

Comment date: May 14, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Wisconsin Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-2685-000]

Take notice that on April 24, 1998, Wisconsin Electric Power Company (Wisconsin Electric), tendered for filing a revision to the Emergency Energy Service Schedule of its Coordination Sales Tariff (FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 2). The revision would allow the cost of Wisconsin Electric's retail interruptible service options to be recovered in its provision of Emergency Energy to utility members of the Mid America Interconnected Network (MAIN). The modification to the Emergency Energy service schedule is in order to be prepared for any unusual electric supply and delivery challenges faced by utilities throughout the Midwest region this summer.

Wisconsin Electric respectfully requests an effective date May 1, 1998 and a termination date of September 30, 1998 when the conventional definition of "out-of-pocket cost" would then be restored. Wisconsin Electric requests waiver of the Commission's advance notice requirements.

Copies of the filing have been served on the investor owned utility members of MAIN, the Michigan Public Service Commission, and the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

Comment date: May 14, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Public Service Electric and Gas Company

[Docket No. ER98-2686-000]

Take notice that on April 24, 1998, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, of Newark, New Jersey (PSE&G), tendered for filing an agreement for the sale of capacity and energy to NGE Generation, Inc. (NGE), pursuant to the PSE&G Wholesale Power Market Based Sales Tariff, presently on file with the Commission.

PSE&G further requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations such that the agreement can be made effective as of March 25, 1998.

Copies of the filing have been served upon NGE and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Comment date: May 14, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. Public Service Electric and Gas Company

[Docket No. ER98-2687-000]

Take notice that on April 24, 1998, Public Service Electric and Gas

Company of Newark, New Jersey (PSE&G), tendered for filing an agreement for the sale of capacity and energy to SCANA Energy Marketing Inc. (SCANA), pursuant to the PSE&G Wholesale Power Market Based Sales Tariff, presently on file with the Commission.

PSE&G further requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations such that the agreement can be made effective as of March 25, 1998.

Copies of the filing have been served upon SCANA and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Comment date: May 14, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

19. Public Service Electric and Gas Company

[Docket No. ER98-2688-000]

Take notice that on April 24, 1998, Public Service Electric and Gas Company of Newark, New Jersey (PSE&G), tendered for filing an agreement for the sale of capacity and energy to Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc. (Morgan), pursuant to the PSE&G Wholesale Power Market Based Sales Tariff, presently on file with the Commission.

PSE&G further requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations such that the agreement can be made effective as of March 25, 1998.

Copies of the filing have been served upon Morgan and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Comment date: May 14, 1998, 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 these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-2657-000, et al.]

Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings; Wisconsin Public Service, et al.

April 28, 1998.

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

1. Wisconsin Public Service

[Docket No. ER98-2657-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation tendered for filing an executed service agreement with Minnesota Power Co., under its Market-Based Rate Tariff.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Portland General Electric Company

[Docket No. ER98-2655-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) tendered for filing under PGE's Final Rule pro forma tariff (FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 8, Docket No. OA96-137-000), executed Service Agreements for Short-Term Firm and Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service with Grays Harbor PUD.

Pursuant to 18 CFR Section 35.11, and the Commission's Order in Docket No. PL93-2-002 issued July 30, 1993, PGE respectfully requests that the Commission grant a waiver of the notice requirements of 18 CFR Section 35.3 to allow the Service Agreement to become effective March 31, 1998.

A copy of this filing was caused to be served upon Grays Harbor PUD as noted in the filing letter.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-2656-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation tendered for filing an executed service agreement with LG&E Power Marketing, Inc., under its Market-Based Rate Tariff.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. UtiliCorp United Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-2652-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp), filed

service agreements with The Dayton Power and Light Company for service under its Non-Firm Point-to-Point open access service tariff for its operating divisions, Missouri Public Service, WestPlains Energy-Kansas and WestPlains Energy-Colorado.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-2664-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (Niagara Mohawk), tendered for filing a contribution in aid of construction agreement between Niagara Mohawk and Hydro Development Group, Inc., (HDG).

Copies of the filing have been served on HDG and the Public Service Commission of the State of New York.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-2663-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation (CHG&E), tendered for filing pursuant to Section 35.12 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations in 18 CFR a service agreement between CHG&E and NGE Generation, Inc. The terms and conditions of service under this agreement are made pursuant to CHG&E's FERC Electric Rate Schedule, Original Volume No. 1 (Power Sales Tariff) accepted by the Commission in Docket No. OA97-479-000. CHG&E also has requested waiver of the 60-day notice provisions pursuant to 18 CFR Section 35.11.

A copy of this filing has been served on the Public Service Commission of the State of New York.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-1808-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy), tendered a filing providing unbundled pricing in the above-referenced docket.

