

**39. Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company**

[Docket No. ER97-2719-000]

Take notice that on April 29, 1997, Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company (SIGECO), tendered for filing summary information on transactions that occurred during the period January 1, 1997 through March 31, 1997, pursuant to its Market Based Rate Sales Tariff accepted by the Commission in Docket No. ER96-2734-000.

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

**40. Duquesne Light Company**

[Docket No. ER97-2720-000]

Take notice that on April 29, 1997, Duquesne Light Company (DLC) filed a Service Agreement dated April 24, 1997 with Minnesota Power & Light Company under DLC's FERC Coordination Sales Tariff (Tariff). The Service Agreement adds Minnesota Power & Light Company as a customer under the Tariff. DLC requests an effective date of April 24, 1997 for the Service Agreement.

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

**41. Public Service Company of Colorado**

[Docket No. ER97-2721-000]

Take notice that on April 29, 1997 Public Service Company of Colorado tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Non-Firm Transmission Service between Public Service Company of Colorado and Cenerprise, Inc. Public Service states that the purpose of this filing is to provide Non-Firm Transmission Service in accordance with its Open Access Transmission Service Tariff. Public Service requests that this filing be made effective April 7, 1997.

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

**42. Minnesota Power & Light Company**

[Docket No. ER97-2722-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1997, Minnesota Power & Light Company tendered for filing signed Service Agreements with the following: Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation

Blue Earth Light & Water Department Equitable Power Services Company under its market-based Wholesale Coordination Sales Tariff (WCS-2) to satisfy its filing requirements under this tariff.

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

**43. Minnesota Power & Light Company**

[Docket No. ER97-2727-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1997, Minnesota Power & Light Company tendered for filing signed Service Agreements with the following: Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation  
Equitable Power Services Company  
Michigan Companies (Consumers Power Company and The Detroit Edison Company)

under its cost-based Wholesale Coordination Sales Tariff WCS-1 to satisfy its filing requirements under this tariff.

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

**Standard Paragraph**

E. 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, 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 18 CFR 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 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****[Project No. 2105-035]****Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

May 13, 1997.

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)

has reviewed an application for approval of change in land rights and removal of lands from the project boundary. Pacific Gas and Electric Company proposes to convey a 29.88-acre parcel to Chester Public Utility District, California, for expansion of its wastewater treatment facility on Lake Almanor.

The staff of OHL's Division of Licensing and Compliance has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed action. In the EA, staff concludes that approval of the licensee's proposal 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 1C-1, of the Commission's Offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

**Lois D. Cashell,***Secretary.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****[FRL-5826-9]****Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality (PSD); Commonwealth Chesapeake Corporation Accomack County, Virginia****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency, Region III (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of order denying review.

**SUMMARY:** This action announces that the Environmental Appeals Board of the United States Environmental Protection Agency issued an order denying review, pursuant to the Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality (PSD) regulations codified at 40 CFR 52.21 and the procedures for Decisionmaking codified at 40 CFR part 124, regarding Commonwealth Chesapeake Corporation—Accomack County, Virginia.

**DATES:** The effective date of the Environmental Appeals Board's decision was February 19, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Kathleen Henry, Chief, Permit Programs Section, Air, Radiation & Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, Mail Code 3AT23, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107 at (215) 566-2175, or by e-mail to Henry.Kathleen@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Four petitions were filed with the Environmental Appeals Board seeking

review of a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit issued to Commonwealth Chesapeake Corporation for construction of a 397.5 MW simple cycle peaker power plant in Accomack County, Virginia. Pursuant to a delegation of authority from EPA, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) issued the final permit on May 21, 1996. Because of the delegation, the Virginia permit is considered an EPA-issued permit for purposes of federal law (40 CFR 124.41 (1991)); 45 FR 33413 (May 19, 1980)), and is subject to review by the Agency under 40 CFR 124.19 (1991).

Four private citizens, residents of Accomack county, petitioned the Board for review of the PSD permit. PSD Appeal No. 96-2 was filed by Elizabeth Trader; PSD Appeal No. 96-3 was filed by Dorothy Bonney; PSD Appeal No. 96-4 was filed by Marvel Wimbrow; and PSD Appeal No. 96-5 was filed by William Reese.

