

Edison Transmission Operations and Illinois Power Company under the Joint Open Access Transmission Tariff of Consumers Energy Company and Detroit Edison, FERC Electric Tariff No. 1, dated as of May 20, 1997. Detroit Edison requests that the Service Agreement be made effective as of May 28, 1997.

Comment date: July 29, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. The Detroit Edison Company

[Docket No. ER97-3471-000]

Take notice that on June 27, 1997, The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison) tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service between Detroit Edison Transmission Operations and Ohio Edison Corporation and Pennsylvania Power (collectively, the Ohio Edison System) under the Joint Open Access Transmission Tariff of Consumers Energy Company and Detroit Edison, FERC Electric Tariff No. 1, dated as of May 13, 1997. Detroit Edison requests that the Service Agreement be made effective as of May 28, 1997.

Comment date: July 29, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Duke Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-3472-000]

Take notice that on June 27, 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 Delhi Energy Services, Inc., dated as of May 30, 1997 (TSA). Duke states that the TSA sets out the transmission arrangements under which Duke will provide Delhi 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 May 30, 1997.

Comment date: July 29, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Duke Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-3473-000]

Take notice that on June 27, 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, as the Transmission Provider, and Duke Power Company, as the Transmission Customer, dated as of May 30, 1997 (TSA). Duke states that the TSA sets out the transmission

arrangements under which Duke will provide Duke 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 May 30, 1997.

Comment date: July 29, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. Duke Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-3474-000]

Take notice that on June 27, 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 Delmarva Power & Light Company, dated as of May 21, 1997 (TSA). Duke states that the TSA sets out the transmission arrangements under which Duke will provide Delmarva 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 May 28, 1997.

Comment date: July 29, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

19. The Detroit Edison Company

[Docket No. ER97-3475-000]

Take notice that on June 27, 1997, The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison) tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service between Detroit Edison Transmission Operations and Virginia Electric and Power Company under the Joint Open Access Transmission Tariff of Consumers Energy Company and Detroit Edison, FERC Electric Tariff No. 1, dated as of June 9, 1997. Detroit Edison requests that the Service Agreement be made effective as of June 9, 1997.

Comment date: July 29, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

20. The Detroit Edison Company

[Docket No. ER97-3476-000]

Take notice that on June 27, 1997, The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison) tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service between Detroit Edison Transmission Operations and PanEnergy Trading and Market Services, LLC, under the Joint Open Access Transmission Tariff of Consumers Energy Company and Detroit Edison, FERC Electric Tariff No. 1, dated as of May 13, 1997. Detroit Edison requests that the Service Agreement be made effective as of May 28, 1997.

Comment date: July 29, 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, 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM95-9-003]

Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct; Notice of Filing and Request for Comments on Request for Clarification of Masking Procedures and Proposed Interim Steps to Implement On-Line Negotiations and Posting of Discounts

July 15, 1997.

Compliance Date for Unmasking the Identities of Parties to Transactions

On June 27, 1997, the OASIS How Working Group (How Group) filed a letter stating that there has been confusion in the electric industry as to whether unmasking the identities of parties to transactions, as required by Order No. 889-A,¹ was to have been accomplished by the effective date of the order, May 13, 1997, or as part of the forthcoming revisions to the OASIS Standards and Protocols document. The How Group proposes that this requirement be implemented as soon as practical, but in no case later than August 31, 1997. The How Group argues

¹ Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct, Order No. 889, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,037, 61 FR ¶ 21,737 (1996), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 889-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,049, 62 FR 12,484 (1997), *reh'g pending*.

that this date is appropriate given the industry's confusion on this issue and given that implementation of this requirement necessitated modification to OASIS software programs.²

After consideration of the How Group's request, we will grant the request that implementation of the requirements in Order No. 889-A to unmask information, previously required to be implemented by May 13, 1997, be implemented as soon as possible, but in no case later than August 31, 1997.

Unmasking Information on Source and Sink

The How Group also states that clarification is needed on whether the unmasking of information identifying source and sink³ is presently required, and if so, at what point in the reservation and scheduling process this information is to be disclosed.

