

Comment date: September 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Tampa Electric Company

[Docket No. ER98-4449-000]

Take notice that on September 1, 1998, Tampa Electric Company (Tampa Electric), filed a Notice of Termination of the Agreement for Interchange Service between Tampa Electric and the City of Starke, Florida (Starke).

Tampa Electric requests that the termination be made effective on September 3, 1998, and therefore requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirement.

Copies of the filing have been served on Starke and the Florida Public Service Commission.

Comment date: September 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Commonwealth Electric Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company

[Docket No. ER98-4450-000]

Take notice that on September 1, 1998, Commonwealth Electric Company (Commonwealth) and Cambridge Electric Light Company (Cambridge), collectively referred to as the Companies, tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission executed Service Agreements between the Companies and Griffin Energy Marketing, L.L.C., the Market-Based Power Sales Customer (collectively referred to herein as the Customer),

These Service Agreements specify that the Customer has signed on to and has agreed to the terms and conditions of the Companies' Market-Based Power Sales Tariffs designated as Commonwealth's Market-Based Power Sales Tariff (FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 7) and Cambridge's Market-Based Power Sales Tariff (FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 9). These Tariffs, accepted by the FERC on February 27, 1997, and which have an effective date of February 28, 1997, will allow the Companies and the Customer to enter into separately scheduled short-term transactions under which the Companies will sell to the Customer capacity and/or energy as the parties may mutually agree.

The Companies request an effective date as specified on each Service Agreement.

Comment date: September 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. Washington Water Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-4451-000]

Take notice that on September 1, 1998, Washington Water Power,

tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to 18 CFR Section 35.13, executed a Service Agreement under WWP's FERC Electric Tariff First Revised Volume No. 9, with IGI Resources, Inc., which replaces an unexecuted service agreement previously filed with the Commission under Docket No. ER97-1252-000, Service Agreement No. 78, effective December 15, 1996.

Comment date: September 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

19. Kentucky Utilities Company

[Docket No. ER98-4452-000]

Take notice that on September 1, 1998, Kentucky Utilities Company (KU), tendered for filing an unexecuted Power Services Agreement between KU and Statoil Energy Trading, Inc., under KU's Power Services Tariff, PS Rate Schedule.

Comment date: September 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

20. Kentucky Utilities Company

[Docket No. ER98-4453-000]

Take notice that on September 1, 1998, Kentucky Utilities Company (KU), tendered for filing an unexecuted Power Services Agreement between KU and Energy Resources, Inc., under KU's Power Services Tariff, PS Rate Schedule.

KU respectfully requests that the Commission waive its notice requirements and accept this Service Agreement so that it can become effective 30 days prior to the date of this filing.

Comment date: September 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

21. Central Power and Light Company, West Texas Utilities Company, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Southwestern Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-4467-000]

Take notice that on September 1, 1998, Central Power and Light Company, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Southwestern Electric Power Company and West Texas Utilities Company (collectively, the CSW Operating Companies), tendered for filing a service agreement establishing Houston Lighting & Power Company (Houston) as a customer under the CSW Operating Companies' market-based rate power sales tariff.

The CSW Operating Companies request an effective date of August 3, 1998, for the agreement with Houston

and, accordingly, seek waiver of the Commission's notice requirements.

The CSW Operating Companies state that a copy of the filing was served on Houston.

Comment date: September 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. DR98-60-000, et al.]

Massachusetts Electric Company, et al., Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

September 3, 1998.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Massachusetts Electric Company

[Docket No. DR98-60-000]

Take notice that on August 17, 1998, Massachusetts Electric Company (Mass Electric), filed an application for approval for accounting purposes of certain changes in depreciation rates pursuant to Section 302 of the Federal Power Act and Rule 204 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Mass Electric has requested March 1, 1998, as an effective date of for these changes.

Comment date: October 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Carr Street Generating Station, L.P.

[Docket No. EG98-101-000]

On August 10, 1998, Carr Street Generating Station, L.P. (Applicant), with its principal office at c/o Orion Power Holdings, Inc., 111 Market Place, Suite 520, Baltimore Maryland 21202, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's regulations.

