

Thirty-Eighth Revised Sheet No. 1-D.3

El Paso states that the above tariff sheets are being filed to adjust its rates for inflation.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM99-2-4-000]

Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 4, 1998.

Take notice that on December 1, 1998, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the revised tariff sheets listed below for the effectiveness on January 1, 1999.

Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 21
Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 22
Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 23

According to Granite State the purpose of its filing is to revise the Gas Research Institute (GRI) surcharges in its firm and interruptible transportation rates to conform with the reduced surcharges to be effective during 1999 proposed by GRI in the settlement in Docket No. RP98-235-000 which was approved by the Commission in an order issued September 29, 1998.

Granite State further states that copies of its filing have been served on its firm and interruptible transportation customers and on the regulatory agencies of the states of Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM99-3-4-000]

Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 4, 1998.

Take notice that on December 1, 1998, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the revised tariff sheets listed below for effectiveness on January 1, 1999:

Substitute Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 21
Substitute Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 22

According to Granite State, the foregoing tariff sheets propose a revised Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) surcharge applicable to its firm transportation services during the first quarter of 1999 to reimburse Granite State for certain electric power costs that it is obligated to pay Portland Pipe Line Corporation pursuant to the terms of a lease of a pipeline from Portland Pipe Line.

Granite State further states that the total surcharge of \$0.5787 consists of the sum of two components: the Quarterly Forecast PCA factor of \$0.7948 which is based on projected incremental electric power costs to be billed to Granite State during the first quarter of 1999 and the Reconcilable PCA factor of \$<0.2161> which reconciles the accumulated over/under past surcharge collections in the Deferred Account on a quarterly basis.

The method for developing the surcharge in the foregoing manner was approved by the Commission in orders issued in Docket Nos. RP98-155-003 and TM98-4-4-001, according to Granite State.

Granite State further states that copies of its filing have been served on its firm transportation customers and on the regulatory agencies of the states of Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11597-000, AK]

Ketchikan Public Utilities; Notice of Ketchikan Public Utilities Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Filing a License Application

December 4, 1998.

The preliminary permit holder, Ketchikan Public Utilities (KPU), has asked to use an alternative procedure in filing an application for original license for the proposed Whitman Lake Hydroelectric Project No. 11597.¹ KPU has demonstrated that they have made an effort to contact all resource agencies, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and others affected by their proposal, and that a consensus exists that the use of an alternative procedure is appropriate in

¹ The 4,500-kilowatt project would be located on Whitman Creek, in Ketchikan Gateway Borough Alaska, partially within the Tongass National Forest.

this case. KPU has also submitted a communication protocol that is supported by most interested entities.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on KPU's request to use the alternative procedure, as required under the final rule for Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects.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 procedure being requested here combines the prefilings consultation process with the environmental review process, allowing the applicant 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 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 procedure is intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the prefilings consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

Applicant Prepared EA Process and Whitman Lake Project Schedule

On November 14, 1998, KPU distributed a schedule for the proposed project to state and federal resource agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs. KPU scheduled a consultation meeting and site visit for all interested parties in early January 1999. Notices announcing the meeting and site visit would be published locally, as required by Commission regulations.

Public scoping meetings are planned for Spring 1999. Based on study requests from the January meetings, study plans would be developed early in 1999. Studies would be conducted during spring, summer, and fall 1999, as needed. The application, including the applicant-prepared EA, would be filed with the Commission on or before May 2000, the expiration date of KPU's preliminary permit is June 05, 2000.

Comments

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission, any comments on KPU's proposal to use the alternative

procedures to file an application for the Whitman Lake 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 comment filings must bear the heading "Comments on the Alternative Procedure," and include the project name and number (Whitman Lake Hydroelectric Project, No. 11597).

For further information, call Gaylord Hoisington of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 219-2756, or E-mail Gaylord.Hoisington@FERC.FED.US. Information is also available on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11599-000, AK]

Ketchikan Public Utilities; Notice of Ketchikan Public Utilities Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Filing a License Application

December 4, 1998.

The preliminary permit holder, Ketchikan Public Utilities (KPU), has asked to use an alternative procedure in filing an application for original license for the proposed Connell Lake Hydroelectric Project No. 11599.¹ KPU has demonstrated that they have made an effort to contact all resource agencies, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and others affected by their proposal, and that a consensus exists that the use of an alternative procedure is appropriate in this case. KPU has also submitted a communication protocol that is supported by most interested entities.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on KPU's request to use the alternative procedure, as required under the final rule for Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects.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 procedure being requested here combines the prefilings consultation process with the environmental review process, allowing the applicant 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 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 procedure is intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the prefilings consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

Applicant Prepared EA Process and Connell Lake Project Schedule

On November 12, 1998, KPU distributed a schedule for the proposed project to state and federal resource agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs. KPU scheduled a consultation meeting and site visit for all interested parties in early January 1999. Notices announcing the meeting and site visit would be published locally, as required by Commission regulations.

Public scoping meetings are planned for Spring 1999. Based on study requests from the January meetings, study plans would be developed early in 1999. Studies would be conducted during spring, summer, and fall 1999, as needed. The application, including the applicant-prepared EA, would be filed with the Commission on or before June 2000, the expiration date of KPU's preliminary permit is July 25, 2000.

Comments

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

² 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).

¹ The 1,700-kilowatt project would be located on Connell Lake, owned by the Ketchikan Pulp Company, on Ward Creek, near the City of Ketchikan within the Tongass National Forest.

² 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).