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Attachment A

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY

Name of Organization/Principal Investigator

Name of Collaborating Organization(s) intends to submit an application under Solicitation No. DE-PS03-99SF21764.

Title: _____

Scope of Work Element/Area: _____

Engineering research and/or basic science field:

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-39-000]

Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Application

November 2, 1998.

Take notice that on October 27, 1998, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State), 300 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581, filed an application, pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations. Granite State seeks to acquire and operate as an integral component of its main transmission system approximately 5,300 feet of 8 and 12-inch lateral pipeline now owned and operated by Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern Utilities). The pipe is currently part of Northern Utilities natural gas distribution system in the Town of Newington (Rockingham County), New Hampshire. As a consequence of the acquisition, Granite State needs to abandon a transportation service delivery point to Northern Utilities on its main line and establish three new delivery points to Northern Utilities along the lateral. The details of Granite State's proposal are more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Granite State says that the Commission has certificated a new interstate pipeline in Docket No. CP97-238-000 which will be jointly owned and operated by the Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS) and Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline L.L.C.

(Maritimes). According to Granite State, PNGTS-Maritimes have been authorized to construct and operate an interconnection with Granite State in the Town of Newington at which point Granite State will receive natural gas deliveries from the jointly owned pipeline. Granite State will receive such deliveries for further transportation on its system, most notably on behalf of, Northern Utilities. Granite State further says that Northern Utilities will be a significant shipper on PNGTS-Maritimes, but will not be directly connected to the jointly owned pipeline facility. Granite State says that the only route by which Northern Utilities can receive gas shipped for its account on PNGTS-Maritimes is via Granite State's authorized interconnections with the jointly owned pipeline.

Granite State further says that it has no existing directly connecting pipeline between the planned and authorized Newington interconnection with PNGTS-Maritimes. However, Granite State says that Northern Utilities has a distribution lateral consisting of 5,324 feet of 8 and 12-inch pipeline (the Gosling Road Lateral) which extends from Granite State's main line to the site of the Newington interconnection. Granite State proposes in its application to acquire and operate the lateral as an integral component of its main transmission system. The acquisition cost will be the depreciated book cost on the date of transfer, which is estimated to be \$372,035.12 on December 31, 1998.

Granite State also says that, in connection with the acquisition, it will abandon the present delivery point to Northern Utilities at the point where the Gosling Road Lateral connects with Granite State's main line and it will establish three delivery points to Northern Utilities at existing points on the lateral where gas now flows into Northern Utilities' local distribution system. Granite State says that no construction of new facilities is required to implement its proposed acquisition and no existing service will be terminated or abandoned.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before November 23, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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. 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.

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 motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed acquisition are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene 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 herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Granite State to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2777]

Idaho Power Company; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

November 2, 1998.

On December 20, 1995, Idaho Power Company, licensee for the Upper Salmon Falls Project No. 2777, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 2777 is located on the Snake River in Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho.

The license for Project No. 2777 was issued for a period ending October 31, 1998. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the

prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in Section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of Section 15 of the FPA, then, based on Section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at CFR 16.21(a); if the licensee of such project has filed an application of a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to the 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2777 is issued to Idaho Power Company for a period effective November 1, 1998, through October 31, 1999, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before October 31, 1999, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Idaho Power Company is authorized to continue operation of the Upper Salmon Falls Project No. 2777 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2169, TN]

Tapoco, Inc.; Notice of Tapoco, Inc's Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Preparing a License Application

November 2, 1998.

This notice supersedes the NOTICE OF TAPOCO, INC'S REQUEST TO USE ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES IN PREPARING A LICENSE

APPLICATION, dated October 28, 1998.

On October 1, 1998, the existing licensee, Tapoco, Inc. (Tapoco), filed a request to use alternative procedures for submitting an application for new license for the existing Tapoco Project No. 2169.¹ Tapoco has demonstrated that they have made an effort to contact resource agencies, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organization (NGOs), and others affected by their proposal, and that a consensus exists that the use of an alternative procedure is appropriate in this case.

The purpose of this notice is to invite comments on Tapoco request to use the alternative procedure, pursuant to Section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations.² 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 prefilng consultation process with the environmental review process, allowing the applicant to complete and file an environmental document (NEPA document) in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which the 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 prefilng consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

¹ The 326.5-megawatt Tapoco (originally known as the Tallasee project) project is located on the Little Tennessee and its tributary, the Cheoah River, in Blount and Monroe Counties, Tennessee, and Graham and Swain Counties, North Carolina. The project consists of four development; Chilhowee, Cheoah, Santeetlah, and Calderwood.

² Order No. 596, Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects, 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).

Comments

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission, any comments on Tapoco's proposal to use the alternative procedures to prepare an application to relicense the Tapoco 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 comment filings must bear the heading "Comments on the Alternative Procedure," and include the project name and number (Tapoco Project, No. 2169).

For further information, please contact Ronald McKittrick of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at 770-452-2363 ext. 44 or E-mail at ronald.mckittrick@FERC.Fed.US.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-28-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Application for Section 3 Authorization and Request for a Presidential Permit

November 2, 1998.

Take notice that on October 20, 1998, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), P.O. Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252, filed an application pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Subpart B of Part 153 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations under the NGA, for an order authorizing the siting, construction, and operation of pipeline facilities and the place of entry and exit for import and export of natural gas at the International Boundary between the United States and Mexico in Hidalgo County, Texas.

Additionally, Tennessee requests, pursuant to Subpart C of Part 153 of the Commission's Regulations under the NGA and in compliance with Executive Order 10485, as amended by Executive Order 12038, issuance of a Presidential Permit for the construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of