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David P. Boergers,
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. MT99-10-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

April 20, 1999.

Take notice that on April 14, 1999, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, Fifth Revised Sheet No. 401, with an effective date of May 14, 1999.

Tennessee states that the tariff sheet updates the name of the operating personnel that Tennessee shares with its marketing affiliates and deletes an outdated reference to Tenneco Gas.

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).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-290-002]

Viking Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Filing

April 20, 1999.

Take notice that on April 15, 1999, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking) tendered for filing a Motion To Place Settlement Rates into Effect on an Interim Basis Subject To Conditions (Motion) and tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective January 1, 1999 subject to the conditions set forth in Viking's Motion:

Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 6
Ninth Revised Sheet No. 6A

Viking states that the purpose of this filing is to place the Settlement Rates into effect on an interim basis subject to certain conditions in accordance with the Offer of Settlement filed in this proceeding on March 16, 1999 and certified to the Commission as uncontested on April 7, 1999.

Viking states that copies of this filing have been served on all parties designated on the official service list in this proceeding, on all Viking's jurisdictional customers and to affected state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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. 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).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-2284-004, et al.]

MEG Marketing, LLC, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

April 19, 1999.

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

1. MEG Marketing, LLC

[Docket No. ER98-2284-004]

Take notice that on April 14, 1999, MEG Marketing, LLC (MEG), tendered for filing a proposed change in its market-based rate schedule to permit MEG to sell energy and capacity to affiliates that are not franchised electric utilities and to provide for the reassignment of transmission capacity. MEG also filed a copy of its Code of Conduct, which was adopted prior to the recent acquisition of an indirect interest in MEG by Sempra Energy Trading Corp., and affiliate San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

Comment date: May 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. New Century Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER99-1610-001]

Take notice that on April 14, 1999, New Century Services, Inc., on behalf of Public Service Company of Colorado, Southwestern Public Service Company, and e prime, inc., tendered for filing a compliance filing in response to the Commission's Order Granting Waiver of Notice, Denying Motion to Reject, Rejecting Answers, and Conditionally Accepting for Filing Tariffs for Market-Based Power Sales issued on March 30, 1999 in this docket.

Comment date: May 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Mt. Wheeler Power, Inc.

[Docket No. ER99-2483-000]

Take notice that on April 13, 1999, Mt. Wheeler Power, Inc. (Mt. Wheeler), tendered for filing an Application for Acceptance of Initial Rate Filing and Waiver of Notice Requirement for an Excess Power Sales Agreement, as amended, under which Mt. Wheeler provides energy at wholesale to the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena, California, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Mt. Wheeler is a non-profit distribution cooperative that retired its outstanding Rural Utilities Service debt on September 25, 1997.

Mt. Wheeler seeks Commission acceptance of its Excess Power Sales Agreement, as amended, effective September 25, 1997. Mt. Wheeler seeks no changes in the rates, charges, terms or conditions of the Excess Power Sales Agreement, as amended. Accordingly, Mt. Wheeler seeks a waiver pursuant to 18 CFR 35.11 of the 60-day prior notice requirement of 18 CFR 35.3.

Comment date: May 3, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. Flowell Electric Association

[Docket No. ER99-2484-000]

Take notice that on April 13, 1999, Flowell Electric Association (Flowell), tendered for filing an Application for Acceptance of Initial Rate Filing and Waiver of Notice Requirement for an Excess Power Sales Agreement, as amended, under which Flowell provides energy at wholesale to the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena, California, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Flowell is a non-profit distribution cooperative that retired its outstanding Rural Utilities Service debt on October 16, 1996.

Flowell seeks Commission acceptance of its Excess Power Sales Agreement, as amended, effective October 16, 1996. Flowell seeks no changes in the rates, charges, terms or conditions of the Excess Power Sales Agreement, as amended. Accordingly, Flowell seeks a waiver pursuant to 18 CFR 35.11 of the 60-day prior notice requirement of 18 CFR 35.3.

Comment date: May 3, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. UtiliCorp United Inc.

[Docket No. ER99-2485-000]

Take notice that on April 14, 1999, UtiliCorp United Inc., tendered for filing, a Service Agreement under its Market-Based Power Sales Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 28, with St. Joseph Power & Light Company. The Service Agreement provides for the sale of capacity and energy by UtiliCorp United Inc., to St. Joseph Power & Light Company pursuant to the tariff.

UtiliCorp requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations to permit the Service Agreement to become effective in accordance with its terms.

Comment date: May 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Moon Lake Electric Association

[Docket No. ER99-2486-000]

Take notice that on April 13, 1999, Moon Lake Electric Association (Moon

Lake), tendered for filing an Application for Acceptance of Initial Rate Filing and Waiver of Notice Requirement for an Excess Power Sales Agreement, as amended, under which Moon Lake provides energy at wholesale to the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena, California, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Moon Lake is a non-profit distribution cooperative that retired its outstanding Rural Utilities Service debt on October 16, 1996.

Moon Lake seeks Commission acceptance of its Excess Power Sales Agreement, as amended, effective October 16, 1996. Moon Lake seeks no changes in the rates, charges, terms or conditions of the Excess Power Sales Agreement, as amended. Accordingly, Moon Lake seeks a waiver pursuant to 18 CFR 35.11 of the 60-day prior notice requirement of 18 CFR 35.3.

Comment date: May 3, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Dixie-Escalante Rural Electric Association

[Docket No. ER99-2487-000]

Take notice that on April 13, 1999, Dixie-Escalante Rural Electric Association (Dixie-Escalante), tendered for filing an Application for Acceptance of Initial Rate Filing and Waiver of Notice Requirement for an Excess Power Sales Agreement, as amended, under which Dixie-Escalante provides energy at wholesale to the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena, California, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Dixie-Escalante is a non-profit distribution cooperative that retired its outstanding Rural Utilities Service debt on October 16, 1996.

Dixie-Escalante seeks Commission acceptance of its Excess Power Sales Agreement, as amended, effective October 16, 1996. Dixie-Escalante seeks no changes in the rates, charges, terms or conditions of the Excess Power Sales Agreement, as amended. Accordingly, Dixie-Escalante seeks a waiver pursuant to 18 CFR 35.11 of the 60-day prior notice requirement of 18 CFR 35.3.

Comment date: May 3, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Bridger Valley Electric Association

[Docket No. ER99-2488-000]

Take notice that on April 13, 1999, Bridger Valley Electric Association (Bridger Valley), tendered for filing an Application for Acceptance of Initial Rate Filing and Waiver of Notice Requirement for an Excess Power Sales Agreement, as amended, under which

Bridger Valley provides energy at wholesale to the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena, California, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Bridger Valley is a non-profit distribution cooperative that retired its outstanding Rural Utilities Service debt on January 31, 1997.

Bridger Valley seeks Commission acceptance of its Excess Power Sales Agreement, as amended, effective January 31, 1997. Bridger Valley seeks no changes in the rates, charges, terms or conditions of the Excess Power Sales Agreement, as amended. Accordingly, Bridger Valley seeks a waiver pursuant to 18 CFR 35.11 of the 60-day prior notice requirement of 18 CFR 35.3.

Comment date: May 3, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. Green Mountain Energy Resources L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER99-2489-000]

Take notice that on April 14, 1999, Green Mountain Energy Resources L.L.C. (Green Mountain Energy), petitioned the Commission for acceptance of Green Mountain Energy Rate Schedule FERC No. 1; the granting of certain blanket approvals, including the authority to sell electricity at market-based rates; and the waiver of certain Commission Regulations.

Green Mountain Energy intends to engage in wholesale electric power and Energy purchases and sales as a marketer. Green Mountain Energy is not in the business of generating or transmitting electric power. Green Mountain Energy is involved in electric Energy marketing, with its primary purpose of serving Energy customers in the developing "green" power markets.

Comment date: May 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. PECO Energy Company

[Docket No. ER99-2490-000]

Take notice that on April 14, 1999, PECO Energy Company (PECO), tendered for filing a Service Agreement dated October 7, 1998 with PSEG Energy Technologies, Inc. (PSEG ET), under PECO's FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 1 (Tariff). The Service Agreement adds PSEG ET as a customer under the Tariff.

PECO requests an effective date of April 13, 1999, for the Service Agreement.

PECO states that copies of this filing have been supplied to PSEG ET and to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Comment date: May 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. MidAmerican Energy Company

[Docket No. ER99-2492-000]

Take notice that on April 14, 1999, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), 666 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, tendered for filing with the Commission a Non-Firm Transmission Service Agreement with Cordova Energy Company LLC, dated April 5, 1999, entered into pursuant to MidAmerican's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

MidAmerican requests an effective date of April 5, 1999, for the Agreement with Cordova, and accordingly seeks a waiver of the Commission's notice requirement.

MidAmerican has served a copy of the filing on Cordova, the Iowa Utilities Board, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

Comment date: May 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. PacifiCorp

[Docket No. ER99-2493-000]

Take notice that on April 14, 1999, PacifiCorp tendered for filing in accordance with 18 CFR 35 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, the Generation Interconnection Agreement between PacifiCorp and Foote Creek III, LLC (Foot Creek III) dated March 24, 1999.

Copies of this filing were supplied to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and the Public Utility Commission of Oregon.

Comment date: May 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Southern California Edison Company

[Docket No. ER99-2495-000]

Take notice that on April 14, 1999, Southern California Edison Company (SCE), tendered for filing executed Service Agreements for Wholesale Distribution Service with Mountainview Power Company and Riverside Canal Power Company under SCE's Wholesale Distribution Access Tariff.

SCE respectfully requests waiver of the 60-day prior notice requirements and requests the Commission to assign an effective date of April 20, 1999, to the Service Agreements and the index of subscribers.

Copies of this filing were served upon the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California and all interested parties.

Comment date: May 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER99-2496-000]

Take notice that on April 14, 1999, Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company (SIGECO), tendered for filing the following agreement concerning the provision of electric service to DukeSolutions, Inc., as a umbrella service agreement under its market-based Wholesale Power Sales Tariff:

1. Wholesale Energy Service Agreement dated March 12, 1999 by and between Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company and DukeSolutions, Inc.

Comment date: May 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Consumers Energy Company

[Docket No. ER99-2497-000]

Take notice that on April 14, 1999, Consumers Energy Company (Consumers), tendered for filing executed service agreements for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service and Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service with PG&E Energy Trading and for Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service with Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation.

All three agreements are pursuant to the Joint Open Access Transmission Service Tariff filed on December 31, 1996 by Consumers and The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison) and have effective dates of April 12, 1999.

Copies of the filing were served upon the Michigan Public Service Commission, Detroit Edison and the two customers listed above.

Comment date: May 5, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. New York State Electric & Gas Corporation

[Docket No. ER99-2498-000]

Take notice that on April 14, 1999, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG), tendered for filing executed Network Service and Network Operating Agreements between NYSEG and Central Hudson Enterprises Inc. These Agreements specify that the Transmission Customer has agreed to the rates, terms and conditions of NYSEG's currently effective open access transmission tariff and other revisions to the OATT applicable to all customers who take service under its retail access program.

NYSEG requests waiver of the Commission's 60-day notice

requirements and an effective date of the Agreements of one day after receipt of the filing of the agreements with the Commission.

NYSEG has served copies of the filing on the New York State Public Service Commission and the Transmission Customer.

Comment date: May 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) and Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin)

[Docket No. ER99-2499-000]

Take notice that on April 14, 1999, Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) and Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin) (jointly NSP), tendered for filing a Non-Firm and a Short-Term Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement between NSP and The Energy Authority.

NSP requests that the Commission accept both the agreements effective March 24, 1999, and requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements in order for the agreements to be accepted for filing on the date requested.

Comment date: May 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. Commonwealth Edison Company

[Docket No. ER99-2501-000]

Take notice that on April 14, 1999, Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd), tendered for filing a revised Index of Customers reflecting name changes for current customers AIG Trading Corporation, renamed Sempra Energy Trading Corp. (SETC); Vastar Power Marketing, Inc., renamed Southern Company Energy Marketing L.P. (SCEM); Duke/Louis Dreyfus L.L.C., renamed Duke Energy Trading and Marketing, L.L.C. (DETM); Heartland Energy Services, Inc., renamed Cargill-Alliant, L.L.C. (CALT); Market Responsive Energy, Inc., renamed First Energy Trading & Power Marketing, Inc. (FETM); Noram Energy Services, renamed Reliant Energy Services, Inc. (RESI); Catex Vitol Electric L.L.C., renamed Vitol Gas & Electric L.L.C. (VGE); and Plum Street Marketing, Inc., renamed Niagara Mohawk Energy Marketing, Inc. (NME). The new names are now reflected as customers under the terms of ComEd's under the terms of ComEd's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).

ComEd requests an effective date of April 13, 1999, and accordingly, seeks waiver of the Commission's notice requirements.

Copies of this filing were served on SETC, SCEM, DETM, CALT, FETM, RESI, VGE and NME.

Comment date: May 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-191-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Elk River Loop '99 Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

April 13, 1999.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Elk River Loop '99 Project involving the construction and operation of facilities by Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) in Anoka and Sherburne Counties, Minnesota.¹ These facilities would consist of about 15 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline loop. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making

process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity. The application and other supplemental filings in this docket are available for viewing on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.fed.us). Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions.

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

Northern wants to construct and operate 15 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline and appurtenances, to loop the Elk River Branch in Anoka and Sherburne Counties, Minnesota. Northern states that the facilities would allow it to meet third through fifth year Peak Day 2000 firm obligations to Minnegasco, a Division of NorAm Energy Corporation, and to Northern States Power Company—Minnesota.

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

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 192.5 acres of land including 132.4 acres of existing permanent right-of-way (ROW), and 60.1 acres of temporary construction ROW for extra work spaces and storage yards. The new 16-inch pipeline would typically be offset 20 feet from the existing 6-inch to 8-inch-diameter Elk

River Branchline. Northern states that it has existing multiple-line rights with defined and blanket easements for greater than 99 percent of the proposed route, but it would need to acquire new ROW for the loop where it currently has only a single pipeline easement, and/or in areas where it needs temporary extra workspace outside of the existing ROW. Northern proposes to use a 75-foot-wide construction ROW measured from the centerline of its Elk River Branchline on either the north or south side, depending on the location along the route. Extra workspaces would also be used that typically range from 25 by 100 feet to 225 by 300 feet along the ROW. Most of the extra workspaces are located near road and stream crossings.

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
- Public safety
- Land use
- Cultural resources
- Endangered and threatened species

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

¹ Northern's application was filed with the Commission under Section 157.208(b) of the Natural Gas Act, but was protested by the Commission's staff and others, and will convert to a Section 7(c) filing on April 26, 1999.

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, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.