

LSS and Section 3 of Transco's Rate Schedule GSS.

Transco states that on May 13, 1996, it refunded \$290,545.53 to its LSS and GSS customers. The refund was due Transco's customers from a CNG Transmission Corporation refund in Docket Nos. RP94-96 and RP94-213 (consolidated) for the period July 1, 1994 through December 31, 1995.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said 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 214 and 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 and 385.211). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before June 6, 1996. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 2482-021]

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

May 30, 1996.

A draft environmental assessment (DEA) is available for public review. The DEA was prepared for an application filed by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (licensee) to remove polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from lands within the boundary of the Hudson River Hydroelectric Project. The licensee proposes to remove PCBs at the Queensbury site in accordance with a record of decision issued March 1995 by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. In summary, the licensee proposes to excavate and remove all surface soil (1 foot from surface) on the upland portion of the site with total PCB concentrations in excess of 1 ppm and subsurface soil with concentrations in excess of 10 ppm. Further, the licensee proposes to excavate and remove to a depth of 2 feet near-shore sediments. The Queensbury site is located on Corinth Road, Town of Queensbury, Warren County, New York, on the north bank of the Hudson River, about 5 miles west of Glens Falls, New York.

The DEA finds that the licensee's remediation plan is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The DEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the DEA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371.

Comments on the DEA must be filed with the Commission within 30 days from the date of this notice. Comments should be addressed to: Ms. Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please include the project number (2482-021) on any comments filed.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 459-081 Missouri]

Union Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

May 30, 1996.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47910), the Office of Hydropower Licensing (OHL) reviewed an application requesting approval of the dredging management plan. Approval of the plan would give the licensee permission to issue permits for small excavation activities at the Osage Project, without obtaining prior Commission approval for each specific activity. Specifically, the dredging management plan would allow permits to be issued for non-project dredging activities involving up to 500 cubic yards (cy) of material. All proposals to remove more than 500 cy would be outside the scope of the plan and would require individual Commission approval. The intent of the plan is to allow the licensee to issue permits for minor activities requiring dredging, including the installation and repair of seawalls and construction of boat docks and similar minor facilities. Permits would not be issued without prior authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The excavation activities associated with the dredging management plan will occur on project lands in Benton, Camden, Miller, and Morgan Counties, Missouri. The Lake of the Ozarks is the reservoir for the Osage Project and is located on the Osage River. The staff prepared an

Environmental Assessment (EA) for the action. In the EA, staff concludes that approval of the dredging management plan would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-541-000]

Southern Natural Gas Company, Notice of Application

May 30, 1996.

Take notice that on May 24, 1996, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), Post Office Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in Docket No. CP96-541-000 an application, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for authorization to construct, install, modify, and operate certain pipeline loops, compressors, and appurtenant facilities to permit increased firm transportation services in Southern's Zone 3 market area, and for permission to roll in the costs attributable to those facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Southern states that it has undertaken an intensive effort to serve new markets that can be attached economically to its system and to develop markets already attached to its system. It is indicated that, as part of this effort, and in response to inquiries received by Southern concerning the availability of capacity in its Zone 3 market area (Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee), Southern conducted an open season in mid-1995 to determine whether there was sufficient demand for transportation service to support an expansion of its system. It is also indicated that, as a result of this open season and discussions with interested customers, Southern received requests for long-term transportation service from the following Zone 3 customers:

Customer	Mcf/day
Engelhard Corporation	2,250
Kemira Pigments, Inc.	18,000
Power Silicates Corporation	600
Savannah Energy Corporation	200
Domtar Gypsum	3,090

Customer	Mcf/day
City of Wrens, Georgia	2,200
Armstrong World Industries, Inc.	3,500
Southeast Paper Manufacturing Co.	9,540
Calsilite Manufacturing Cor- poration	500
Knoxville Utilities Board	5,000
Riverwood International Cor- poration	1,000
.....	45,880

Southern states that each of the above shippers has executed a service agreement under Rate Schedule FT with a primary term of 10 years.

