

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

## 2. Metropolitan Edison Company

[Docket No. DR98-27-000]

Take notice that on December 29, 1997, Metropolitan Edison Company, filed a request for approval of changes in depreciation rates made on or after April 19, 1994 and prior to December 22, 1997, for accounting purposes only pursuant to Section 302 of the Federal Power Act. The proposed changes were approved for retail purposes by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

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

## 3. Pennsylvania Electric Company

[Docket No. DR98-29-000]

Take notice that on December 29, 1997, Pennsylvania Electric Company, filed a request for approval of changes in depreciation rates made on or after April 19, 1994 and prior to December 22, 1997, for accounting purposes only pursuant to Section 302 of the Federal Power Act. The proposed changes were approved for retail purposes by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

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

## 4. Wisconsin Power & Light Company

[Docket No. DR98-30-000]

Take notice that on December 29, 1997, Wisconsin Power & Light Company, filed a request for approval of changes in depreciation rates made on or after April 19, 1994 and prior to December 19, 1997, for accounting purposes only pursuant to Section 302 of the Federal Power Act. The proposed changes were approved for retail purposes by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

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

## 5. MidAmerican Energy Company

[Docket No. ER97-4466-001]

Take notice that on December 12, 1997, MidAmerican Energy Company tendered for filing its compliance filing in the above-referenced docket.

*Comment date:* January 28, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## 6. Wisconsin Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-1177-000]

Take notice that Wisconsin Electric Power Company (Wisconsin Electric) on

December 24, 1997, tendered for filing an electric service agreement under its Coordination Sales Tariff (FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 2). Wisconsin Electric respectfully requests an effective date January 2, 1998.

Wisconsin Electric is authorized to state that Tenaska Power Services Company joins in the requested effective date.

Copies of the filing have been served on Tenaska Power Services Company, the Michigan Public Service Commission, and the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

*Comment date:* January 28, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## 7. Southern California Edison Company

[Docket No. ER98-1261-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1997, Southern California Edison Company (Edison) tendered for filing a Surcharge to the Transmission Access Charges for retail customers.

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

*Comment date:* January 30, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## 8. California Independent System Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-1309-000]

Take notice that on December 30, 1997, the California Independent System Corporation (ISO), tendered for filing a Participating Generator Agreement executed by the ISO and Texaco Exploration and Production Inc., for approval by the Commission.

The ISO states that this filing has been served on all parties listed on the official service list in the above referenced dockets, including the California Public Service Commission.

*Comment date:* January 30, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## 9. California Independent System Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-1310-000]

On December 30, 1997, the California Independent System Corporation (ISO), tendered for filing a Participating Generator Agreement executed by the ISO and El Segundo Power, LLC for approval by the Commission.

The ISO states that this filing has been served on all parties listed on the official service list in the above referenced dockets, including the California Public Service Commission.

*Comment date:* January 30, 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 this filing 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 Nos. CP97-168-000 and CP97-169-000]

### Alliance Pipeline L.P.; Notice of Public Meetings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Alliance Pipeline Project

January 14, 1998.

The Office of Pipeline Regulation's environmental staff will conduct public meetings to receive comments on the Alliance Pipeline Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). All of the meetings will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. The dates and locations of the meetings are:

- Monday, February 2, 1998: Valley City High School Cafeteria, 460 Central Avenue West, Valley City, ND, (701) 845-0483.
- Tuesday, February 3, 1998: Kennedy School Auditorium, 824 Seventh Street, Willmar, MN, (320) 231-8490.
- Wednesday, February 4, 1998: New Hampton Community Center, 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton, IA, (515) 394-5464.
- Thursday, February 5, 1998: Mendota Civic Center, 1901 Tom Merwin Drive, Mendota, IL, (815) 539-3411.