Copies of the filing have been served upon the Continental Energy Services, L.L.C., the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the Kentucky Public Service Commission, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the

Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-1810-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Cinergy Services, Inc., (Cinergy), tendered a filing providing unbundled pricing in the above-referenced docket.

Copies of the filing have been served upon the New Energy Ventures, L.L.C., the Department of Public Utilities, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the Kentucky Public Service Commission, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-1481-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Cinergy Services, Inc., (Cinergy), tendered a filing providing unbundled pricing in the above-referenced docket.

Copies of the filing have been served upon the Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas, the Kansas State Corporation Commission, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, the Kentucky Public Service Commission and the Public Utilities

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-1811-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy), tendered a filing providing unbundled pricing in the above-referenced docket.

Copies of the filing have been served upon the Entergy Power Marketing Corp., the Texas Public Utility Commission, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Kentucky Public Service Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-2086-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy), tendered a filing providing unbundled pricing in the above-referenced docket.

Copies of the filing have been served upon Strategic Energy Limited, the

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, the Kentucky Public Service Commission and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-1716-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy), tendered a filing providing unbundled pricing in the above-referenced docket.

Copies of the filing have been served upon CNG Energy Services Corporation, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the Kentucky Public Service Commission, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-1797-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy), tendered a filing providing unbundled pricing in the above-referenced docket.

Copies of the filing have been served upon the Griffin Energy Marketing, L.L.C., the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Kentucky Public Service Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-2249-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (Niagara Mohawk), filed revised Service Agreements for transmission and wholesale requirements services in conjunction with an electric retail access pilot program that was established by the New York Public Service Commission effective November 1, 1997. The Service Agreement for transmission services is under Niagara Mohawk's FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 3; as modified by an Order of the Commission in this proceeding dated November 7, 1997. The Service Agreement for wholesale requirements

services is under Niagara Mohawk's FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 4; as modified by an Order of the Commission in this proceeding dated November 7, 1997. Niagara Mohawk's customer is Eastern Power Distribution, Inc., (Eastern Power).

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Ohio Edison Company and Pennsylvania Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-2662-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Ohio Edison Company tendered for filing on behalf of itself and Pennsylvania Power Company, Service Agreements with South Jersey Energy Company and Columbia Power Marketing Corporation under Ohio Edison's Power Sales Tariff. This filing is made pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Southern California Edison Company

[Docket No. ER98-2661-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Southern California Edison Company (Edison), tendered for filing executed Service Agreements for Wholesale Distribution Service with Mountain Vista Power Generation L.L.C., Ocean Vista Power Generation L.L.C., and Oeste Power Generation L.L.C., under Edison's Wholesale Distribution Access Tariff.

Copies of this filing were served upon the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California and all interested parties.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Virginia Electric and Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-2660-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Virginia Power), tendered for filing the Service Agreement between Virginia Electric and Power Company and Merchant Energy Group of the Americas, Inc., under the FERC Electric Tariff (First Revised Volume No. 4), which was accepted by order of the Commission dated November 6, 1997 in Docket No. ER97-3561-001. Under the tendered Service Agreement, Virginia Power will provide services to Merchant Energy Group of the Americas, Inc., under the rates, terms and conditions of the applicable Service Schedules

included in the Tariff. Virginia Power requests an effective date of April 23, 1998, for the Service Agreement.

Copies of the filing were served upon Merchant Energy Group of the Americas, Inc., the Virginia State Corporation Commission and the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. PP&L, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-2659-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, PP&L, Inc. (formerly known as Pennsylvania Power & Light Company) (PP&L), filed a Service Agreement dated March 25, 1998, with American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC), under PP&L's FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 5. The Service Agreement adds AEPSC as an eligible customer under the Tariff.

PP&L requests an effective date of April 23, 1998, for the Service Agreement.

PP&L states that copies of this filing have been supplied to AEPSC and to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

19. Public Service Company of New Mexico

[Docket No. ER98-2658-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM), submitted for filing executed service agreements, for point-to-point transmission service under the terms of PNM's Open Access Transmission Service Tariff, with Tenaska Power Services Company (2 agreements, dated April 2, 1998, for Non-Firm and Short Term Firm Service) and Columbia Power Marketing Corporation (2 agreements dated April 13, 1998, for Non-Firm and Short Term Firm Service). PNM's filing is available for public inspection at its offices in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

20. Duke Energy Moss Landing LLC

[Docket No. ER98-2668-000]

Take notice that on April 24, 1998, in accordance with the provisions of Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and Section 35.12 of the Commission's Regulations, Duke Energy Moss Landing LLC (DEML), submitted for filing a Rate Schedule to establish the terms and conditions of the Reliability Must-Run

Services which DEML intends to provide to the California Independent System Operator Corporation (California ISO), when DEML acquires the Moss Landing Generating Plant from Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E); to establish the rates applicable to those services; and to set forth the conditions under which revenue credits will be provided to the California ISO.