Applicant states that it will be engaged in owning the East Syracuse Station (the Facility) consisting of an approximately 101 MW natural gas-fired combined cycle cogeneration facility, located in East Syracuse, New York. The applicant also states that it will sell electric energy exclusively at wholesale. Electric energy produced by the Facility is sold exclusively at wholesale.

Comment date: September 17, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

3. Coastal Power Khulna Ltd.

[Docket No. EG98-102-000]

On August 10, 1998, Coastal Power Khulna (Applicant), West Wind Building, P.O. Box 1111, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, B.W.I., filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's regulations.

Applicant, a Cayman Islands Corporation, intends to have an ownership interest in certain power generating facilities in Bangladesh. These facilities will consist of a 110 MW oil fired barge mounted power plant which is under construction in Khulna, Bangladesh.

Comment date: September 17, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

4. Coastal Power Guatemala Ltd.

[Docket No. EG98-109-000]

On August 27, 1998, Coastal Power Guatemala Ltd. (Applicant), West Wind Building, P.O. Box 1111, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, B.W.I., filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to part 365 of the Commission's regulations.

Applicant, a Cayman Islands Corporation intends to have an ownership interest in certain power generating facilities in Guatemala. These facilities will consist of a 120 MW pulverized coal fired power plant near Masagua, Guatemala.

Comment date: September 25, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

5. Duke Energy Oakland, L.L.C., Duke Energy Morro Bay, L.L.C., Duke Energy Moss Landing, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER98-3416-000; Docket No. ER98-3417-000; and Docket No. ER98-3418-000]

Take notice that on September 1, 1998, Duke Energy Oakland, L.L.C., Duke Energy Morro Bay L.L.C., and Duke Energy Moss Landing, L.L.C., (collectively Duke Energy), tendered for filing additional information in compliance with the Commission's August 17, 1998, Order issued in the above-referenced dockets.

Comment date: September 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Western Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-4408-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, Western Resources, Inc. (Western Resources), tendered for filing an agreement with Midwest Energy, Inc. Western Resources states that the purpose of the agreement is to permit the customer to take service under Western Resources' market-based power sales tariff on file with the Commission.

The agreement is proposed to become effective August 4, 1998.

Copies of the filing were served upon Midwest Energy, Inc., and the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. New England Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-4409-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, New England Power Company (NEP), tendered for filing (i) amendments to NEP's FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 9 (Tariff 9), to make available under that tariff NEP's share of the transmission facilities comprising the high voltage, direct current intertie between the electric systems of New England and Quebec; (ii) an amendment to the service agreement under which NEP obtains access to its transmission system under Tariff 9, for wholesale transactions; and (iii) a Quebec

Interconnection Transfer Agreement between NEP and USGen New England, Inc., (USGenNE).

Copies of this filing have been served on USGenNE and all Tariff 9 customers, as well as regulatory agencies in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-4410-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, Entergy Services, Inc., on behalf of the Entergy Operating Companies, filed, pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, an amendment to Attachment C, Methodology to Assess Available Transmission Capability, of the Entergy Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Entergy requests an effective date of October 30, 1998.

A copy of the amendment has been served upon the customers with executed service agreements under the Tariff and the state and local regulators of the Entergy operating companies.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-4411-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an executed Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement and an executed Network Operating Agreement between NMPC and Village of Skaneateles. The Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement and Network Operating Agreement specifies that Village of Skaneateles has signed on to and has agreed to the terms and conditions of NMPC's Open Access Transmission Tariff as filed in Docket No. OA96-194-000. This Tariff, filed with FERC on July 9, 1996, will allow NMPC and Village of Skaneateles to enter into separately scheduled transactions under which NMPC will provide network integration transmission service for Village of Skaneateles.

NMPC requests an effective date of July 1, 1998. NMPC has requested waiver of the notice requirements for good cause shown.

NMPC has served copies of the filing upon the New York State Public Service Commission and Village of Skaneateles.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. CET Marketing L.P.

[Docket No. ER98-4412-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, CET Marketing L.P. (CET Marketing), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application for an order accepting a rate schedule for power sales at market-based rates.