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the environmental impact described in the draft EIS. Transcripts of

the meetings will be prepared. For further information, contact Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-131-000 and CP98-133-000]

#### **Vector Pipeline L.P.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Vector Pipeline Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings and Site Visit**

January 14, 1998.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the Vector Pipeline Project.<sup>1</sup> This EIS will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

Additionally, with this notice we are asking a number of Federal Agencies (see appendix 2) with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the EIS. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated the proposal relative to their agencies' responsibilities.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Summary of the Proposed Project**

Vector Pipeline L.P. (Vector) proposes to build new natural gas pipeline and compression facilities to transport 1.0 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas from Joliet, Illinois to St. Clair, Michigan. Accessing natural gas

supplies from the Chicago area, the Vector Pipeline Project would deliver gas volumes within Michigan and to Vector Pipeline Limited Partnership (Vector Canada) at the U.S./Canada border facility.

Vector requests Commission authorization, in Docket No. CP98-133-000, to construct, lease, and operate the following facilities:

- Construct 265.9 miles of 42-inch diameter pipeline in Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan extending from Joliet, Illinois in Will County to Oakland County, Michigan (Segment 1). About 33 miles would be in Illinois, 67.7 miles would be in Indiana, and 165.2 miles would be in Michigan;
- Lease of 58.8 miles of an existing 36-inch-diameter pipeline in Michigan from Oakland County to St. Clair County (Segment 2);
- Construct 3.7 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline in St. Clair County, Michigan terminating at the border of the United States (U.S.) and Canada near St. Clair, Michigan (Segment 3);
- Construct five new meter/regulating stations including two in Will County, Illinois, one in Livingston County, Michigan, one in Oakland County, Michigan, and one in St. Clair County, Michigan;
- Construct two compressor stations each with 30,000 horsepower of compression in LaPorte County, Indiana, and Oakland County, Michigan; and
- Construct associated pipeline facilities, including 21 new mainline valves, 3 pig launchers, 2 pig receivers, and permanent access roads.

The general location of Vector's proposed project facilities is shown in appendix 1. If you are interested in obtaining procedural information, please write to the Secretary of the Commission.

In addition, Vector requests in Docket No. CP98-131-000 a Presidential Permit to construct, operate, and maintain facilities at the International Border between the U.S. and Canada near St. Clair, Michigan. Vector's pipeline would terminate at the point of interconnection with the Canadian facilities of Vector Canada.

#### **Land Requirements for Construction**

The Vector Pipeline Project would include 58.8 miles of leased existing pipeline. Vector would construct about 253.4 miles (94 percent) of the new pipeline parallel to various existing utility rights-of-way. Only 15.1 miles (6 percent) of the route would be constructed on newly created right-of-way that does not parallel existing rights-of-way. Where possible, Vector's

right-of-way would overlap the existing rights-of-way as much as 50 feet during construction to minimize impacts.

Vector's pipeline would deviate from the existing rights-of-way in selected locations to avoid impact on homes and existing utility structures (meter stations, etc.). The pipeline would also deviate from the existing rights-of-way in selected locations to improve waterbody crossings and for other environmental or engineering reasons.

Construction of the Vector Pipeline Project would affect a total of about 3,581.9 acres of land including extra workspace and aboveground facilities. Of this total, about 3,268.1 acres would be disturbed by the construction rights-of-way, 270.9 acres would be disturbed by extra workspace, and 42.9 acres would be disturbed by the aboveground facilities and access roads. All these acreage figures are subject to change.

Vector would generally use a right-of-way width of 100 feet for construction. The Vector Pipeline Project would also require extra temporary work areas for waterbody, highway, and railroad crossing; for additional topsoil storage; and for pipe storage and equipment yards. Following construction and restoration of the right-of-way and temporary work spaces, Vector would retain a 30- to 50-foot-wide permanent pipeline right-of-way depending on whether the pipeline is adjacent to other utilities or on new right-of-way. Total land requirements for the permanent right-of-way would be about 1,185.4 acres. The project would also require an additional 22.1 acres for the operation of the new aboveground facilities and 0.9 acres for the operation of permanent access roads. Vector would restore the remaining 2,373.5 acres of land affected by construction of the project and allow these areas to revert to their former use.

#### **The EIS Process**

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EIS on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EIS. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EIS. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents

<sup>1</sup> Vector Pipeline L.P.'s applications in Docket Nos. CP98-131-000 and CP98-133-000 were filed with the Commission under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act and part 153 of the Commission's regulations and under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, respectively.

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.