The Board issued an Order denying review in the above case on February 19, 1997. The Board held that: (1) One petitioner (Appeal No. 96-5) lacks standing to petition for review of the permit because he failed to participate in the public hearing or provide comments on the draft permit, and therefore that petition must be dismissed; (2) with respect to Appeals No. 96-2, No. 96-3 and No. 96-4, the Board concludes that petitioners have not met their burden of showing that VDEQ's decision should be reviewed.

Anyone wishing to review the permit, petitions, order denying review, or related materials should contact the following offices:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,  
Region III, Air, Radiation and Toxics  
Division, Permit Programs Section  
(3AT23), 841 Chestnut Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

or

Virginia Department of Environmental  
Quality, Tidewater Regional Office,  
5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia  
Beach, Virginia 23462.

Dated: May 6, 1997.

**Andrew Carlin,**

*Acting Regional Administrator Region III.*  
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## COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

### American Heritage Rivers Initiative; Proposal With Request for Comments

**SUMMARY:** In the State of the Union  
Address, President Clinton announced

that he had directed his Cabinet to design an initiative to support communities in their efforts to restore and protect America's rivers. The White House subsequently convened an interagency task force to develop what has come to be known as the American Heritage Rivers initiative. The charger of the interagency task force is to integrate the environmental, historic and economic programs and several federal agencies to benefit communities. The agencies designing this initiative include the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Energy, Interior, Justice, and Housing and Urban Development, the Environmental Protection Agency, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Army Corps of Engineers and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

There are many citizens, nongovernmental organizations and local, state and tribal governments working to restore and revitalize their river communities. The Administration is creating the American Heritage Rivers initiative to help these communities restore and protect their river resources in a way that integrates natural resource protection, economic development, and the preservation of historic and cultural values. This initiative proposes to assist these communities through better use of existing programs and resources and coordinating the delivery of those services in a manner designed by the community, or "bottom-up."

Under this program, the President will designate ten rivers as American Heritage Rivers in calendar year 1997. These designated rivers will receive special recognition and focused federal support and will serve as models of the most innovative, economically successful and ecologically sustainable approaches to river restoration and protection for communities across the United States. In addition to the ten rivers receiving designation, the initiative will provide improved information and services for all river communities. The initiative will create no new regulatory requirements for individuals or state and local governments.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by June 9, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Executive Office of the President, Council on Environmental Quality, Old Executive Office Building, Room 360, Washington, D.C. 20501. Fax: 202-456-6546.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Karen Hobbs, Agency Representative,  
Council on Environmental Quality, Old  
Executive Office Building, Room 360,

Washington, D.C. 20501. Phone 202-395-7417; Fax: 202-456-6546.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is available on the American Heritage Rivers Internet Homepage at: <http://www.epa.gov/OWOW/heritage/rivers.html>. This document is divided into four sections: background on the American Heritage Rivers initiative; overall program design; benefits of designation and the designation process; and services available to all river communities. Comments are sought on the usefulness of the initiative, its design, and ways in which the federal government can support communities.

### Background

Rivers have always been an integral part of our Nation's history—providing opportunities for trade and commerce, routes for exploration and discovery, inspiration for ideas and culture, means of recreation, and focal points for community development. Rivers often define the distinctive character of communities. To capture or restore that distinctive character, communities across America are working to revitalize their waterfronts, and to enhance the historic, cultural, recreational, economic, public health, and environmental values of their rivers. Federal and state governments enact laws and impose regulations to clean up pollution and improve water quality. The goal of the American Heritage Rivers initiative is to support communities (hereafter referred to as River Communities), within existing laws and regulations, by providing them with better access to information, tools and resources, and encouraging private funding of local efforts deserving of special recognition.

The development of this initiative has been guided by six principles. The Administration believes that a successful initiative will be community-led, flexible, coordinated, broad, partnership-based, and action-oriented. These principles embody the Administration's effort to reinvent government in accordance with the National Performance Review. The National Performance Review, directed by Vice President Gore, seeks to create a government that works better and costs less through focusing on customer service, developing partnerships and delegating power to the front lines.

### Overall Program Design

The initiative will be driven by the needs and desires of communities that wish to participate in the program. Communities already work with the federal government in numerous ways that affect rivers, and this work will