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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration; Notice of Scoping Meeting for Development of Retail Wheeling Policy

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bonneville Power Administration will hold a meeting to begin scoping of issues related to the development of a policy proposal for retail wheeling over the Federal Columbia River Transmission System.

DATES: This meeting is scheduled for February 4, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Red Lion Columbia River Hotel, Klamath Room, 1401 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Mills, Bonneville Power Administration Transmission Business Line, (503) 230-7505; or Michael McFarland, Bonneville Power Administration Transmission Business Line, (503) 230-3688.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bonneville Power Administration will initiate a public process to develop a retail wheeling policy for the Federal Columbia River Transmission System. This process will start with a public meeting to begin scoping the issues to be addressed in such a policy development. These issues include (1) Impacts on system reliability; (2) potential for differing state approaches; (3) technical constraints related to scheduling and coordination; and (4) impacts on existing wholesale power contracts.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT97-18-000]

Boundary Gas, Inc.; Notice of Refund Report

January 22, 1997.

Take notice that on January 16, 1997, Boundary Gas, Inc. (Boundary) submitted a refund report reflecting the flowthrough of the Gas Research Institute (GRI) refund received by Boundary on June 28, 1996.

Boundary states that pursuant to the 1993 GRI settlement, and in compliance with the Commission Order approving such settlement, it has credited such refund proportionally to its firm customers on non-discounted service based on the GRI surcharges those customers paid during the calendar year 1995. Boundary states that each customer's credit was reflected on its invoice for June 1996 services issued on or about July 15, 1996.

Boundary states that a copy of this filing is being mailed to each of Boundary's affected customers and the state commissions of New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

Any person desiring to be heard or protest the subject 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 Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before January 29, 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 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 available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket Nos. ER97-881-000, et al.]

CSW Operating Companies, et al.; Notice of Filing of Power Pool and Holding Company Agreements Made Pursuant to Order No. 888

January 22, 1997.

Take notice that the entities shown on the Attachment to this notice submitted filings in response to the Commission's

Order No. 888.¹ These filings include: (1) Joint pool-wide compliance tariffs and proposed amendments to pool agreements; and (2) single-system holding company compliance tariffs and revisions to holding company equalization agreements. These filings were assigned the docket numbers shown on the Attachment.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest any of the filings listed in the Attachment should file, in each particular proceeding and referencing the appropriate docket number, a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 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 February 20, 1997. (This uniform deadline supersedes any earlier deadlines provided in individual notices of filing issued for any of the filings listed on the Attachment). 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 the filings listed on the Attachment are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection during normal business hours in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

Attachment—List of Power Pool and Holding Company Submittals

I. Submittals From Power Pools

California Power Pool

ER97-905-000

Central Area Power Coordinating Group

(1) OA97-221-000

ER97-1165-000

(2) OA97-219-000

ER97-1167-000

(3) OA97-297-000

ER97-1169-000

Colorado Power Pool

(1) OA97-501-000

ER97-1062-000

¹ Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-Discriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities and Recovery of Stranded Costs by Public Utilities and Transmitting Utilities, 61 FR 21540 (May 10, 1996), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,036 (Order No. 888), *reh'g pending*. See also Notice of Extension of Time and Clarifying Service and Docketing Procedures, 76 FERC ¶ 61,347 (1996).

Inland Power Pool

- (1) OA97-497-000
ER97-978-000

Michigan Electric Coordinated Systems

- (1) OA97-249-000
ER97-1166-000
(2) ER97-1168-000
(3) OA97-472-000
ER97-1023-000

MidContinent Area Power Pool

- (1) OA97-163/000
ER97-1162-000

MOKAN Power Pool

- (1) OA97-262-000
ER97-1083-000

New England Power Pool

- (1) OA97-237-000
ER97-1079-000
(2) OA97-238-000
ER97-1080-000

New York Power Pool

- (1) OA97-470-000
ER97-1162-000

Pacific Northwest Coordinating Agreement

OA97-21-000

Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Pennsylvania Interconnection

- (1) OA97-261-000
ER97-1082-000

Western Systems Power Pool

- (1) OA97-220-000
ER97-987-000

Wisconsin Power Pool

OA97-190-000

II. Submittals From Holding Companies

Allegheny Power System

OA97-500-000

American Electric Power

OA97-480-000

CSW Operating Companies

OA97-24-000
ER97-881-000

Duke Power Company

OA97-197-000
OA97-210-000

GPU Operating Companies

OA97-496-000
ER97-1055-000

Northeast Utilities

OA97-281-000

Southern Companies

OA97-489-000
ER97-976-000

Tampa Electric Company

OA97-296-000

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[Docket No. RP97-230-000]

**Florida Gas Transmission Company;
Notice of Compliance Filing**

January 22, 1997.