CET Marketing requests waiver of the 60-day filing requirements and requests that its FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1, become effective as of September 1, 1998.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Washington Water Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-4413-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, Washington Water Power Company (WWP), tendered for filing, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to 18 CFR Section 35.13, executed Mutual Netting Agreements for allowing arrangements of amounts which become due and owing to one Party to be set off against amounts which are due and owing to the other Party with Northern/AES Energy, L.L.C., Chelan County PUD #1, Illinova Energy Partners, NorAm Energy Services, Inc., Pend Oreille County PUD #1, and ConAgra Energy Services, Inc.

WWP requests waiver of the prior notice requirement and requests an effective date of August 1, 1998.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. UtiliCorp United Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-4414-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp), tendered for filing on behalf of its WestPlains Energy-Kansas operating division, an amendment to the Electric Interconnection and Interchange Agreement between WestPlains Energy-Kansas and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation. The purpose of the amendment is to add a new interconnection point.

UtiliCorp requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations to permit the amendment to become effective on September 1, 1998.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. New England Power Pool Executive Committee

[Docket No. ER98-4415-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, the New England Power Pool Executive

Committee tendered for filing a signature page to the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) Agreement dated September 1, 1971, as amended, signed by Griffin Energy Marketing, L.L.C. (Griffin). The NEPOOL Agreement has been designated NEPOOL FPC No. 2.

The Executive Committee states that the Commission's acceptance of Griffin's signature page would permit NEPOOL to expand its membership to include Griffin. NEPOOL further states that the filed signature page does not change the NEPOOL Agreement in any manner, other than to make Griffin a member in NEPOOL.

NEPOOL requests an effective date of November 1, 1998, for commencement of participation in NEPOOL by Griffin.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. New England Power Pool Executive Committee

[Docket No. ER98-4416-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, the New England Power Pool Executive Committee (NEPOOL), tendered for filing a request for termination of membership in NEPOOL, with an effective date of September 1, 1998, of Global Petroleum Corp., (Global). Such termination is pursuant to the terms of the NEPOOL Agreement dated September 1, 1971, as amended, and previously signed by Global. The New England Power Pool Agreement, as amended (the NEPOOL Agreement), has been designated NEPOOL FPC No. 2.

The Executive Committee states that termination of Global with an effective date of September 1, 1998, would relieve this entity, at its request, of the obligations and responsibilities of Pool membership and would not change the NEPOOL Agreement in any manner, other than to remove Global from membership in the Pool.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. New England Power Pool Executive Committee

[Docket No. ER98-4417-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, the New England Power Pool Executive Committee tendered for filing a signature page to the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL), Agreement dated September 1, 1971, as amended, signed by PEC Energy Marketing, Inc. (PEC). The NEPOOL Agreement has been designated NEPOOL FPC No. 2.

The Executive Committee states that the Commission's acceptance of PEC's signature page would permit NEPOOL

to expand its membership to include PEC. NEPOOL further states that the filed signature page does not change the NEPOOL Agreement in any manner, other than to make PEC a member in NEPOOL.

NEPOOL requests an effective date of September 1, 1998, for commencement of participation in NEPOOL by PEC.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. New England Power Pool Executive Committee

[Docket No. ER98-4418-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, the New England Power Pool Executive Committee tendered for filing a signature page to the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) Agreement dated September 1, 1971, as amended, signed by Energy Atlantic, LLC (Energy Atlantic). The NEPOOL Agreement has been designated NEPOOL FPC No. 2.

The Executive Committee states that the Commission's acceptance of Energy Atlantic's signature page would permit NEPOOL to expand its membership to include Energy Atlantic. NEPOOL further states that the filed signature page does not change the NEPOOL Agreement in any manner, other than to make Energy Atlantic a member in NEPOOL.

NEPOOL requests an effective date of November 1, 1998, for commencement of participation in NEPOOL by Energy Atlantic.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. New England Power Pool Executive Committee

[Docket No. ER98-4419-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL), Executive Committee tendered for filing on behalf of its members in general (Participants) and Princeton Municipal Light Department (Princeton) a request for termination of membership in NEPOOL, with an effective date of September 1, 1998. Such termination is pursuant to the terms of the NEPOOL Agreement dated September 1, 1971, as amended, and previously signed by Princeton. The New England Power Pool Agreement, as amended (the NEPOOL Agreement), has been designated NEPOOL FPC No. 2.

