

capacity and energy by Kansas Municipal Energy Agency to Missouri Public Service.

UtiliCorp requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations to permit the Service Agreement to become effective in accordance with its terms.

Comment date: June 19, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

33. Alliant Services Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-3188-000]

Take notice that on June 1, 1998, Alliant Services, Inc., on behalf of IES Utilities Inc. (IES), Interstate Power Company (IPC) and Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WPL), tendered for filing three executed Service Agreements for long-term firm point-to-point transmission service between Wisconsin Power and Light Company, an Alliant Utility, and Alliant Services, Inc.

Alliant Services, Inc., requests an effective date of May 1, 1998, and accordingly, seeks waiver of the Commission's notice requirements.

A copy of this filing has been served upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

Comment date: June 19, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

34. MDU Resources Group, Inc.

[Docket No. ES98-33-000]

Take notice that on May 19, 1998, MDU Resources Group, Inc., filed an Application under Section 204 of the Federal Power Act, seeking authorization to issue additional shares of Common Stock, par value \$3.33, in connection with a three-for-two Common Stock split to be effected in the form of a fifty percent (50%) stock dividend. It is proposed that the stock split will become effective July 13, 1998, and stock certificates for the additional shares resulting from the split would be mailed on or about July 13, 1998.

Comment date: June 29, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

35. Big Rivers Electric Corporation

[Docket No. NJ98-5-000]

Take notice that on May 29, 1998, Big Rivers Electric Corporation (Big Rivers), submitted for filing an Open Access Transmission Services Tariff and a request for a declaratory order which would find that Big Rivers' Transmission Tariff meets the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's comparability standards and is therefore an acceptable reciprocity tariff pursuant to the provisions of Order No. 888 and

888-A, B & C. Big Rivers is currently in bankruptcy, but has received bankruptcy court approval of a Plan of Reorganization. Elements of this Plan of Reorganization have been approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (KPSC), to enable Big Rivers emerge from bankruptcy. The Open Access Transmission Tariff for which approval is requested will not become effective until the closing date of the Bankruptcy Plan's contemplated two-phased lease agreement between Big Rivers, LG&E Energy Corp. (LEC), and certain subsidiaries of LEC, including Western Kentucky Energy Corp. (WKEC) and LG&E Energy Marketing, Inc. (LEM), (collectively the LG&E Parties). Due to a number of closing conditions therein, Big Rivers cannot predict with any certainty when this closing date will occur and when the requested Open Access Transmission Tariff will need to go into effect, although Big Rivers expects other conditions to closing to be satisfied by July 1, 1998. Thus, Big Rivers requests that it be allowed to file this tariff for expedited review with the effective date to be established as the closing date of the proposed transaction.

Comment date: June 29, 1998, 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 these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3267-010]

Bellows-Tower Hydro, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

June 5, 1998.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47910), the Office of Hydropower Licensing (OHL) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for an application to amend the license to delete an old, unused powerhouse from the project. This is required by the Commission to reflect the as-built condition of the project. The license must be amended because the installed capacity and number of turbine generator units are less than authorized in the license. In the EA, staff concludes that approval of the licensee's proposal would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Ballard-Mill Project is located on the Salmon River in Franklin County, New York.

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, NW., Washington, DC 20426.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP98-49-000 and CP98-49-001]

K N Wattenberg Transmission Limited Liability Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Front Runner Pipeline System

June 5, 1998.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by K N Wattenberg Transmission

Limited Liability Company (KNW) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of KNW's proposal to construct, acquire, and operate new and existing pipeline facilities along the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains in north central Colorado, including:

- About 44.9 miles of new 24-inch-diameter pipeline extending from near Rockport (in northern Weld County) south to northern Johnstown;
- About 10.6 miles of new 16-inch-diameter pipeline extending from the Pan Energy-Mark Mewbourne Gas Processing Plant westward towards an area northwest of Platteville;
- About 19.3 miles of new 6- and 12-inch-diameter pipeline extending eastward from the Erie area in southern Weld County;
- About 9.5 miles of 16-inch-diameter existing unprocessed gas pipeline extending from northern Johnstown to an area northwest of Platteville; and
- About 24 miles of existing 12-, 10-, and 8-inch-, diameter processed gas pipeline extending south from the Amoco gas processing plant near Platteville to an area southeast of Brighton in northern Adams County. (This segment is essentially 21 miles of 12-inch-diameter mainline with three short, small-diameter laterals extending to nearby customers.)

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to establish new natural gas transportation system between the Colorado-Wyoming border and the northern suburbs of Denver. The new system would have the capacity to provide users at the southern end with 250 million cubic feet (MMcf) of natural gas per day, and gas producers at the southern end with the ability to transport 80 MMcf per day to new markets accessible via several existing interstate carriers whose facilities converge near Rockport.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals,

newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Room, 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1
- Reference Docket No. CP98-49-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 6, 1998.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 9648-011, 9649-011 and 9650-020]

Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Lovejoy Tool Company and Factory Falls, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Final Multi-Project Environmental Assessment

June 5, 1998.

A final multi-project environmental assessment (FMEA) is available for public review. The FMEA examines downstream Atlantic salmon fish passage at the Fellows Dam Project (No.

9648), Lovejoy Dam Project (No. 9649), and Gilman Dam Project (No. 9650), all located on the Black River, Vermont. The FMEA finds that approval of the licensee's fish passage plans, with enhancements, and with monitoring conducted at the Gilman Project, would allow downstream passage of Atlantic salmon, and would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The FMEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the FMEA can be viewed at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager, Pete Yarrington, at (202) 219-2939.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission

June 5, 1998.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Major New License (Tendering Notice).
- b. *Project No.:* 2651-006.
- c. *Date filed:* May 19, 1998.
- d. *Applicant:* Indiana Michigan Power Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Elkhart Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* In the City of Elkhart, Concord Township, Elkhart County, Indiana, on the St. Joseph River 77 miles upstream from confluence with Lake Michigan.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* J.R. Jones, Senior Vice President, Fossil & Hydro Production, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215, (614) 223-1801.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Edward R. Meyer, (202) 208-7998.

j. *Brief Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) a 300-foot-long by 14-foot-high concrete spillway, the crest of which bears 11, 25-foot-wide by 10.5-foot-high Tainter gates separated by 2.5-foot-wide piers;