Take notice that on January 16, 1997, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1 the following tariff sheets to become effective April 1, 1997:

First Revised Sheet No. 115
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 116
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 117
Third Revised Sheet No. 117A
Third Revised Sheet No. 121

FGT states that on October 1, 1996, FGT filed pro forma tariff sheets in Docket No. RP97-21-000 (October 1 Filing) to implement standards adopted by the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) in compliance with Commission Order No. 587. On November 15, 1996, the Commission issued an Order on Compliance (November 15 order) in which the Commission found that FGT's pro forma tariff language generally complied with Order No. 587 with certain exceptions. The November 15 Order required FGT to file revised pro forma tariff sheets as needed to address the exceptions noted by the Commission. On December 16, 1996, FGT filed revised pro forma tariff sheets in Docket No. RP97-21-001 (December 16 Filing) in compliance with the November 15 Order.

FGT states that in the October 1 Filing, FGT requested waiver of the portion of Standard 1.3.2 establishing a deadline of 11:30 AM for nominations leaving the control of the nominating party (11:45 AM for receipt by Transporter) to the extent necessary to permit an earlier deadline for written nominations, which FGT currently accepts. The Commission in its November 15 Order denied FGT's requested waiver of the above deadlines for written nominations, citing the objective of uniformity in such rules and timelines for the gas industry, and required FGT to apply the GISB deadlines to written nominations to the extent that FGT continues to accept written nominations. The Commission then stated that any proposals to change service offerings should be made in a separate Section 4 filing.

FGT states that during the GISB process, it was clearly understood by all participants that the accelerated timeline for receiving and confirming nominations and communicating scheduled quantities was predicated on the electronic exchange of information. As explained in the transmittal letter of FGT's December 16 Filing, because of

the additional time that is necessary to perform the manual entry and validation work associated with a written nomination, FGT states that it cannot meet the GISB confirmation and scheduling deadlines if it continues to accept written nominations and such nominations are not received until 11:45 AM.

FGT states that it currently receives all of its nominations in writing by 10:00 AM. It takes FGT approximately 7 hours to manually enter the nominations, perform iterative capacity allocations, and confirm quantities with the interconnecting parties. Currently, the scheduling process is completed by 5:00 PM. With the implementation of the GISB standards on April 1, 1997, the window for processing nominations must be shortened by 2 to 3 hours to complete the confirmation process by the 3:30 PM deadline.

Accordingly, FGT states that it is herein proposing to eliminate written nominations, except in emergency circumstances, to ensure that it is able to meet the timeline set out in Standard 1.3.2.

FGT states that on December 19, 1996, FGT advised its customers that in order to comply with the GISB timeline, it would be necessary for all customers to submit their nominations electronically beginning March 31, 1997 (for the gas day of April 1, 1997). In this letter, FGT informed its customers that they will have several options for the electronic transmission of nominations: (i) an ANSI X12 format from the customer's computer to FGT via the Internet, (ii) a standard flat file format via Internet, or (iii) use of a third party service provider using option (i) or (ii) above. FGT also included an electronic communications survey in order to facilitate the transition to electronic nominations.

FGT states that it is currently testing the standard GISB X12/ Internet process with its customers which have expressed an interest in this process. This testing has been conducted on the servers which will be used for production on April 1, 1997. In addition, FGT has participated in the related pilot testing of the standard GISB process which allows any customer to upload X12 files to its test server.

FGT states that it is also offering another capability for its customers to upload nominations electronically. This capability specifies a flat file format which can easily be created by a variety of inexpensive, widely available software products including spreadsheets. This eliminates the requirement that the customer maintain an X12 translator. FGT customers can