The Executive Committee states that termination of Princeton with an effective date of September 1, 1998, would relieve this entity, at Princeton's request, of the obligations and responsibilities of Pool membership and

would not change the NEPOOL Agreement in any manner, other than to remove Princeton from membership in the Pool.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. Tampa Electric Company

[Docket No. ER98-4420-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, Tampa Electric Company (Tampa Electric), tendered for filing an amendment to its contract for the sale and purchase of capacity and energy with the Reedy Creek Improvement District (RCID).

Tampa Electric proposes that the amendment be made effective on October 1, 1998, and therefore requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirement.

Copies of the filing have been served on RCID and the Florida Public Service Commission.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

19. Consumers Energy Company

[Docket No. ER98-4421-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, Consumers Energy Company (CECo), tendered for filing a market-based Power Sales Tariff to permit CECo to make wholesale sales to eligible customers of electric power at market-determined prices, including sales not involving Consumers Energy generation or transmission.

CECo requests that the Commission grant its waiver and accept it in its present form in order to allow this power sales tariff to be implemented in a timely fashion.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

20. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-4422-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an executed Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement and an executed Network Operating Agreement between NMPC and Village of Frankfort. The Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement and Network Operating Agreement specifies that Village of Frankfort has signed on to and has agreed to the terms and conditions of NMPC's Open Access Transmission Tariff as filed in Docket No. OA96-194-000. This Tariff, filed with FERC on July

9, 1996, will allow NMPC and Village of Frankfort to enter into separately scheduled transactions under which NMPC will provide network integration transmission service for Village of Frankfort.

NMPC requests an effective date of July 1, 1998. NMPC has requested waiver of the notice requirements for good cause shown.

NMPC has served copies of the filing upon the New York State Public Service Commission and Village of Frankfort.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

21. Cogen Energy Technologies, L.P.

[Docket No. ER98-4423-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, Cogen Energy Technologies, L.P. (CETLP), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application for an order accepting a rate schedule for power sales at market-based rates.

CETLP requests waiver of the 60-day filing requirements and requests that its FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1 be accepted as of September 1, 1998.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

22. Tampa Electric Company

[Docket No. ER98-4424-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, Tampa Electric Company (Tampa Electric), tendered for filing tariff sheets containing revisions to the fuel adjustment clause (FAC), provisions of Tampa Electric's FERC Electric Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1. The revisions reflect a shift from a six-month cycle to an annual cycle for the FAC.

Tampa Electric proposes that the tariff sheets be made effective on October 1, 1998, and therefore requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirement.

Copies of the filing have been served on the customers under the tariff and the Florida Public Service Commission.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

23. Tampa Electric Company

[Docket No. ER98-4424-000]

Take notice that on September 1, 1998, Tampa Electric Company (Tampa Electric), tendered for filing revised tariff sheets to its August 31, 1998, filing in the above-referenced docket.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

24. Minnesota Power, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-4425-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, Minnesota Power, Inc., (MP), tendered for filing a Short-Term Transaction Service Agreement which MP has signed with Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Otter Tail Power Company under its market-based Wholesale Coordination Sales Tariff (WCS-2) to satisfy its filing requirements under this tariff.

MP requests an effective date of August 1, 1998, and requests waiver of any Commission's regulations applicable.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

25. Public Service Company of Colorado

[Docket No. ER98-4426-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo), tendered for filing a Power Purchase Agreement with Holy Cross Electric Association, Inc., to sell wind energy.

PSCo requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements and that the Agreement be allowed to become effective on May 14, 1998.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

26. Northeast Utilities Service Company

[Docket No. ER98-4427-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO), tendered for filing Service Agreements to provide Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service to Pinetree Power—Tamworth, Inc., under the NU System Companies' Open Access Transmission Service Tariff No. 9.

NUSCO requests that the Service Agreement become effective September 8, 1998.