The How Working Group's request for clarification states the positions of transmission providers and customers on the issue of unmasking source and sink information. However, the Commission needs to better understand the reasons for and against masking information on source and sink. For this reason, we invite interested persons to file with the Secretary written comments on this issue in accordance with the instructions provided below.

In addition to inviting a general discussion of this issue, we have some specific questions we would like to see addressed. For example, the comments should address the reasons why some transmission providers and customers consider this information to be business sensitive or confidential while others do not.

Source and sink information is important for determining the impact of a proposed transaction on the transmission grid. Masking this information limits public access to transmission related information. The comments should address whether public access to this information may harm competition and reduce efficiency, and if so, why. Also, the comments should address whether, if we allow

source and sink information to be masked, competitors will be able to accurately estimate this information from other available data.

Additionally, the Commission is interested in better understanding the implications of masking source and sink information as the industry moves from contract path to flow-based methods of determining available transmission capability.

Proposed Interim Procedures to Implement On-Line Price Negotiations and Disclosure of Discounts

The How Group's letter also responds to the request in Order No. 889-A that the group suggest ways to implement on-line price negotiation and disclosure of discounts using existing OASIS Phase I templates. The How Group's letter proposes:

On-line price negotiation is proposed in Phase 1 by allowing the customer to modify the price field when submitting a request to purchase transmission service using the transrequest template. This would require a minor change to most OASIS nodes. The provider response in the transtatus template would be accepted if the bid is approved and denied if the bid is not acceptable. The reason for denial would be shown in the comments field. The transtatus template would retain the customer's bid price as a permanent record, whether accepted or not. If the request is denied for price reasons, the customer could repeat the process by submitting a new request with a different price bid.

Disclosure of discounts given will be accomplished on an interim basis using the existing message template. A category called discounts will be added to Phase 1 OASIS to indicate messages which contain discount information. The provider will be required to indicate information such as service type, path, POR, POD, customer name, price, and terms of the discount. If a discount is given on a posted product, it is also required that the transmission provider change the posted offer price to match the discount.

The Commission requests comments as to the effectiveness of these procedures. We would like to know whether the proposed interim measures are sufficient to permit the on-line negotiation and the disclosure of discounts required by Order No. 889-A and, if not, what modifications are needed. Specifically, it is our understanding that in the proposed negotiation process the customer would place a bid in the price field of the transrequest template when submitting a request to purchase transmission

service as a discount. The transmission provider would respond by either accepting or denying the request using the transtatus template. If the request is accepted the transtatus template would contain a permanent record of the discounted price and terms and conditions of the transaction. If the bid is rejected, the customer could make another bid using the transrequest template.

It is our understanding that before a discount is accepted on a posted product, the discounted price will be posted in the offer template. For both posted products and products in which customers have requested non-standard terms and conditions, the How Group proposes, on an interim basis, to use the existing message template to disclose discounts given.

The Commission also requests suggestions for any revisions to the Standards and Communication Protocols and data dictionary needed to implement the interim measures.

Instructions for Filing Written Comments

Written comments (an original and 14 paper copies and one copy on a computer diskette in Wordperfect 6.1 format or in ASCII format) must be received by the Commission on or before August 15, 1997. Comments must be filed with the Office of the Secretary and must contain a caption that references Docket No. RM95-9-003. All written comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and will be available for inspection or copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room during normal business hours. All comments received on diskette will be made available to the public on the Commission's electronic bulletin board (EBB).

Address: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

For Further Information Contact:

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² The same letter also contains a request to extend the due date for submittal of a revised OASIS Standards and Protocols document and for submittal of a report on OASIS Phase II implementation. These requests were granted in a separate notice.

³ The location of the generating facility or facilities supplying the capacity and energy is the "source" and the location of the load ultimately served by the capacity and energy transmitted is the "sink." See § 17.2(iv) of the pro forma tariff. The two terms are used, but not defined, in the Standards and Protocols document, see § 4.3.5, and in the Data Element Dictionary accompanying Order No. 889, see 61 FR at 21,820.

By direction of the Commission.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Environmental Compliance and Applicant Environmental Report Preparation Training Courses

July 16, 1997.

