

Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory

June 10, 1997

Shilo Inn

780 Lindsay Boulevard

Idaho Fall, ID 83402

208-523-0088

Pantex Plant

June 12, 1997

Radisson Inn Airport

7909 I-40 East at Lakeside

Amarillo, TX 79104

806-373-3303

Savannah River Site

June 19, 1997

North Augusta Community Center

495 Brookside Avenue

North Augusta, SC 29841

803-441-4290

Advanced registration for the public meetings is requested but not required. Please call 1-800-820-5134 and leave your name and the location of the meeting(s) you plan to attend. This information will be used to determine the size and number of rooms needed for the meeting.

Scoping Meeting Format:

The Department intends to hold a plenary session at the beginning of each scoping meeting in which DOE officials will more fully explain the framework for the plutonium disposition program, the proposed action, preliminary alternatives for accomplishing the proposed action and public participation in the NEPA process. Following the plenary session, the Department intends to discuss relevant issues in more detail, answer questions, and receive comments. Each scoping meeting for the Surplus Plutonium Disposition EIS will have two sessions, with each session lasting approximately three to four hours.

Issued in Washington, DC this 16 day of May, 1997, for the United States Department of Energy.

Peter N. Brush,

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Environment, Safety and Health.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP97-165-003]

Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

May 16, 1997.

Take notice that on May 12, 1997, Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas

Company (Alabama-Tennessee) tendered for filing the tariff sheets listed in Appendix A to the filing, to be effective June 1, 1997.

Alabama-Tennessee states that the tariff sheets are submitted in compliance with Order No. 587 and the Commission's order issued on May 1, 1997 FERC ¶ 61,117).

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's 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 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.

Lois D. Cashell,*Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ES97-32-000]

Citizens Utilities Company; Notice of Application

May 16, 1997.

Take notice that on May 9, 1997, Citizens Utilities Company (Applicant) filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under § 204 of the Federal Power Act requesting orders (a) extending the effectiveness of the order in Docket No. ES95-34-000 until the close of business on June 30, 1997, and (b) authorizing the issuance, from time to time, of up to 50,000,000 shares of common stock as stock dividends on shares of its outstanding common stock during a two-year period ending July 1, 1999.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said application should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 1st Street, NE, 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 should be filed on or before May 20, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission 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 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 No. CP96-712-000]

Discovery Gas Transmission LLC; Notice of Site Visit

May 16, 1997.

On May 22, 1997, beginning at 9:30 a.m., the Office of Pipeline Regulation (OPR) staff will conduct a compliance inspection of the onshore facilities of the Discovery Gas Transmission LLC Pipeline Construction Project in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, beginning at the Larose Gas Processing Plant site (off state highway 24) in Larose.

All parties may attend. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation (an air boat is required for most of the pipeline route).

For further information, please contact Paul McKee at (202) 208-1088.

Warren C. Edmunds,*Acting Director, Office of Pipeline Regulation.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER97-2846-000]

Florida Power Corporation; Notice of Filing

May 16, 1997.

Take notice that on May 5, 1997, Florida Power Corporation (Florida Power) filed an Application for an Order Approving Market-Based Rates for Sales Outside of Florida. In its Application, Florida Power requests authorization to engage in wholesale, bulk power sales outside of Florida at market-determined prices, including sales not involving Florida Power's generation or transmission. Florida Power requests an effective date of 60 days after this filing, or the date on which the Commission issues an order approving Florida Power's application for market-based rates, whichever is earlier.

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 Procedures (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before May 27, 1997. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-320-012]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Change in FERC Gas Tariff

May 16, 1997.

Take notice that on May 13, 1997, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch) tendered for filing in its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet, to be effective May 1, 1997:

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 29

Koch states that this tariff sheet reflects the necessary reporting requirements as ordered by the Commission for a specific negotiated rate transaction.

Koch states that a copy of this filing is being served upon all parties on the official service list created by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Regulations. All such protest must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-320-013]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Change in FERC Gas Tariff

May 16, 1997.

Take notice that on May 13, 1997, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet in to be effective April 1, 1997:

Seventh Revised Sheet No. 29

Koch states that this tariff sheet reflects that Sonat Gas Marketing has re-negotiated to a lower volumetric commitment for parking under a previously approved negotiated rate transaction.

Koch also states that this filing has been served upon all parties on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest said 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 Regulations. All such protest must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL95-3-000]

MidAmerican Energy Company (Formerly Midwest Power Systems Inc.; Order Clarifying Filing Requirements for Changes in Depreciation Rates for Accounting Purposes, Dismissing Petition for Declaratory Order, and Providing Amnesty Period

May 15, 1997.

On October 14, 1994, Midwest Power, a division of Midwest Power Systems Inc. (Midwest Power or Applicant), filed a request for declaratory order authorizing it to reduce its annual composite rate of depreciation from 3.54 percent to 3.49 percent.¹ We will dismiss the petition as moot for the reasons given below.

We also take this opportunity to clarify our order, issued April 19, 1994, in *Midwest Power Systems Inc.*, 67 FERC ¶ 61,076 (1994) (*Midwest Power*), which noted that the clear provisions of section 302(a) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 825a(a) (1994), require public utilities and licensees to file for this Commission's approval proposed depreciation rate changes for accounting purposes.

Notwithstanding the clear language of section 302(a), there apparently has been some confusion in the industry as to the appropriate filing requirements. Accordingly, we will not require public utilities and licensees to file for formal approval of depreciation rate changes for accounting purposes where the depreciation rate changes were based on sound depreciation accounting practices and implemented prior to April 19, 1994.

In addition, for changes in depreciation rates for accounting purposes implemented on or after April 19, 1994, and prior to the date of publication of this order in the **Federal Register**, we will accord public utilities and licensees an amnesty period extending to and including December 31, 1997, to make the required filings to change their depreciation rates for accounting purposes.² We also clarify

¹ By order issued June 22, 1995, the Commission authorized the merger of Midwest Power and Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company. MidAmerican Energy Company is the surviving corporation. See *Midwest Power Systems, Inc. and Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company*, 71 FERC ¶ 61,386 (1995).

² For depreciation rate changes for accounting purposes that are implemented on or after the date of publication of this order in the **Federal Register**, public utilities and licensees must receive