In addition to an allocated share of routine operation and maintenance costs, depreciation, return and taxes, the rates to the California ISO also reflect an allocated share of the costs which DEML incurred to acquire the Moss Landing facilities in excess of the amounts reflected on the books of PG&E prior to the acquisition (acquisition adjustment) and special revenue credits associated with the recovery of the acquisition adjustment.

DEML requests that the Rate Schedule be permitted to become effective on June 23, 1998, subject to the condition that it has become the owner of the Moss Landing generating plant.

Copies of the filing were served upon the California ISO and the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California.

Comment date: May 13, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

21. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-2312-000]

Take notice that on April 14, 1998, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation tendered for filing notice of cancellation of FERC Rate Schedule No. 245, effective date May 13, 1996, and any supplements thereto, and filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation is to be canceled.

Notice of the proposed cancellation has been served upon Toledo Edison Company.

Comment date: May 20, 1998, 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 these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6010-1]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Postponing Consumption: An Examination of Individual and Household Preferences

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Postponing Consumption: An Examination of Individual and Household Preferences.

Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Melonie Williams (2172) Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, US EPA, 401 M St. SW, Washington, DC 20460. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR without charge by calling Melonie Williams at 202-260-7978 or via e-mail at williams.melonie@epamail.epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melonie Williams at 202-260-7978 or via e-mail at williams.melonie@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are (i) those individuals who are contacted and asked to participate in the study and (ii) those who voluntarily agree to participate in the study. Residents in the Atlanta, GA area will be contacted by telephone (random-digit dialing), students at an as-yet-undetermined university will be contacted by e-mail (via group mailing lists) and posted announcements.

Title: Postponing Consumption: An Examination of Individual and Household Preferences.

Abstract: This information collection exercise is a pilot study designed to examine individual and household discount rates and individual preferences over intergenerational distributions of wealth.

Currently, market interest rates are used as proxies for individual and social discount rates in economic analyses of EPA programs. Considerable evidence indicates, however, that these discount rates may bear no relationship to market rates. Instead, individual discount rates appear to vary with respect to time horizon, socio-demographic characteristics, and the nature of the good being traded across time.

This study will use the experimental laboratory to examine individual and household discount rates. Experiment participants will be asked to make intertemporal trade-offs and discount rates will be inferred from their choices. Participants will also be asked to provide information on their socio-demographic characteristics and financial market activities. Ultimately, these data will be used to (i) generate individual and household discount rates for use in economic models involving intertemporal components and (ii) examine the appropriateness of using market interest rates as social discount rates in economic analyses of public programs.

Moreover, the choice of a particular discount rate to be used in economic analyses of EPA programs is likely to have consequences for the intergenerational distribution of wealth. Thus, equity issues may influence individual preferences over the discount rate used to evaluate EPA programs.

This study will use the experimental laboratory to examine individual preferences over income distributions. Laboratory incentives will be designed to create alternative social decision mechanisms under which subjects choose among different income distributions that determine subject payments. The characteristics defining these alternative social decision mechanisms correspond to equity issues similar to those arising from EPA policies. By observing individual preferences over income distributions under alternative decision rules, we can provide EPA policymakers with evidence on public preferences over intergenerational distributions of wealth.

Laboratory incentives will involve real (as opposed to hypothetical) economic commitments. Participation in these experiments will be informed

and voluntary. Participants will be able to terminate participation at any time without penalty. Well-established procedures will be in place to ensure the participants' anonymity and the confidentiality of their responses. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: 330 subjects will participate in those experiments examining discount rates. Subjects will convene in groups at an Atlanta conference center. Each subject will participate in one experimental session and each experimental session will last approximately 1.5 hours inclusive of time to sign informed-consent forms, answer questionnaires, read experimental instructions and record decisions. Subjects will incur an estimated average of 45 minutes travel time. Assuming a 75% show-up rate, Haigler-Bailly, who is likely to conduct the experiments, has estimated that 440 subjects should be recruited to obtain a final sample size of 330. Recruiting is by telephone and Haigler-Bailly estimates that 2000 completed contacts are necessary to obtain 440 recruits. The phone calls will last from 2 minutes (for those who refuse to participate) to 4 minutes (for those who agree to participate). Hence, the estimated burden for these experiments is 824 hours.

260 subjects will participate in those experiments examining preferences over income distributions. Subjects will convene in groups on a university campus. Each subject will participate in