The Office of Pipeline Regulation (OPR) staff is conducting three sessions of its environmental compliance training course and the course on preparing the applicants environmental report.

These courses are a result of the positive response to our outreach training courses held since 1992. We encourage interested organizations and the public to take advantage of the courses to gain an understanding of the requirements and objectives of the Commission in ensuring compliance with all environmental certificate conditions and meeting its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and other laws and regulations.

Environmental Report Preparation Course

The environmental report preparation course presentation and the manual focus primarily on Section 7 filings. However, the course manual will address the following topics:

- A. What types of projects require environmental filings
 - 1. Natural Gas Act section 7
 - 2. Natural Gas Policy Act filings
 - 3. Section 2.55 replacements
- B. What filings are required of each type of filing
- C. What to include in each filing
- D. Potential time saving procedures
 - 1. Applicant-prepared DEA
 - 2. Third-party EA or EIS.

The staff intends the manual to be a cookbook for preparing environmental filings under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

If you have specific questions related to the subject matter of this course, or if you would like the course to address a particular item, please call Mr. John Leiss at (202) 208-1106.

The one-day environmental report preparation course will be held on the dates and at the locations shown below. Attendees must call the number listed for the hotel by the reservation deadline and identify themselves as Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission seminar attendees to receive the discounted group rate.

We also intend to have a session in Salt Lake City in October. Information on that session (and registration forms) should be available by the end of July through the telephone number given below under Preregistration.

Session and Location:

September 9, Four Points Hotel, Riverwalk North, 110 Lexington Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78205.
September 22, Hynes Auditorium, 900 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02115, Information: (617) 954-2000

Reservation by: August 11.

Environmental Compliance Training Course

The two-day environmental compliance training course will include the following topics:

- A. Postcertificate clearance filings
- B. Environmental inspection as it relates to:
 - 1. Right-of-way preparation
 - 2. Temporary erosion control
 - 3. Cultural resources
 - 4. Waterbody crossings
 - 5. Wetland construction
 - 6. Residential area construction
 - 7. Right-of-way restoration, and
 - 8. Techniques for environmental compliance.

The environmental compliance training course will be held on the dates and at the locations shown below. Attendees must call the numbers listed for the hotels by the reservation deadline and identify themselves as FERC seminar attendees to receive the discounted group rate.

We also intend to have a session in Salt Lake City in October. Information on that session (and registration forms) should be available by the end of July through the telephone number given below under Preregistration.

Session and Location:

September 10-11, Four Points Hotel, Riverwalk North, 110 Lexington Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78205, 1-800-28TEXAS

September 23-24, Hynes Auditorium, 900 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02115, Information: (617) 954-2000

Reservation by: August 11.

Preregistration

The OPR staff and Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation, the Commission's environmental support contractor for natural gas projects, will conduct the training. There is no fee for the courses, but you must preregister because space is limited.

If you would like to attend either of these courses, please call the telephone

number listed below to obtain a preregistration form.¹ **Note:** If you plan to attend both the environmental report preparation session and the subsequent environmental compliance training session, you must preregister separately for each (only one form is needed). Attendance will be limited to the first 150 people to preregister in each course. Call or FAX requests for preregistration forms to: Ms. Donna Connor, c/o Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210, Telephone or FAX (Menu driven): (508) 384-1424.

You will receive confirmation of preregistration and additional information before the training course(s).

Additional training will be offered in the future. Please indicate whether you would like these courses to be offered again, or if you are interested in any other courses with different topics or audiences. Please indicate your preferences for location and time of year. Suggestions on format are welcome.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Amendment to Recreation Plan

July 16, 1997.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment to Recreation Plan.

Project Name and No: Kings Falls Project, FERC Project No. 7352-017.

c. *Date Filed:* August 27, 1996.

d. *Applicant:* Mercer Management, Inc.

e. *Location:* Lewis County, New York on the Deer River near the towns of Copenhagen and West Carthage.

f. *Filed pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 791 (a)-825(r).

g. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. David G. Crandell, Mercer Management, Inc., 330 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207-2981, (518) 434-1412.

h. *FERC Contact:* Steve Naugle, (202) 219-2805.

¹ The preregistration forms referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the forms were sent to those receiving this notice in the mail.