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AEPSC requests waiver of notice to permit the Service Agreements to be made effective for service billed on and after November 1, 1998.

A copy of the filing was served upon the Parties and the state utility regulatory commissions of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Comment date: December 14, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. PP&L, Inc.

[Docket No. ER99-692-000]

Take notice that on November 24, 1998, PP&L, Inc. (PP&L), tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Affiliate Sales, dated November 20, 1998, with PP&L EnergyPlus Co., under PP&L's Market-Based Rate and Resale of Transmission Rights Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff, Revised Volume No. 5. The Service Agreement adds PP&L EnergyPlus Co., as an eligible customer under the Tariff.

PP&L requests an effective date of November 20, 1998, for the Service Agreement.

PP&L states that copies of this filing have been supplied to PP&L EnergyPlus Co., and to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Comment date: December 14, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Wisconsin Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER99-693-000]

Take notice that on November 24, 1998, Wisconsin Electric Power Company (Wisconsin Electric), tendered for filing a short-term firm Transmission Service Agreement and a non-firm Transmission Service Agreement between itself and TransAlta. The Transmission Service Agreements allow TransAlta to receive transmission services under Wisconsin Energy Corporation Operating Companies' FERC Electric Tariff, Volume No. 1.

Wisconsin Electric requests an effective date coincident with its filing and waiver of the Commission's notice requirements in order to allow for economic transactions as they appear.

Copies of the filing have been served on TransAlta, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Comment date: December 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. Southern Energy Canal, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER99-694-000]

Take notice that on November 24, 1998, Southern Energy Canal, L.L.C. (Southern Canal), tendered for filing an application requesting that the Commission accept for filing agreements for cost-based wholesale power sales by Southern Canal to Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company, New England Power Company, Montaup Electric Company, and Boston Edison Company.

Comment date: December 14, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

19. John R. Fielder

[Docket No. ID-3259-000]

Take notice that on November 24, 1998, John R. Fielder tendered for filing an application for authorization under Section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act to hold the following positions:

Senior Vice President, Southern California Edison Company
Director, California Independent System Operator Corporation
Director, California Power Exchange Corporation

Comment date: December 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

20. Polk Power Partners, L.P., a Delaware Limited Partnership

[Docket No. QF92-54-007]

Take notice that on November 24, 1998, Polk Power Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership of 1125 U.S. 98 South Suite 100, Lakeland, Florida 33801, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission supplemental information to an application for recertification of a facility as a qualifying cogeneration facility that was filed with the Commission on September 16, 1998 pursuant to Section 292.207(b) of the Commission's Regulations. No determination has been made that the submittal constitutes a complete filing.

According to the Applicant, the cogeneration facility is located in Polk County, Florida. The Commission previously certified the facility as a qualifying facility in 61 FERC ¶ 61,030 (1992), and recertified in 65 FERC ¶ 62,136 (1993), 66 FERC ¶ 61,116 (1994) and 68 FERC ¶ 62,152 (1994). Notices of self-certification and self-recertification were filed on December 23, 1991 and September 7, 1993. According to the Applicant, the supplemental information is being provided to correct two typographical errors and to answer questions posed by the Commission's Staff.

Comment date: December 24, 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, NE, Washington, DC 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,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-800-000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 1999 System Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

December 1, 1998.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company's (Eastern Shore) proposal to construct about 4.5 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline in Chester County, Pennsylvania; 3.5 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline in New Castle County, Delaware; and one 1,085 horsepower (hp) compressor unit in New Castle County proposed in the 1999 System Expansion Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to

¹ Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law. A fact sheet addressing a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain, is attached to this notice as appendix 1.²

Summary of the Proposed Project

Eastern Shore seeks authorization for the following:

- Install a 1,085 hp compressor unit at its existing Del City Compressor Station, 3 miles west of Delaware City, New Castle County, Delaware;
- Construct about 4.5 miles of 16-inch-diameter loop in Chester County, Pennsylvania;
- Construct about 3.5 miles of 16-inch-diameter loop in New Castle County, Delaware.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 2.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 56.1 acres of land. Following construction, about 36.1 acres would be maintained as new permanent right-of-way. The remaining 20.0 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public

comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Endangered and threatened species
- Public safety
- Land use
- Cultural resources
- Air quality and noise
- Hazardous waste

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section on pages 4 and 5 of this notice.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Eastern Shore. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- One federally listed threatened species, the bog turtle, may occur in the proposed project area.
- Nineteen streams and thirteen wetlands would be crossed by the project.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific

comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations/routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.2;
- Reference Docket No. CP98-800-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 4, 1999.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 3). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

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 environmental comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr.

