

and will be open to all interested persons.

The technical conference will be divided into two parts. The first part will consist of a panel focusing on technical aspects of the congestion pricing proposal submitted by the Supporting Companies Group. The first panel should be prepared to discuss, among other matters, the information filed in response to the March 28, 1997, letter from the Director, Division of Applications, of the Office of Electric Power Regulation, and the details of the Energy Accounting Example attached to the Supporting Companies Group December 31, 1996, compliance filing.

The second part will consist of a panel addressing conceptual and policy issues pertaining to the congestion pricing proposals of both the Supporting Companies Group and PECO Energy Company, including: (1) whether the proposals provide appropriate price signals; (2) whether the proposals will result in impermissible "And" pricing of transmission capacity; (3) whether the Supporting Companies Group locational energy pricing approach will be beneficial absent implementation of market-based pricing; and (4) whether the proposals provide appropriate incentives to expand transmission capacity in order to relieve transmission constraints.

Persons wishing to speak at the technical conference must submit a request to make a statement in Docket Nos. OA97-261-000 and ER97-1082-000. The request should clearly specify the name of the person desiring to speak and the party or parties the speaker represents. The request must also include a brief synopsis of the issue or issues the speaker wishes to address as well as the speaker's position on the issue or issues. All requests must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 on or before April 18, 1997. The Commission will issue a further notice listing the speakers and panels for the technical conference.

In addition, all interested persons are invited to submit written comments addressing topics discussed at the technical conference. (There is no need to reiterate comments that already have been made in pleadings filed in these dockets.) Comments must be received on or before April 25, 1997. The comments should be no longer than 25 pages in length, double spaced, on 8"x11" paper, with standard margins. Parties submitting comments must submit fourteen (14) written copies of their comments and also must submit two copies of the file on a computer

diskette, one in WordPerfect 6.1 format, and one in a DOS file in the ASCII format (with 1" margins and 10 characters per inch). The two computer files should be labeled (--WP and --.ACS) to avoid confusion. Comments must include a one page executive summary and must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and reference Docket Nos. OA97-261-000 and ER97-1082-000. All written comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and will be available for inspection or copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room during normal business hours. The Commission also will make all comments publicly available on its EBB.

#### Broadcast of Technical Conference

If there is sufficient interest, the Capitol Connection will broadcast the technical conference on May 9, 1997, to interested persons. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast for a fee should contact Shirley Al-Jarani at the Capitol Connection (703) 993-3100 no later than May 2, 1997.

In addition, National Narrowcast Network's Hearings-On-the-Line service covers all FERC meetings live by telephone so that anyone can listen at their desk, from their homes, or from any phone without special equipment. Call (202) 966-2211 for details. Billing is based on time on-line.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Grace E. Goodman, Office of Electric Power Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-2296;

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**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-328-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Application

April 9, 1997.

Take notice that on April 4, 1997, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in Docket No. CP97-328-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for authorization to construct and operate 4.88 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline loop on its Leidy Line beginning at milepost 144.53 in Lycoming County and ending at milepost 149.41 in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, in order to create an additional 35,000 Dth per day of firm transportation capacity (Pocono Expansion Project) to serve the firm market requirements of PG Energy, Inc. and Penn Fuel Gas, Inc., all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Transco notes that the pipeline loop proposed herein was part of the Leidy Line loops that was proposed in Transco's SeaBoard 97 project, in Docket Nos. CP96-545-000 and CP96-545-001, and which was approved but not constructed in Transco's Steuben Storage Project in Docket No. CP90-685-000.<sup>1</sup> Transco states that, contemporaneously, with this filing, it is filing a letter withdrawing its application for the SeaBoard 97 project so that it can meet the firm 1997 market requirements of two of the SeaBoard 97 shippers (PG Energy, Inc. and Penn Fuel Gas, Inc.) by proposing to construct a portion of the Leidy Line loops proposed in SeaBoard 97 in the instant application.

Transco states that these shippers have committed to firm transportation service for contract terms of up to twenty years and that the service will be provided under Rate Schedule FT of Transco's FERC Gas Tariff, Volume No. 1 and Transco's blanket certificate under Part 284(G) of the Commission's regulations. Transco states that the proposed rate for the firm transportation service will be a separately incremental monthly reservation rate of \$4.8502. Transco states that the proposed rate is based on a straight-fixed variable rate

<sup>1</sup> Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, 52 FERC ¶ 61,287 (1990); reh'g, 53 FERC ¶ 61,102 (1990).

design methodology and an incremental cost of service. Transco states that it specifically reserves the right to file for approval of rolled-in rates for the Pocono Expansion Project in a future Section 4 rate proceeding and to demonstrate in such proceeding the significant system benefits resulting from this project.

Transco states that the proposed facilities will cost an estimated \$9.8 million, as detailed in Exhibit K of the application. Transco states that the construction and operation of the proposed loop will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human health or on the environment. In order to meet the firm 1997 market requirements of the two Pocono Expansion Project shippers, Transco requests that the Commission grant all necessary final authorizations by July 1, 1997. It is stated that this schedule will enable Transco to meet the in-service date of November 1, 1997, requested by the shippers.

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 CAR 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 with 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 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 Transco to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 1984-056 and 11162-002]

#### Wisconsin River Power Co. and Wisconsin Power & Light Co.; Notice Granting Extension of Time

April 9, 1997.

On December 31, 1996, the Notices of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis (NREA) for the Petenwell/Castle Rock and the Prairie du Sac Projects (Nos. 1984-056 and 11162-002) were issued in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 990 and 992, January 7, 1997). The NREA solicited all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions concerning these two projects be filed with the Commission by February 28, 1997. All reply comments were to be filed with the Commission by April 14, 1997.

In a letter to the Commission dated February 14, 1997, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requested an extension of time to comment on the NREA for the Prairie du Sac Project. By letter dated February 27, 1997, the request was granted, and the comment period for the two license applications was extended to March 31, 1997.

The date to file reply comments with the Commission is extended until May 15, 1997.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Frank Karwoski at (202) 219-2782.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-2239-000, et al.]

#### Kentucky Utilities Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

April 9, 1997.

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

#### 1. Kentucky Utilities Company

[Docket No. ER97-2239-000]

Take notice that on March 24, 1997, Kentucky Utilities Company (KU) tendered for filing executed service agreements under KU's Transmission Services Tariff with ENRON Power Marketing and with Noram Energy Services.

*Comment date:* April 22, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 2. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket Nos. ER97-1675-000, ER97-1974-000, ER97-2020-000, ER97-2031-000, and ER97-2065-000]

Take notice that on March 18, 1997, Cinergy Services, Inc. tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced dockets.

*Comment date:* April 22, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 3. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-2264-000]

Take notice that on March 31, 1997, Illinois Power Company (IP), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur, Illinois 62526, tendered for filing a summary of its activity for the fourth quarter of 1996, under its Market Based Power Sales Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 7.

*Comment date:* April 23, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 4. The Dayton Power and Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-2265-000]

Take notice that on March 26, 1997, The Dayton Power and Light Company (Dayton), submitted a service agreement and supplement to the service agreement establishing AIG Trading Corporation as a customer under the terms of Dayton's Market-Based Sales Tariff.

Dayton requests an effective date of one day subsequent to this filing for the service agreement. Accordingly, Dayton requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. Copies of the filing were served upon AIG and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

*Comment date:* April 23, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 5. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-2266-000]

Take notice that on March 26, 1997, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) tendered for filing three proposed Exhibit As to the Aggregate Billing Partial Requirements Service Agreement