

For the National Nuclear Security Administration.

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Director, Office of Nonproliferation Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-167-B]

Application to Export Electric Energy; PG&E Energy Trading—Power, L.P.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: PG&E Energy Trading—Power, L.P. (“PGET-Power”) has applied for renewal of its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before November 29, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import/Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosalind Carter (Program Office) 202-586-7983 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On February 25, 1998, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized PGET-Power to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico using the international electric transmission facilities of San Diego Gas & Electric Company, El Paso Electric Company, Central Power and Light Company, and Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national electric utility of Mexico. That two-year authorization was renewed on February 25, 2000, in Docket EA-167-A and will expire on February 23, 2002. On October 1, 2001, PGET-Power filed an application with FE for renewal of this export authority and requested that the order be issued for a 2-year term.

Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to

intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with sections 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC’s Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the PG&E Energy Trading—Power, L.P. application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA-167-B. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Christopher A. Wilson, Assistant General Counsel, PG&E Energy Trading—Power, L.P., 7500 Old Georgetown Rd., Suite 1300, Bethesda, MD 20914-6161 and Ms. Sarah Barpoulis, Senior Vice President, PG&E Energy Trading—Power, L.P., 7500 Old Georgetown Rd., Suite 1300, Bethesda, MD 20814-6161.

DOE notes that the circumstances described in this application are virtually identical to those for which export authority had previously been granted in FE Order EA-179. Consequently, DOE believes that it has adequately satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 through the documentation of a categorical exclusion in the FE Docket EA-167 proceeding.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy homepage at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy homepage, select “Electricity Regulation”, then “Pending Proceedings” from the options menus.

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Anthony J. Como,

Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Import/Export, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Solicitation for Expressions of Interest; Low-Cost Prototype Inverters

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for participation in competition to create low-cost inverters.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), in partnership with the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

(IEEE), and other sponsors announces an opportunity for qualified colleges and university engineering programs to submit proposals to compete for a cash prize in a contest to build prototype, low-cost inverters. The contest is titled the 2003 Future Energy Challenge. This competition is open to schools with ABET-accredited engineering programs or the equivalent.

DATES: The due date for receipt of application requirements is November 30, 2001. Schools selected to compete in the 2001 Future Energy Challenge will be notified by January 1, 2002. The competition will be scheduled for the 2002 calendar year. Awards will be presented during Engineers Week in February 2003.

ADDRESSES: Additional information on this competition and application requirements are posted at <http://www.energychallenge.org>. The application requirements package will also provide information on how you might qualify for seed money from other sponsors. (**NOTE:** The agency or organization providing the seed money will solicit and evaluate the application requirements for seed funding, not DOE.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 2003 Future Energy Challenge seeks to dramatically improve the design and reduce the cost of DC-AC inverters and interface systems for use in distributed generation systems. DOE is joining with NASEO, and possibly others, to sponsor this competition with the goal of making these interface systems practical and cost effective. The objectives are to design elegant, manufacturable systems that would reduce the costs of commercial interface systems to \$40 per kilowatt or less and, thereby, accelerate the deployment of distributed generation systems in homes and buildings. Schools with the capability to undertake the challenging task of designing complete systems or modifying commercial inverters to achieve design and manufacturability improvements that lead to achievement of the target cost reductions or better are invited to submit proposals to DOE to compete. A full prototype is sought that leads to a comprehensive hardware system. Schools should plan to form multi-disciplinary teams to address the energy source characteristics, design the power electronics, design packaging and thermal management systems, develop filtering and other interface sub-systems, analyze process costs and manufacturability, and perform economic and life-cycle cost analyses. The hardware prototypes judged as best will be tested by fuel cell

manufacturers, at DOE's National Energy Technology Center as interfaces for a fuel cell source. The school with the most cost-effective, fully functional design that can meet the aggressive cost target will win a prize of at least \$50,000. Proposals will be judged by a distinguished panel of experts from the IEEE.

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Robert S. Kripowicz,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-110-002]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

October 24, 2001.

Take notice that on September 17, 2001, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed Sixty-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1 to Northern's FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 2, to reflect the correct pagination to Sheet No. 1. Further, Sheet No. 1 has been updated to reflect the currently effective Table of Contents. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before November 14, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 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. 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 under "e-Filing" link.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC02-2-000, et al.]

Commonwealth Atlantic Limited Partnership, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

October 23, 2001.

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

1. Commonwealth Atlantic Limited Partnership and Commonwealth Atlantic Power LLC

[Docket Nos. EC02-2-000, ER91-215-001 and ER90-24-002]

Take notice that on October 17, 2001, Commonwealth Atlantic Limited Partnership and Commonwealth Atlantic Power LLC filed the last page of Mr. Heironymus' affidavit that was inadvertently excluded from his affidavit in Attachment 3 of the Application filed on October 9, 2001.

Comment date: November 5, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Rockland Electric Company and PJM Interconnection L.L.C.

[Docket Nos. EC02-7-000 and ER02-109-000]

Take notice that on October 17, 2001 Rockland Electric Company and PJM Interconnection, LLC (collectively, Applicants) tendered for filing a Joint Application for Approval of Transfer of Operational Control over Jurisdictional Facilities and Acceptance for Filing of Tariff Revisions, Executed Signature Pages, and Membership Agreement under sections 203 and 205 of the Federal Power Act. In addition, Applicants filed a correction to Page 4 of the Application on October 18, 2001.

Rockland requests approval of the transfer by November 30, 2001, and PJM seeks an effective date of February 1, 2002 for the tariff revisions, the executed signature pages, and the Membership Agreement.

Comment date: November 7, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. American Transmission Systems, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-110-000]

Take notice that on October 16, 2001, American Transmission Systems, Inc. filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a Service Agreement to provide Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service for CMS Marketing, Services and Trading Company, the Transmission Customer. Services are being provided under the American Transmission Systems, Inc. Open Access Transmission Tariff submitted for filing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Docket No. ER99-2647-000. The proposed effective date under the Service Agreement is October 1, 2001 for the above mentioned Service Agreement in this filing.

Comment date: November 6, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-111-000]

Take notice that on October 16, 2001, the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (the Midwest ISO) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) proposed revisions to the Midwest ISO Open Access Transmission tariff (OATT), FERC Electric Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1.

The Midwest ISO has electronically served copies of its filing, with attachments, upon all Midwest ISO Members, Member representatives of Transmission Owners, and Non-transmission Owners, the Midwest ISO Advisory Committee participants, Policy Subcommittee participants, as well as all state commissions within the region. In addition, the filing has been electronically posted on the Midwest ISO's website at www.midwestiso.org under the heading "FERC Filings" for other interested parties in this matter.

Comment date: November 6, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. Mid-Continent Area Power Pool

[Docket No. ER02-112-000]

Take notice that on October 16, 2001, the Mid-Continent Area Power Pool, on behalf of its public utility members, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) transmission service agreements for non-firm and short-term firm service with MAPP members.