NUSCO states that a copy of this filing has been mailed to the Pinetree Power—Tamworth, Inc.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

27. Northeast Utilities Service Company

[Docket No. ER98-4429-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO), tendered for filing on behalf of The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) and Holyoke Water Power Company, (including its wholly-owned subsidiary, Holyoke Power and Electric Company), a Power Supply

Agreement to provide firm requirements service to Massachusetts Electric Company, Nantucket Electric Company, Granite State Electric Company and Narragansett Electric Company, each operating subsidiaries of New England Electric System (the NEES Companies), pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and Section 35.13 of the Commission's Regulations.

NUSCO requests that the rate schedule become effective on September 1, 1998.

NUSCO states that copies of the rate schedule have been mailed to the parties to the Agreement, and the affected state utility commission.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

28. Northeast Utilities Service Company

[Docket No. ER98-4430-000]

Take notice that on August 31, 1998, Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO), tendered for filing a Service Agreement to provide Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service to the Waste Management of New Hampshire, Inc., under the NU System Companies' Open Access Transmission Service Tariff No. 9.

NUSCO requests that the Service Agreement become effective September 8, 1998.

NUSCO states that a copy of this filing has been mailed to the Waste Management of New Hampshire, Inc.

Comment date: September 18, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 271-AR]

Entergy Arkansas, Inc.; Notice of Scoping Meetings Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment

September 8, 1998.

Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992, and as part of the license application, Entergy Arkansas, Inc., (Entergy) intends to prepare an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) to file along with the license application, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) for the Carpenter-Rommel Project, Project No. 271. The license for the project expires on February 28, 2003.

With the filing of its Notice of Intent (NOI) on January 29, 1998, Entergy notified the Commission of its intent to file an application for a new license. On February 16, 1998, Entergy issued its Initial consultation Document (ICD), which outlined the Commission's relicensing process, described project facilities and operation, and environmental resources, and listed preliminary issues and potential studies.

In March 1998, Entergy initiated the cooperative consultation process, and state and federal agencies, local interests, and nongovernmental organizations, (NGOs), undertook a cooperative effort for the relicensing of the Carpenter-Rommel Project. The process involved identification of environmental issues associated with the relicensing of the Carpenter-Rommel Project, including: a public information meeting on March 23, 1998, and on March 24, 1998, a project site visit for agencies/stakeholders, and a joint agency meeting to solicit comments on the ICD.

Entergy obtained support from the parties involved in the cooperative process to pursue the APEA process for the Carpenter-Rommel Project. On May 20, 1998, Entergy requested, and on July 24, 1998, obtained FERC's approval to enter the APEA process.

As part of the APEA process, Entergy with the Commission has prepared a Scoping Document I (SDI), which provides information on the scoping process, APEA schedule, background information, environmental issues, and proposed project alternatives. The issues contained in SDI are based on agency and public comments at the

March 23-24 meetings as well as the APEA Team meetings held from April through July 1998.

The purpose of this notice is to: (1) advise all parties as to the proposed scope of the environmental analysis, including cumulative effects, and to seek information pertinent to this analysis; and (2) advise all parties of their opportunity for comment.

Scoping Process

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify issues related to the proposed action and to determine what issues should be addressed in the document prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The SDI will be circulated to enable appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other interested parties to participate in the scoping process. SDI provides a brief description of the proposed action, alternatives to the proposed action, the geographic and temporal scope of a cumulative effects analysis, and a list of issues.

Scoping Meetings and Site Visit

Entergy and FERC staff will conduct a site visit and a scoping meeting on September 22, 1998. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend and assist in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed.

The site visit will take place between 1 and 3 p.m. on September 22, 1998, at both the Carpenter and Rommel developments. The scoping meeting will be held on September 22, 1998, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Clarion Resort, Hot Springs, AR. For more details, interested parties should contact Mr. Henry Jones, Entergy, (501) 844-2122, prior to the meeting date.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, Entergy and Commission staff will: (1) summarize the environmental issues identified for analysis; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantified data, on the resources at issue, and (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed. Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed.

Meeting Procedures

The meeting will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings. Because this meeting will be a NEPA scoping