

Entergy has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all resource agencies, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and others affected by the proposal, and that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case. Further, waiving the Commission's regulations will be automatic upon approval of the alternative procedures stipulated in Order No. 596.¹

Entergy has developed a communications protocol that is supported by the interested entities.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on Entergy's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to Section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations. Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date.

The alternative procedures being requested here combine the prefiling consultation process with the environmental review process, allowing Entergy to complete and file an Environmental Assessment (EA) in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which an applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs during preparation of the application for the license and before filing it, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the prefiling consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

Alternative Procedures and Carpenter-Rommel Hydroelectric Project Schedule

Entergy has distributed an Initial Consultation Packet for the proposed project to state and federal resource agencies, local interests, and NGOs. Entergy has submitted a proposed schedule for the alternative procedures that leads to the filing of a license application by February 28, 2001.

Comments

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission any comments on Entergy's proposal to use the alternative procedures to file an application for the

Carpenter-Rommel Hydroelectric Project.

Filing Requirements

The comments must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Dockets—Room 1A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

All filings must bear the heading "Comments on the Alternative Procedures," and include the project name and number (Carpenter-Rommel Hydroelectric Project No. 271).

For further information on this process, please call Chris Metcalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 219-2810.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-591-000]

Kern River Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

June 10, 1998.

Take notice that on June 3, 1998, Kern River Gas Transmission Company (Kern River), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, filed in Docket No. CP98-591-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211, of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to amend the approval previously received in Docket No. CP97-617-000 in order to reflect a revision in the ownership arrangements for the authorized Primm Meter Station under Kern River's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP89-2048-000 pursuant to Section 7 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.

Kern River states that pursuant to a superseding facilities agreement, it now proposes to own only the mainline tap and Southwest Gas will own the remainder of the Primm Meter Station which Kern River will construct as previously authorized. Kern River further states that, pursuant to an operating agreement with Southwest Gas, it will operate the meter facilities owned by Southwest Gas as part of Kern

River's open-access transmission system.

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 to Section 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR98-15-000]

Louisiana Resources Pipeline Company Limited Partnership; Notice of Application for Approval of Rates and Charges Under NGPA Section 311(a)(2)

June 10, 1998.

Take notice that on June 1, 1998, Louisiana Resources Pipeline Company Limited Partnership (LRP) tendered for filing an Application for Approval of Rates and Charges pursuant to Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA) and Section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations.

LRP seeks the Commission's approval to (a) continue its current maximum transportation rate of \$0.2756 per MMBtu for interruptible transportation service to be provided by LRP as an intrastate pipeline pursuant to Section 311(a) of the NGPA; (b) establish a maximum firm transportation reservation charge of \$8.4771 per MMBtu per month; (c) establish a maximum firm transportation usage of \$0.0375 per MMBtu; and (d) establish a maximum rate for interruptible Part 'N' Ride services of \$0.2756 per MMBtu. LRP proposes to make all rates effective June 1, 1998.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding must file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888

¹ Order No. 596, Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects, 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).

First Street, NE., Washington, DC, in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before June 25, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not be served to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. The petition for rate approval is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-589-000]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

June 10, 1998.

Take notice that on June 3, 1998, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 525 Milam, P.O. Box 21734, Shreveport, Louisiana 71151, filed in Docket No. CP98-589-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulation under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to operate certain facilities, located in Webster Parish, Louisiana, under NGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP82-384-000 and CP82-384-001, 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.

NGT proposes to operate a 3-inch tap, 3-inch regulator station with two regulators, and two 4-inch meter stations, on NGT's Line S in Webster Parish, Louisiana, under Subpart G of Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations. NGT states that this meter station is being constructed under Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act and Subpart B of Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations to provide service to Arkla, a distribution division of NorAm Energy Corporation (Arkla). NGT declares that Arkla will install 550 feet of 6-inch pipeline to connect this delivery point to an addition to Arkla's Louisiana distribution system which it is acquiring from Louisiana-Nevada Gas Transit Company.

NGT states that the estimated volumes to be delivered through these new facilities are 3,008,086 MMBtu annually and 14,857 MMBtu on a peak day. NGT declares that the estimated cost of these facilities is \$107,578 and Arkla will reimburse NGT for \$104,795.

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 to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If not 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-188-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Technical Conference

June 10, 1998.

In the Commission's order issued on May 28, 1998, the Commission directed that a technical conference be held to address issues raised by the filing.

Take notice that the technical conference will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20426.

All interested parties and Staff are permitted to attend.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-590-00]

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

June 10, 1998.

Take notice that on June 3, 1998, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), 5400 Westheimer Court, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP98-590-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to install, own, maintain and operate a new point of delivery, which will consist of a 2-inch side valve and 2-inch insulating flange (tap) on its existing 24-inch Line No. 1 in Stoddard County, Missouri, to make deliveries to Noranda Aluminum, Inc. (Noranda), and industrial end-user, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-535-000, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Noranda will install, or cause to be installed, a single 3-inch meter run plus associated piping (meter station), approximately 50 feet of 2-inch pipe that will extend from the meter station to the tap (connecting pipe), and electronic gas measurement equipment (EGM). Texas Eastern will own the tap and EGM. Noranda will own the connecting pipe and meter station. Texas Eastern will operate the tap, EGM, meter station, and connection pipe. Texas Eastern will maintain the tap and EGM. Noranda will maintain the meter station and connecting pipe.

Texas Eastern estimates the cost for installing the tap, and from reviewing and inspecting the installation of the meter station, connecting pipe, and EGM to be approximately \$6,949, which Noranda has agreed to reimburse Texas Eastern for 100% of the costs and expenses associated with the proposed delivery point. Texas Eastern will deliver up to 4 MMCF/d to Noranda at the proposed delivery point pursuant to its Rate Schedule IT-1.

Texas Eastern states that Noranda is located in the service area of and is currently a customer of Associated Natural Gas Company (Associated). However, Noranda has informed Texas Eastern that the service Noranda receives from Associated is an interruptible service. Texas Eastern states that the installation of the tap and