

on two parts of its Mainline Area facilities referred to as the "Michigan Leg South" and the "Tieline". ANR proposes to extend its 42-inch Michigan Leg South loopline by adding: (1) 15.9 miles in a westerly direction from Milepost 820.2 near Joliet, Illinois; (2) 5.5 miles between Joliet, Illinois and its St. John, Indiana compressor station. Further, on its Tieline, ANR proposes to start a new 30-inch loopline which will parallel its existing 22-inch mainline and 24-inch loopline and consist of: (1) 16.0 miles immediately east of its Bridgman, Michigan compressor station and (2) 14.1 miles immediately west of its Defiance, Ohio compressor station.

In addition to these loopline facilities, ANR states that the proposed project requires: (1) The addition of 15,000 nominal horsepower at its Bridgman compressor station located in Berrien County, Michigan; (2) the modification of station yard piping at its Lagrange compressor station; (3) and the addition of aftercooling at its Defiance compressor station.

ANR requests a predetermination that the cost of these new facilities will be treated on a rolled-in basis in ANR's next rate case.

ANR is conducting an open season from April 2, 1997 through May 30, 1997. ANR intends to make the proposed expansion capacity available on a non-discriminatory basis to any shipper that has executed a transportation service agreement with ANR.

ANR estimates a construction cost of approximately \$124.8 million, which it will finance from internally generated funds. ANR plans to commence construction of the project by June 1, 1989, in order to meet a proposed November, 1989 in-service date.

ANR has submitted a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for the subject project and the companion Independence project in Docket No. CP97-315-000 to hire a third-party contractor to assist in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

With the exception of the RFP process, which may proceed, the Commission staff will defer all other processing of ANR's application until ANR advises the Commission of the results of the open season and demonstrates contract commitments in support of the project.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 30, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to 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 approval for the proposed application 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 ANR to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Temporary Suspension of Minimum Flow and Reservoir Elevation Requirements

April 9, 1997.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. Type of Application: Temporary Suspension of Minimum Flow and Reservoir Elevation Requirements.

b. Project No: 2466-017.

c. Dated Filed: March 26, 1997.

d. Applicant: Appalachian Power Company.

e. Name of Project: Niagara Hydroelectric Project.

f. Location: Roanoke River, Roanoke County, Virginia.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Frank Simms, American Electric Power, One Riverside Plaza, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 223-2918.

i. FERC Contact: Robert J. Fletcher, (202) 219-1206.

j. Comment Date: April 25, 1997.

k. Description of Proposed Action: Appalachian Power Company, licensee for the Niagara Project, requests approval to lower the reservoir surface elevation down six feet from its normal operating level of 885 feet NGVD and to suspend its 8 cfs minimum flow. The six-foot drawdown and suspension of the 8 cfs minimum flow would be for the duration of the construction period from July 1, 1997 through December 1997. Construction will encompass spillway stability improvements for the rehabilitation of the dam and spillway.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be

presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP91-151-001]

Arizona Corporation Commission, et al. v. El Paso Natural Gas Company, et al.; Notice of Technical/Settlement Conference

April 9, 1997.

Take notice that a technical/settlement conference will be convened in the above-captioned docket on May 7, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 1st Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Any party, as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant, as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend.

The purpose of the conference is to ascertain the current positions of the parties with respect to the issues in the above-captioned matters, and to discuss the severability of the civil penalty portion of the proceeding from the compliant proceeding. For additional information, contact Stuart Fischer or Robert Pease at (202) 208-1033.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. OA97-261-000 and ER97-1082-000]

Atlantic City Electric Company, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, Delmarva Power & Light Company, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, PECO Energy Company, Potomac Electric Power Company and Public Service Electric and Gas Company; Notice of Filing

April 9, 1997.

Take notice that on April 1, 1997, Atlantic City Electric Company,

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, Delmarva Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, PECO Energy Company, Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, Potomac Electric Company, and Public Service Electric and Gas Company filed the Operating agreement of the PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. to replace in its entirety the amended PJM Interconnection.

In addition, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. tendered for filing on April 4, 1997, Schedule 9.03 forms stating that Citizens Lehman Power Sales, Electric Clearinghouse, Inc., North American Energy Conservation, Inc., PanEnergy Trading and Market Services, L.L.C. USGen Power Services, L.P., Virginia Electric and Power Company and Vitol Gas & Electric have become additional signatories to the Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Maryland Interconnection Agreement.

Waiver of the Commission's notice requirements has been requested to permit an effective date of March 31, 1997. Copies have been served on the regulatory commissions of Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia, and on the parties to Docket Nos. OA97-261-000 and ER97-1082-000.

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 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 April 21, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not served 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP97-315-000, CP97-320-000, and CP97-321-000]

Independence Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

April 9, 1997.

Take notice that on March 31, 1997, Independence Pipeline Company (Independence), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed in Docket Nos. CP97-315-000, CP97-320-000, and CP97-321-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Parts 284 and 157 of the Commission's regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, own, and operate natural gas pipeline facilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, to provide open-access firm and interruptible transportation service through such facilities and to engage in certain routine activities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Independence states that it is a new company which seeks authorization to construct and operate a new large-diameter interstate pipeline to transport gas from western Ohio to central Pennsylvania. Independence is a partnership whose two general partners are ANR Independence Pipeline Company and Transco Independence Pipeline Company, affiliates of ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), respectively. It is indicated that the purpose of the project is to provide access to eastern markets for gas supplies from Canada and the western United States which will be transported to the Chicago area via several proposed pipeline projects. It is anticipated that transportation from the Chicago area to western terminus of the Independence pipeline will be provided on ANR's system. It is explained that ANR has filed a companion application in Docket No. CP97-319-000 to expand portions of its existing system between Chicago and western Ohio.

In Docket No. CP97-315-000, Independence requests authority to construct and operate approximately 370 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline extending from an interconnection with ANR near Defiance, Defiance County, Ohio to an interconnection with Transco's Leidy system at Leidy, Clinton County, Pennsylvania. The project will also include two 30,000 HP compressor stations located in Defiance