

## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Applications of the New York Mercantile Exchange for Designation as a Contract Market in Cinergy Electricity Futures and Options and Entergy Electricity Futures and Options, Submitted Under 45-Day Fast Track Procedures

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed terms and conditions for applications for contract market designation.

**SUMMARY:** The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market in Cinergy and Entergy electricity futures and option contracts. The proposals were submitted under the Commission's 45-day Fast Track procedures. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purpose of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 2, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to NYMEX Cinergy and Entergy electricity futures and option contracts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact Joseph Storer of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418-5282. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: jstorer@cftc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed designation applications were submitted pursuant to the Commission's Fast Track procedures for streamlining the review of futures contract rule amendments and new contract approvals (62 F.R. 10434). Under those procedures, the proposals, absent any

contrary action by the Commission, may be deemed approved at the close of business on March 23, 1998, 45 days after receipt of the proposals. In view of the limited review period provided under the Fast Track procedures, the Commission has determined to publish for public comment notice of the availability of the terms and conditions for 15 days, rather than 30 days as provided for proposals submitted under the regular review procedures.

Copies of the proposed terms and conditions will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418-5100, or via the internet on the CFTC website at www.cftc.gov under "What's Pending."

Other materials submitted by the NYMEX in support of the proposals may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1997)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposals, or with respect to other materials submitted by the NYMEX, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 6, 1998.

**John R. Mielke,**

*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket No. 97-94-NG]

#### Androscoggin Energy LLC; Order Granting Long-Term Authorization To Import Natural Gas From Canada

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of order.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued an order granting Androscoggin Energy LLC (Androscoggin) long-term authorization to import up to 16.01 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas per year from Canada. The term of the authorization is for a period of 10 years commencing November 1, 1998, through October 31, 2008, or for 10 years after the commencement of deliveries if deliveries begin after November 1, 1998. This gas may be imported from Canada at the proposed interconnection of the TransQuebec and Maritimes Pipeline and the Portland Natural Gas Transmission System near Pittsburg, New Hampshire.

This order is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities docket room, 3F-042, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The docket room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, January 29, 1998.

**John W. Glynn,**

*Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket No. 98-05-NG]

#### Tenaska Washington Partners, L.P.; Order Granting Long-Term Authorization To Import Natural Gas From Canada

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of order.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued an order granting Tenaska Washington Partners, L.P., long-term authorization to import 50,000 MMBtu (approximately 50,000 Mcf) of natural gas per day from Canada commencing on January 28, 1998, and continuing through December 31, 2011. The natural gas will be imported at Sumas, Washington, under a supply arrangement with Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

This order is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export

Activities docket room, 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The docket room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, February 3, 1998.

**John W. Glynn,**

*Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of General Counsel

#### Preparation of Report to Congress on Price-Anderson Act

**AGENCY:** Office of General Counsel, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of inquiry concerning preparation of report to Congress on the Price-Anderson Act; extension of due date for reply comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy is extending until February 25, 1998, the due date for reply comments to a Notice of Inquiry concerning the continuation or modification of the provisions of the Price-Anderson Act.

**DATES:** Public comments were due on January 30, 1998. Reply comments must be received by February 25, 1998 (an extension from February 13, 1998).

**ADDRESSES:** Send 5 written copies of reply comments to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, GC-52, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585. If possible, a copy should also be e-mailed to PAA.notice@hq.doe.gov or provided on computer disk. This Notice, the comments submitted to DOE, and other relevant information will be available on the internet at "www.gc.doe.gov". The comments also may be examined between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Energy, Freedom of Information Reading Room, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-6020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ben McRae or Jeanette Helfrich, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, GC-52, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-6975.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 31, 1998, the Department of Energy published a Notice of Inquiry in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 68272) soliciting public comments concerning

the continuation or modification of the provisions of the Price-Anderson Act. These comments will assist the Department in the preparation of a report on the Act to be submitted to Congress by August 1, 1998 as required by the Atomic Energy Act. The initial comments were due on January 30, 1998. In addition, reply comments on the initial comments were due on February 13, 1998.

Several of the initial comments indicated the comment period should be longer because of the complex legal and policy issues raised by the Notice of Inquiry. In response to these requests for a longer comment period, the Department has decided to change the due date for reply comments from February 13, 1998, to February 25, 1998. This extension will provide more time for the preparation of reply comments.

Issued in Washington, DC on February 9, 1998.

**Eric J. Fygi,**

*Acting General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[IC98-549-001 FERC-549]

#### Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

February 9, 1998.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of October 2, 1997 (62 FR 51648) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection of information are best

assured of having their full effect if received on or before March 16, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 726 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Division of Information Services, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.fed.us.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-549 "Gas Pipeline Rates: NGPA Title III and NGA Blanket Certificate Transactions".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0086. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. There is no change to the reporting burden. These are mandatory collection requirements.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the provisions of Sections 311 and 312 Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) and Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). The reporting requirements for implementing these provisions are contained in 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 284. Under Part 284 of the Commission's regulations noninterstate pipelines that perform transportation service under NGPA section 311 (intrastate pipelines) or blanket certificates issued under Section 7 of the NGA (Hinshaw pipelines) are required to file an annual report containing specific details of each transaction initiated during the reporting year. Interstate pipelines performing unbundled sales service under a blanket certificate granted under part 284 of the regulations are required to file an annual report detailing specific information on each transaction initiated during the reporting year. Following approval of the initial filing, the individual