March 20, 1997, 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, NE., Washington, DC 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 Nos. 11285-003]

Casitas Municipal Water District; Notice of Extension of Comment Date

February 28, 1997.

Because of delayed newspaper publication of the notice issued February 5, 1997 (62 FR 8235, February 24, 1997), for the Lake Casitas Power Project, the comment date in item j. is being extended from March 25, 1997 to April 1, 1997.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. PL97-1-000]

Issues and Priorities for the Natural Gas Industry; Notice of Public Conference and Opportunity To Comment

February 28, 1997.

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is convening a public conference on May 29 and 30, 1997, to conduct a broad inquiry into the important issues facing the natural gas industry today, and the Commission's regulation of the industry for the future. The Commission expects a broad ranging discussion that will allow the members of the Commission to discuss these issues with the industry, and the public generally, in order for the Commission to establish its regulatory goals and priorities in the post-Order No. 636¹ environment. We anticipate engaging all industry segments in a dialogue about how the industry currently works, how the industry is changing, and how the Commission's regulatory policies should respond to such changes in the marketplace.

I. Background

Since the issuance and implementation of Order No. 636, natural gas markets have developed rapidly and the industry has gained experience functioning under different conditions.² Also, significant changes in the structure of the natural gas industry have occurred since Order No. 636 issued. These include consolidation in the ownership of interstate pipelines, the spin-off and spin-down of gathering with the potential for state regulation, the emergence of mega marketers, and the emerging electric and gas convergence. In addition, many more market centers exist today, offering a wide array of services that increase the flexibility of the system and facilitate connections between gas sellers and buyers. These services commonly include wheeling, parking, loaning, and storage.

The interstate pipeline transportation grid has expanded significantly, offering

¹ Pipeline Service Obligations and Revisions to Regulations Governing Self-Implementing Transportation; and Regulation of Natural Gas Pipelines After Partial Wellhead Decontrol, [Regs. Preambles Jan. 1991-June 1996] FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 30,939 (1992), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 636-A, [Regs. Preambles Jan. 1991-June 1992] FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 30,950 (1992), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 636-B, 61 FERC ¶ 61,272 (1992), *reh'g denied*, 62 FERC ¶ 61,007 (1993).

² For example, the winters of 1993-94 and 1995-96 were relatively cold and capacity in some regions was tight, and the winter of 1994-95 relatively warm and capacity was unusually slack in some regions.