

Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order at a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

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 NGA 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 the proposal is 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 Norse and Nornew to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-506-003]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filing

March 16, 2001.

Take notice that on March 13, 2001, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to be effective February 25, 2001:

Substitute Eighth Revised Sheet No. 24
Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 259
Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 278-C

Northwest states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Order on Compliance Filing dated February 23, 2001 in Docket No., RP00-506-002 directing Northwest to file revised tariff sheets (1) to remove the proposed requirement for pro rata reductions of maximum daily quantities (MDQs) and maximum daily delivery obligations (MDDOs) at individual receipt and delivery points in the event of a partial capacity turnback, and (2) to remove the terms "volumetric" and "geographic" from provisions pertaining to capacity release and the right of first refusal.

Northwest states that a copy of this filing has been served upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web

site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL00-95-018, EL00-98-017, ER01-1448-001, ER01-1449-001, ER01-1451-001, ER01-1453-001, ER01-1455-001, ER01-1456-001]

San Diego Gas & Electric Company Complainant, v. Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services, Respondents, Investigation of Practices of the California Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange, Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, LLC, Dynegy Power Marketing, Inc., Portland General Electric Company, Reliant Energy Services, Inc., Mirant California, LLC, Mirant Delta, LLC and Mirant Potrero, LLC, Williams Energy Services Corporation; Notice of Proxy Price for February Wholesale Transactions in the California Wholesale Electric Market

March 16, 2001.

On March 9, 2001, the Commission issued an order establishing a proxy market clearing price approach to estimate total potential refunds or offsets in the ISO and PX markets during January through April 2001.¹ The Commission directed the Director of the Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates to issue a notice of the proxy market clearing price for the month of February. For the month of February, 2001, the proxy price is estimated to result in approximately \$55 million of total potential refunds or offsets by public utility sellers. These refunds are based on a proxy market clearing price of \$430/MWh.

Following the methodology established by the March 9 order, the proxy price for February is based on:

(1) a combustion turbine with a heat rate of 18,073/Btu/kWh as reported in the three California investor-owned utilities' 1998 FERC Form No. 1;

(2) the average reported midpoint natural gas price for "Southern California Gas Company large package" transactions as reported in Financial Times Energy's "Gas Daily" publication. This price increased 53 percent from January to February 2001 from \$12.50/mmBtu to \$19.11/mmBtu;

¹ 94 FERC ¶ 61,245 (The California PX suspended operations at the end of January 2001.)

(3) the average NO_x allowance costs from the Southern California Air Quality Management District NO_x Auction as reported by Cantor Fitzgerald Environmental Brokerage Services. This cost increased 85 percent from January to February 2001 from \$22.50/lb. to \$41.72/lb.;

(4) an average NO_x emissions rate of 2 lbs./MWh as reported by public utility sellers; and

(5) variable O&M costs of \$2/MWh as reported by public utility sellers.

The Attachment contains a list of the parties having transactions with the California Independent System Operator during stage 3 hours to which the proxy price applies and the estimated potential refund obligation for each public utility seller. Any final resolution of the amount of refunds that may be due will be determined pursuant to the procedures established by the Commission's March 9, 2001 order in these dockets.

The identified public utility sellers should refer to the Commission's March 9, 2001 Order for a description of procedures and filing requirements.

Daniel L. Larcamp,
Director, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates.

Attachment

Transaction information filed by the California Independent System Operator (ISO) is used to identify transactions at prices in excess of the \$430/MWh proxy clearing price and to estimate potential refunds. The following is a list of the number of transactions reported by the ISO with a price greater than \$430/MWh made during hours in which the ISO called a Stage 3 Emergency and the potential refunds. Since the ISO reported energy transactions in 10 minute increments, sellers may find that the number of transactions listed below is significantly higher than the number of hourly transactions they reported to the Commission.

Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, LLC

[Docket No. ER01-1448-001]

ISO Energy: 20 transactions with a refund potential of \$2,107,289

Dynegy Power Marketing Inc.

[Docket No. ER01-1449-001]

ISO Ancillary Services: 328 transaction with a refund potential of \$3,235,208
ISO Energy: 2,723 transactions with a refund potential of \$20,119,616

Portland General Electric Company

[Docket No. ER01-1451-001]

ISO Out-of-Market: 23 transactions with a refund potential of \$73,600

Reliant Energy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER01-1453-001]

ISO Energy: 770 transactions with a refund potential of \$7,440,999

Mirant California, LLC, Mirant Delta, LLC and Mirant Potrero, LLC

[Docket No. ER101-1455-001]

ISO Energy: 286 transactions with a refund potential of \$826,111

Williams Energy Services Corporation

[Docket No. ER01-1456-001]

ISO Energy: 7,054 transactions with a refund potential of \$21,564,636

Filings regarding the February transactions addressed by this notice should reference the company specific docket numbers listed above.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-102-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

March 16, 2001.

Take notice that on March 9, 2001, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas, 77251, and Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), 1900 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, 35203, (collectively referred to as Applicants) filed in Docket No. CP01-102-000 an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and Subpart F of the Regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) thereunder, for permission and approval to abandon the transportation and exchange of natural gas provided under Southern's Rate Schedule X-66 and Transco's Rate Schedule X-250, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Applicants state that they have not transported or exchanged gas pursuant to these Rate Schedules since 1991. Applicants assert that they do not propose to abandon any facility pursuant to the authorization sought herein and that no service to any of their

customers will be affected by the abandonment authorization requested herein. Further, Applicants assert there is no outstanding imbalance due any party.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 6, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a petition 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 the proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a petition to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules. Any questions regarding this application for Transco should be directed to Mr. Randall R. Conklin, General Counsel, P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 7725-1396 at (713) 215-2000, and the contact person regarding this application for Southern is Ms. Sandra W. Murvin, Senior Counsel, P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama, 35202-2563 at (205) 325-3859.

Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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 on this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, and if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its 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