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6197-9]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Proposed Collection; Small System Survey

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Small System Survey, ICR #1863.01. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 6, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1863.01.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Small System Survey, ICR #1863.01. This is a new collection.

Abstract: The Environmental Protection Agency has developed three interrelated Supplemental Surveys as part of an ongoing, scientific research and information collection program associated with the 1996 Information Collection Rule (ICRule) that supports drinking water regulation development. The overall objective of this research and information collection program is to provide a sound scientific and technical basis for generating and evaluating strategies for reducing risks associated with microbial pathogens and disinfection byproducts in the US drinking water supply.

EPA must conduct a Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) for the upcoming Stage 2 Long Term Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2ESWTR) and Stage 2 Disinfectant and Disinfection Byproducts Rule (Stage 2 DBPR) and

that evaluates the potential impacts on all system sizes. This rule is scheduled for promulgation in May 2002. A major regulatory option being considered is to target treatment for protozoa as a means for controlling not only protozoa but other waterborne pathogens. Therefore, a critical element of the RIA is a characterization of the national distribution of protozoa in source waters for all size systems. Additional data are needed to better characterize these distributions because: (1) the ICRule only targets systems serving 100,000 people or more, (2) the ICRule protozoa method exhibits low recovery and a high detection limit, and (3) limited data are available for systems serving less than 100,000. As these protozoan concentration estimates are inputs to the Regulatory Impact Analysis for this next phase of rulemaking, the Regulatory Impact Analysis may underestimate the level of treatment required for protozoa removal along with the resulting cost impacts of this rule.

To address these remaining data needs, EPA has developed and funded the ICRule Supplemental Surveys. Although the existing ICRule method remains available for possible use in these surveys, a key component of the Supplemental Surveys will be reliance upon a new analytical method, Method 1622, to measure *Cryptosporidium* and potentially *Giardia* concentrations. Because of its anticipated higher recovery rate and lower detection limit, Method 1622 is expected to provide a more accurate estimate of *Cryptosporidium* concentrations in source waters. The Supplemental Surveys will focus on gathering and analyzing data from a subset of large, medium and small systems. Today's notice focuses on the information collection burden associated with small systems only. The burden associated with the large and medium surveys was covered under the Information Collection Request for the 1996 ICRule.

Participation in the Small System Supplemental Surveys will be voluntary. As is appropriate in survey design, the size of the initial sampling list (a simple random sample) will be large enough to allow for some expected declinations. Forty small systems will participate in the survey and will sample twice a month during a 12 month monitoring period. The first monthly sample event will include protozoa (*Cryptosporidium* and potentially *Giardia*), bacterial samples (total coliform and *E. coli* or fecal coliform), wet chemistry samples (total organic carbon (TOC), alkalinity, UV254, bromide and ammonia), and water quality parameters (turbidity, pH

and temperature). The second monthly sample event will include protozoa, bacterial samples, and water quality parameters. Twenty percent of the sample events will collect an additional raw water sample for use as a matrix spike to assess how the water matrices may be affecting method performance. Additional parameters that will be measured during the matrix spike events include dissolved organic carbon (DOC), total suspended solids (TSS), total dissolved solids (TDS) and conductivity.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 6/24/98 (63 FR 34379); 1 set of comments was received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 32 hours per utility. An additional 40 hrs are attributed to the recruitment portion of this survey where 200 utilities will be asked to complete a reply form (at 0.2 hours per utility to complete the form) and from those 200 utilities, 40 will be selected to participate in the survey. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Public water systems serving less than 10,000 people.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Response: 2 per month.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 1320 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$55,000.00.