

Comment date: September 25, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

28. Maine Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-4315-000]

Take notice that on August 22, 1997, Maine Electric Power Company (MEPCO), tendered for filing a service agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point transmission service entered into with Pro Mark Energy. Service will be provided pursuant to MEPCO's Open Access Transmission Tariff, designated rate schedule MEPCO—FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, as supplemented.

Comment date: September 25, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

29. Maine Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-4316-000]

Take notice that on August 22, 1997, Maine Electric Power Company (MEPCO), tendered for filing a service agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point transmission service entered into with Tractebel Energy Marketing, Inc. Service will be provided pursuant to MEPCO's Open Access Transmission Tariff, designated rate schedule MEPCO—FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, as supplemented.

Comment date: September 25, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

30. Central Maine Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-4317-000]

Take notice that on August 22, 1997, Central Maine Power Company (CMP), tendered for filing a service agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission service entered into with NP Energy Inc. Service will be provided pursuant to CMP's Open Access Transmission Tariff, designated rate schedule CMP—FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 3, as supplemented.

Comment date: September 25, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

31. Maine Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-4318-000]

Take notice that on August 22, 1997, Maine Electric Power Company (MEPCO), tendered for filing a service agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point transmission service entered into with PECO Energy Company. Service will be provided pursuant to MEPCO's Open Access Transmission Tariff, designated rate schedule MEPCO—FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, as supplemented.

Comment date: September 25, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

32. Maine Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-4319-000]

Take notice that on August 22, 1997, Maine Electric Power Company (MEPCO), tendered for filing a service agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point transmission service entered into with NP Energy Inc. Service will be provided pursuant to MEPCO's Open Access Transmission Tariff, designated rate schedule MEPCO—FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, as supplemented.

Comment date: September 25, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

33. San Diego Gas & Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-4320-000]

Take notice that on August 22, 1997, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), tendered for filing a Notice of Cancellation for the following:

1. Rate Schedule FERC No. 96—Coordination Agreement between San Diego Gas & Electric Company and Eclipse Energy, Inc., executed June 20, 1994, to be terminated October 31, 1997;
2. Rate Schedule FERC No. 115—Coordination Agreement between San Diego Gas & Electric Company and Utility-2000 Energy Corp. Executed May 5, 1995, to be terminated October 31, 1997; and
3. Service Agreement for Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service between San Diego Gas & Electric Company and San Diego Gas & Electric Company—Energy Trading, dated June 30, 1997, to be terminated August 1, 1997.

Comment date: September 25, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

34. Vastar Resources, Inc.; Vastar Gas Marketing, Inc.; Vastar Power Marketing, Inc.; Vastar Energy, Inc.; SEI Holdings, Inc.; Southern Energy North America, Inc.; Southern Energy Trading and Marketing, SC Ashwood Holdings, Inc.; SC Energy Ventures, Inc.; Southern Company Energy Marketing L.P.; Southern Company Energy Marketing G.P., L.L.C.

[Docket No. EC97-49-000]

Take notice that on September 9, 1997, the above-captioned parties (Applicants) filed an amendment to their application under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act.

Comment date: October 7, 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. CP96-249-000 et al; CP97-238-000]

Portland Natural Gas Transmission System; Portland Natural Gas Transmission System and: Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.: Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed PNGTS Project and PNGTS/Maritimes Phase II Joint Facilities Project

September 12, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS), and jointly by PNGTS and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes), in the above referenced dockets. The specific facilities addressed in this FEIS are referred to as the PNGTS Project and the PNGTS/Maritimes Phase II Joint Facilities Project (PNGTS and Phase II Joint Facilities).

The FEIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project would have limited adverse environmental impact if constructed as planned with the proposed and recommended mitigation.

The FEIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation on the following facilities:

- The PNGTS Project, which includes:
 - About 141.6 miles of 24-inch-diameter mainline between Pittsburg, New Hampshire and Westbrook, Maine;
 - About 0.7 mile of 8-inch-diameter pipeline (Groveton Lateral);
 - About 26.9 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline (Rumford Lateral);
 - About 16.6 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline (Jay Lateral); and
 - Three new meter stations and other associated aboveground facilities.
- The Phase II Joint Facilities, which include:
 - About 35.2 miles of 30-inch-diameter mainline between Wells, Maine and Westbrook, Maine;
 - About 3.8 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline (Westbrook Lateral); and
 - Three new meter stations and other associated aboveground facilities.

The FEIS will be used in the regulatory decision-making process at the Commission. While the period for filing interventions in this case has expired, motions to intervene out-of-time can be filed with the FERC in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214(d). Furthermore, anyone desiring to file a protest with the FERC should do so in accordance with 18 CFR 385.211.

The FEIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

A limited number of copies are available at this location.

Copies of the FEIS have been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5895-1]

Agency Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct a screener survey of facilities potentially subject to Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1326(b). Before the Agency submits the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments from the public on the proposed "Industry Screener Questionnaire for Cooling Water Intake Structures."

DATES: Comments and requests for information must be received by EPA no later than November 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Address comments on the draft screener questionnaire to Ms. Deborah G. Nagle, U.S. EPA, Engineering and Analysis Division, Mail Code (4303), Office of Science and Technology, 401 M Street S.W., Washington, DC 20460. EPA will also accept comments electronically. The E-mail address for comments is "nagle.deborah@epamail.epa.gov." Electronic comments must include the sender's name, address, and telephone number. A copy of the proposed screener questionnaire can be obtained from the Internet at "http://www.epa.gov/owm/wm030000.htm." You must use ADOBE ACROBAT READER to read the document; the document is a PDF file. If you do not have Internet access, you may obtain a copy of the screener questionnaire by faxing a request to Deborah Nagle at (202)260-7185. The draft screener that is being made available includes all pertinent instructions, information request questions, and definitions.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which are subject to section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act, which utilize a cooling water intake structure. These entities include, among others, facilities in the Non-utility Steam Electric Generation, Paper and Allied Products, Chemical and Allied Products, Petroleum and Coal

Products, Primary Metal Industry sectors. EPA also plans to collect information related to the regulatory burden that would be created by implementation of a final Section 316(b) rule on state governmental authorities responsible for issuing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination systems permits. Impacts on these state government entities could include either increased costs as a result of additional efforts needed to implement a final section 316(b) rule or cost savings realized from using a final section 316(b) rule instead of facility-specific best professional judgment to establish permit requirements.

Title: Industry Screener Questionnaire: Cooling Water Intake Structures.

Abstract: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently developing regulations under Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1326(b). Section 316(b) provides that any standard established pursuant to Sections 301 or 306 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and applicable to a point source shall require that the location, design, construction, and capacity of cooling water intake structures shall reflect the best technology available (BTA) for minimizing adverse environmental impact. Such impacts occur as a result of impingement (where fish and other aquatic life are trapped in cooling water intake screens) and entrainment (where aquatic organisms, eggs and larvae are sucked into the cooling system, through the heat exchanger, and then pumped back out). As the result of a lawsuit by a coalition of environmental groups headed by the Hudson Riverkeeper (*Cronin, et al. v. Reilly*, 93 Civ. 0314 (AGS)), the United States District Court, Southern District of New York entered a Consent Decree on October 10, 1995. The Consent Decree established a seven year schedule for EPA to take final action with respect to regulations addressing impacts from cooling water intake structures.

To ensure that the regulation is based upon accurate information, EPA is conducting a variety of data-gathering activities. The screener questionnaire represents one mechanism through which EPA is gathering background data on cooling water design and use. EPA is using a screener survey for two reasons. First, EPA will use data collected by the survey in determining the number and type of facilities that the Section 316(b) regulations will cover. Second, EPA will use the information collected to design a sampling plan for a detailed technical questionnaire that will be administered after the screener. EPA will send the