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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Exploitable geothermal energy resources are found in many parts of the U.S., and the world. Often within the boundaries of these known fields, or at the margins of these fields, there often exist regions that contain sufficient heat but lack permeability, fluid content, or both. Research has indicated that it may be possible to utilize these regions to enhance operating geothermal fields, or possibly create new adjacent reservoirs, and thereby increase the power produced from the existing field with an EGS. Also, research at Los Alamos National Laboratory's Fenton Hill site has shown that a stand-alone geothermal reservoir (non-EGS) can be created in low-permeability, hot rock with no resident fluid, although this has not yet proven to be a commercially viable source of electricity. Based on these U.S. research results, and the results of several overseas projects, the U.S. DOE believes a domestic EGS can be co-developed with US industry, and eventually be commercially competitive.

The purpose of this notice is to obtain a preliminary indication of interest by utilities, independent power producers, or industrial concerns in cost-sharing the development and operation of a domestic EGS that significantly augments the electric power production from an existing geothermal field. Comments are solicited from independent power producers, utilities, energy companies, well drilling and well servicing companies, turbine manufacturers and other businesses with an interest in the development of geothermal energy resources. This notice is only intended to: decide whether to proceed with a solicitation; refine the specifications of the solicitation (currently in development); identify potential bidders; promote the formation of partnerships or consortia; and stimulate interactions among potential participants. At some future date, if a solicitation for this project is issued, industry will be invited to specify a site for the project, the size and scope of the EGS, a plan for the construction of the EGS, and the

customers to whom the electric power or thermal energy will be sold. DOE expects that the amount of additional power gained from this EGS project will be on the order of 5-10% above the electricity generating capacity of the original existing field. The plant and its revenue will be the property of the successful bidder(s). A portion of the cost-sharing, generally that in excess of 40%, may include an accounting of in-kind cost participation, equipment or services. The federal government's share of any project will be limited to approximately \$60 million over a period covering the construction of the facility and up to two years of operations. DOE will exercise appropriate oversight authority, but the day-to-day management of the project will be the responsibility of the offeror.

DOE, through its AL office, requests comments and expressions of interest in order to determine the level of interest by private parties in the proposed project to build and operate an EGS in an existing geothermal field. Moreover, the requested information will help the DOE to decide whether to issue a solicitation, refine the specifications of the solicitation, and identify potential bidders. Comments, suggested modifications, additions, deletions or alternative approaches are encouraged and welcome. Proprietary details of responses should be identified and will be kept in confidence. Failure to respond to this notice will not disqualify any party from responding to any subsequent solicitation, but a response will assure that the party receives the solicitation and notification of related activities. Expressions of interest should not include detailed plans or proposals but should include the following: (1) The name, address, telephone number, Email address, and facsimile number of the primary contact person; (2) The potential participants, their affiliations, their proposed roles, and brief documentation of their interest in the project; and (3) a statement indicating whether or not the respondent wishes to receive a copy of the solicitation. Responses to this notice should not exceed five pages in length exclusive of appendices. Responses shall be sent to the attention of Mr. Dan Sanchez at the address listed above.

Copies of the Geothermex, Inc. "Data Review" and "Peer Review" reports on the Fenton Hill Hot Dry Rock project are available to aid parties in deciding their level of interest. Copies of these reports are available from Princeton Economic Research, Incorporated. Contact Mr. Lynn McLarty at 301-468-8442. Copies of status reports of the European Hot Dry Rock Project are available from Roy

Baria, or Jorg Baumgartner, SOCOMINE Soultz-Sous-Forêt, France, 33-8880-5363.

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D.A. Sanchez,

Technology Development Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-2229-000]

California Power Exchange Corp.; Issuance of Order

May 28, 1999.

California Power Exchange Corporation (PX), on behalf of a soon-to-be established division, CalPX Trading Services (CTS), filed a proposal to establish a "Block-Forward Market" for the sales and purchases of energy for delivery through the PX Day-Ahead Market, to become effective on the date that CTS operations commence. The filing requests market-based rate treatment for the Block-Forward Market. On behalf of CTS, the PX also requested authorizations and waivers of various Commission regulations, consistent with those granted other various marketers. In particular, the proposal requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by CTS. On May 26, 1999, the Commission issued an Order Accepting For Filing Proposed Block-Forward Market, As Modified (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's May 26, 1999 Order granted the request for blanket approval under part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (G), (H), and (I):

(G) Within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by CTS 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 procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(H) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (G) above, CTS is hereby authorized to issue securities and

assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of CTS, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(I) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of CTS's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities * * *.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is June 25, 1999.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-3045-000]

Cambridge Electric Light Co.; Notice of Filing

May 27, 1999.

Take notice that on May 19, 1999, Cambridge Electric Light Company (Cambridge) tendered for filing a non-firm point-to-point transmission service agreement between Cambridge and Strategic Energy Ltd. (Strategic). Cambridge states that the service agreement sets out the transmission arrangements under which Cambridge will provide non-firm point-to-point transmission service to Strategic under Cambridge's open access transmission tariff accepted for filing in Docket No. ER97-1337-000, subject to refund and issuance of further orders.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before June 8, 1999. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-3044-000]

Commonwealth Electric Co.; Filing

May 27, 1999.

Take notice that on May 19, 1999, Commonwealth Electric Company (Commonwealth) tendered for filing a non-firm point-to-point transmission service agreement between Commonwealth and Strategic Energy Ltd. (Strategic). Commonwealth states that the service agreement sets out the transmission arrangements under which Commonwealth will provide non-firm point-to-point transmission service to Strategic under Commonwealth's open access transmission tariff accepted for filing in Docket No. ER97-1341-000, subject to refund and issuance of further orders.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before June 8, 1999. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-117-000]

K N Interstate Gas Transmission, Co.; Informal Settlement Conference

May 27, 1999.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference in this proceeding will be convened on Wednesday, June 9, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. and will continue on Thursday, June 10, 1999. The settlement conference will be held at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, contact Thomas J. Burgess at (202) 208-2058 or Marcia C. Hooks at (202) 208-0993.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER-99-2931-000]

New England Power Pool; Filing

May 27, 1999.

Take notice that on May 14, 1999, New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) Executive Committee submitted Market Rules and Procedures recently approved by the NEPOOL Regional Market Operations Committee. This filing places before the Commission, revisions to NEPOOL's existing set of Market Rules and appendices to those rules. NEPOOL has requested that a limited number of changes to Market Rule 4.3.1, Appendix 5-B and Appendix 12-B-3 be allowed to become effective as of the date of filing.

The NEPOOL Executive Committee states that copies of these materials were sent to all participants in the New England Power Pool and the New England state governors and regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion