

equivalent individual) under whom this acquisition program falls, who is encouraged to include significant participation from individuals outside the acquisition program office. The review panel will—

(a) Where feasible, use the Insertion Plans developed in other, competitive acquisitions as a benchmark for assessing the sole-source offeror's Innovation Plan; and

(b) Provide specific recommendations to the acquisition program manager and the contracting officer on whether and how the offeror's Insertion Plan should be improved before it is included in the contract.

The reviewers' recommendations and the extent to which they are implemented in the contract, will be included in the Challenge program's report to the USD(AT&L).

(C) For the firm that is selected for contract award, include as requirements of the contract (i) the firm's Innovative Technology Insertion Plan, and (ii) the items listed in Section III of the solicitation provision above. The acquisition program office is particularly encouraged to work with the contractor to include in the contract significant positive incentives for successful implementation of the Insertion Plan, as discussed in Section III (C) of the solicitation provision.

(D) If, after contract award, the contractor proposes, through written notification (per Section III (D) of the solicitation provision), to undertake actions that may be incompatible with its Insertion Plan, such actions are subject to government review and approval through the following process.

(a) The acquisition program office, after consultation with the Office of the USD(AT&L) (POC: Jon Baron, OUSD(AT&L)/SADBU, tel. 703/588-8636, fax 703/588-7561, email baronj@acq.osd.mil), will make an initial determination of whether the proposed action potentially represents a non-trivial deviation from the letter or intent of the Insertion Plan contract.

(b) If such a determination is made, the proposed action will be subject to an independent review by a panel (i) appointed by the Program Executive Officer (or equivalent individual) under whom this acquisition program falls, and (ii) consisting of individuals outside the acquisition program office. The contractor will be asked to show that conditions have significantly changed since the contract was awarded, such that there are substantial and compelling reasons why the potential supplier base cannot now adequately meet the requirement. The contractor's proposed action and rationale will be

publicly released for comment by potential suppliers and others. Based on such inputs and the criterion described above, the reviewers will make a formal recommendation to the acquisition program manager and the contracting officer on whether to approve or disapprove the proposed action. The reviewers' recommendation, and the contracting officer's resulting action, will be included in the Challenge program's report to the USD(AT&L).

Dated: April 4, 2000.

Patricia L. Toppings.

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Inventions for Licensing; Government-Owned Inventions

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/296,802 entitled "An Interactive Communication System Permitting Increased Collaboration Between Users", filing date: April 23, 1999, Navy Case No. 78947.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/296,746 entitled "Computer Software for Converting A General Purpose Computer Network Into An Interactive Communications System", filing date: April 23, 1999, Navy Case No. 79258.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/296,757 entitled "A Method for Facilitating Collaborative Development Efforts Between Widely Dispersed Users", filing date: April 23, 1999, Navy Case No. 79259.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patent applications cited should be directed to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Laboratory, Code CD222, 17320 Dahlgren Road, Building 183, Room 015, Dahlgren, VA 22448-5100, and must include the Navy Case number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James B. Bechtel, Patent Counsel, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Laboratory, Code CD222, 17320 Dahlgren Road, Building 183, Room

015, Dahlgren, VA 22448-5100, telephone (540)-653-8061.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404).

Dated: March 28, 2000.

J.L. Roth,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-176-015]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Proposed Change in FERC Gas Tariff

April 6, 2000.

Take notice that on April 3, 2000, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing to be a part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, Original Sheet No. 261, to be effective April 1, 2000.

Natural states that the purpose of this filing is to implement a negotiated rate transaction with Duke Energy Trading and Marketing Services, L.L.C. (Duke) under Rate Schedules FTS pursuant to Section 49 of the General Terms and Conditions of Natural's Tariff. Natural states that it has filed by a separate filing the executed negotiated rate agreement between Natural and Duke.

Natural requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations to the extent necessary to permit Original Sheet No. 261 to become effective April 1, 2000.

Natural states that copies of the filing are being mailed to its customers, interested state commissions and all parties set out on the Commission's official service list in Docket No. RP99-176.

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).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL00-63-000]

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Complainant v. New York, Independent System Operator, Respondent; Notice of Filing

April 6, 2000.

Take notice that on March 31, 2000, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) submitted a Complaint pursuant to Section 206 of the Federal Power Act against the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO). The Complainant seeks to correct the NYISO tariff and market implementation flaws associated with operating reserves and to compel the NYISO to use Temporary Extraordinary Procedures (TEP).

Copies of the filing were served upon the NYISO and other interested parties.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this 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 must be filed on or before April 13, 2000. 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 this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222) for assistance. Answers to the complaint shall also be due on or before April 13, 2000.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-241-000]

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California v. El Paso Natural Gas Company, El Paso Merchant Energy-Gas, L.P., and El Paso Merchant Energy Company; Notice of Complaint

April 6, 2000.

Take notice that on April 4, 2000, pursuant to Rule 206 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206, and Section 5 of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. 717d, the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CPUC) filed a Complaint against El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) and its marketing affiliates, El Paso Merchant Energy-Gas, L.P. and El Paso Merchant Energy Company (collectively El Paso Merchant), challenging the justness and reasonableness and anti-competitive effects of three contracts between El Paso and El Paso Merchant (dated February 15-17, 2000) in which El Paso Merchant acquired approximately 1220 MMcf/d of firm capacity rights on El Paso to the California border. The CPUC's Complaint further raises affiliate abuse issues relating to El Paso Merchant's acquisition and use of these capacity rights on El Paso.

The CPUC specifically requests that the Commission issue an order terminating El Paso's contracts with El Paso Merchant, or, at a minimum, that the Commission require El Paso Merchant to release on a short-term basis any unused firm transportation rights under these contracts. In addition, the CPUC requests that the Commission order El Paso to delete restrictions (under one of the contracts) on the recallability of Block II capacity rights.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this 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 385.214). All such motions or protests must be filed on or before April 24, 2000. 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 this filing are on file with the Commission and are

available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222) for assistance. Answers to the complaint shall also be due on or before April 24, 2000.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. No. RP97-408-011]

Trailblazer Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

April 6, 2000.

Take notice that on March 31, 2000, Trailblazer Pipeline Company (Trailblazer) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, certain tariff sheets to be effective April 1, 2000.

Trailblazer states that the purpose of this filing is to implement base rates and tariff provisions reflected in its Amended Stipulation and Agreement (Settlement) in Docket No. RP97-408. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) approved the Settlement in its orders issued April 28, 1999 and August 3, 1999. The presiding Administrative Law Judge has terminated the proceeding.

Trailblazer requests waivers of the Commission's Regulations to the extent necessary to permit the tariff sheets submitted to become effective April 1, 2000.

Trailblazer states that copies of the filing are being mailed to its customers and interested state regulatory agencies.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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/>