

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 2596-000]****Rochester Gas & Electric Corp.; Notice of Meeting**

November 7, 1997.

Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation (RG&E) has applied to the Commission for a subsequent license for the Station 160 Project No. 2596. The project is located on the Genesee River, in Livingston County, New York.

RG&E and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) are in the process of negotiating terms and conditions for Section 401 water quality certification for the Station 160 Project. RG&E and DEC have scheduled a meeting to facilitate the discussion. Commission staff will attend the meeting.

Meeting Date: Monday, November 24, 1997 from 11:00 a.m.

Location: New York State Department of Conservation offices, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York.

Meeting Scope: RG&E and DEC to discuss change in impoundment fluctuation at Station 2 and status of the 401 Water Quality Certification Settlement Agreement for Station 160.

Interested parties are welcome to attend this meeting. For further information please contact: Hal Waggoner, Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation, at (716) 724-8105.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP98-63-000]****Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Application**

November 7, 1997.

Take notice that on October 31, 1997, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), 1001 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and the Commission's Regulations thereunder, requesting authority for Tennessee to abandon, by sale to Enogex, Inc. (Enogex), the Buzzard Gap System in Latimer County, Oklahoma, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the

Commission and open to public inspection.

Tennessee states that, by a Purchase and Sale Agreement dated September 10, 1997, and subsequent amendment dated October 19, 1997, Tennessee and Enogex mutually agreed that Tennessee will sell to Enogex all of Tennessee's rights, title and interests in and to the Buzzard Gap System and all rights of way, permits, licenses and other agreements associated with the system.

Tennessee states that the public interest will be served by the sale of the Buzzard Gap System to Enogex. Tennessee states that the Buzzard Gap System was constructed by Tennessee's merchant service. Tennessee also states that, as a result of Order No. 636, Tennessee has restructured its services and is now solely a transporter of gas. Tennessee, therefore, states that it no longer needs the Buzzard Gap System. Tennessee further states that the Buzzard Gap System is not integral to Tennessee's operations in the post-restructuring environment. Tennessee states that granting the requested abandonment authorization will enable Tennessee to streamline its transmission operations for its principal activity of mainline gas transportation. Finally, Tennessee states that the sale of the Buzzard Gap System will not adversely affect any of Tennessee's existing customers.

Tennessee requests that the Commission find that (1) upon the sale of the Buzzard Gap System to Enogex, the transferred facilities will be intrastate facilities which are exempt from the Commission's NGA jurisdiction, and (2) Enogex's acquisition of such facilities will not subject Enogex to the Commission's NGA jurisdiction. Tennessee also requests that the Commission grant all other authorizations and waivers that are necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated in its application.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protests with reference to said application should on or before November 28, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a petition to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to

participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a petition to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Tennessee to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. ER97-2460-001]****Unitil Power Corp.; Notice of Filing**

November 7, 1997.

Take notice that on October 10, 1997, Unitil Power Corp. (Unitil Power) tendered for filing pursuant to Rules 205 and 207, an amendment to its April 8, 1997, Petition for waivers and blanket approvals under various regulations of the Commission and for an order accepting its market-based rate schedule to be effective June 1, 1997. Unitil Power indicates in its amended filing that it will prohibit power sales to affiliates absent a separate 205 filing.

A copy of Unitil Power's amendment was served on the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

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 November 21, 1997. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP98-60-000, CP98-62-000,
CP98-64-000, and CP98-65-000]

Viking Voyageur Gas Transmission Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Applications

November 7, 1997.

Take notice that on October 31, 1997, Viking Voyageur Gas Transmission Company, L.L.C. (Viking Voyageur), 825 Rice Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55117-5484, filed in Docket Nos. CP98-60-000, CP98-62-000, CP98-64-000, and CP98-65-000 applications pursuant to Section 7(c) and Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Parts 284 and 157 of the Commission's regulations for: a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, own, operate, and maintain natural gas pipeline facilities; authorization pursuant to Section 3 of the NGA and a Presidential Permit for the siting, construction, operation, and maintenance of certain facilities for the importation of natural gas; a blanket certificate authorizing non-discriminatory, open-access transportation services; and blanket certificate authorization to engage in certain routine activities, all as more fully set forth in the applications which are on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

As part of a coordinated pipeline project designed to transport 1.4 Bcf per day of natural gas from Empress, Alberta to the Joilet, Illinois area, Viking Voyageur proposes to construct the United States portion of the pipeline facilities. The proposed pipeline facilities will interconnect with several interstate pipelines and local distribution companies and will directly provide service to various delivery points in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois. Upon acceptance of the requested certification, Viking Voyageur will be a natural gas company subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

In Docket No. CP98-60-000, Viking Voyageur requests authorization to construct, own, operate, and maintain approximately 773 miles of 42-inch diameter pipeline originating at a point of interconnection with the Canadian portion of the coordinated project at the U.S./Canada border at Noyes, Minnesota (near Emerson, Manitoba). The proposed pipeline facilities would extend through Minnesota and Wisconsin to a terminus in Will County, Illinois. Viking Voyageur also proposes to construct twenty-two meter stations and compression facilities totaling 124,000 horsepower. The compression facilities will be located in Kittson and Otter Tail Counties, Minnesota and Polk and Waushara Counties, Wisconsin. The project cost is estimated to be about \$1.24 billion.

Viking Voyageur requests a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues by April 1, 1998, and a final order granting certificate authority by November 1, 1998, in order to meet a proposed in-service date of November 1, 1999.

In Docket No. CP98-62-000, Viking Voyageur submitted an application pursuant to Section 3 of the NGA, part 153 of the Commission's regulations, and Executive Order 10485, as amended by Executive Order 12038, and the Secretary of Energy's Delegation Order No. 0204-112, for Section 3 authorization and a Presidential Permit to site, construct, operate, and maintain certain facilities for the importation of natural gas to be located at the international border between the United States of America and Canada near Noyes, Minnesota.

In Docket No. CP98-64-000, Viking Voyageur requests a blanket certificate under Part 284, Subpart G of the Commission's regulations. Viking Voyageur filed a *pro forma* tariff that offers firm and interruptible transportation with flexible delivery points. Viking Voyageur offers two negotiated rate options—either a 10-year or a 15-year negotiated rate contract—as alternatives to Commission approved cost-of-service recourse rates for a 15-year term for firm transportation.

In Docket No. CP98-65-000, Viking Voyageur requests a blanket certificate authorizing construction operation, and abandonment of certain facilities under Part 157, Subpart F of the Commission's regulations.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before November 28, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest

in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or person to whom the protests are directed. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order.

However, an intervenor must serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have environmental comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission, and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a Federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 3, 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on these applications if no motion to intervene is