To provide the requested service, Southern proposes to construct, install, modify and operate pipeline and compression facilities. More specifically, Southern proposes to construct (1) approximately 4.6 miles of 30-inch South Main 2nd Loop Line in Crawford and Monroe Counties, Georgia; (2) approximately 5.1 miles of 16-inch Brunswick Loop Line in Jones and Twiggs County, Georgia; (3) approximately 5.9 miles of 30-inch South Main 3rd Loop Line in Lee County, Alabama; (4) approximately 7.3 miles of 24-inch 2nd North Main Loop Line in Pickens and Tuscaloosa Counties, Alabama; and (5) approximately 4.6 miles of 30-inch Franklinton-Gwinville 2nd Loop Line in Walthall, Lawrence, and Marion Counties, Mississippi. Southern also proposes to place back into operation and commence depreciating a 104.6-mile section of the 20-inch Wrens-Savannah Line in Jefferson, Burke, Jenkins, Screven, Effingham, and Chatham Counties, Georgia.

Southern also proposes to uprate a total of four turbine compressor engines at the Selma Compressor Station in Dallas County, Alabama and the Bay Springs Compressor Station, Jasper County, Mississippi. Southern proposes to rewheel the four Dresser-Rand compressors and to increase the 6,500 rated horsepower at an 80 degree ambient temperature at each of the four engines to 9,160 rated horsepower. Southern claims that this uprate would allow Southern to take advantage of the current physical capabilities of the engines at minimal cost.

Southern estimates a facilities cost of \$36,043,000, which would be financed initially through the use of short term financing, available cash from operations or use of both alternatives and ultimately from permanent financing.

Southern also requests that the Commission issue a predetermination that rolled-in rates are appropriate for the proposed facilities. In support of that request, Southern states that the proposed facilities will be physically and operationally integrated with existing facilities that serve Southern's current customers and that the new facilities will be used for the benefit of all shippers on Southern's system. Southern states that the estimated revenues generated from the proposed facilities will exceed the estimated cost of service from the facilities by \$440,000 during the first year of operation and \$13,500,000 during the 10-year primary term of the related service agreements.

Southern also claims that the facilities will provide system enhancements at seven distinct locations. Southern indicates that the looping and increased compression horsepower will improve system reliability for all shippers in the market area, most particularly on the South Main Line where the majority of the expansion facilities and load are located.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before June 20, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 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.

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 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 a grant of the certificate and permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 Southern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Western Area Power Administration

General Eligibility Criteria for the Proposed Allocation Procedures and Call for Applications, Post-2000 Resource Pool—Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Eastern Division

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of clarification, response to comments and Call for additional applications.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to respond to comments regarding Section III, General Allocation Criteria, Paragraph E and to clarify the Post 2000 Resource Pool Allocation Procedures in order to more fully fulfill the intent of the Energy Planning and Management Program (Program). All of the comments received concerning the use of Mid-Continent Area Power Pool (MAPP) data trends to adjust applicant load data in applying Post 1985 Marketing Criteria suggested that the Western Area Power Administration (Western) not do so. Therefore, Western is proposing to not use MAPP data trends to adjust the 1994-1995 load data in determining allocations for utility and nonutility applicants. These clarifications are intended to ensure all entities are provided an opportunity to apply for an allocation of the resource pool created by the Program. Any new applications, consisting of a letter of interest and Applicant Profile Data (APD), will be considered in accordance with the January 29, 1996, Federal Register Notice (61 FR 2817), as amended herein.

DATES: All written comments must be sent to the Upper Great Plains Acting Regional Manager so that they are received 30 days from date of publication. A letter of interest and APD must be sent by certified or return receipt requested U.S. mail to the Upper Great Plains Acting Regional Manager so that it is received 30 days from date of publication.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Western, a Federal power marketing agency of the Department of Energy, published on January 29, 1996, in the Federal Register (61 FR 2817), a notice of