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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-420-000]

Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.; Notice of Fuel Calculations

July 16, 1999.

Take notice that on July 1, 1999, pursuant to Section 2.27 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff, Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. (Iroquois) tendered for filing its schedules which reflect calculations supporting the Measurement Variance/Fuel Use Factors utilized by Iroquois during the period January 1, 1999 through June 30, 1999.

Iroquois states that data from the data base during this period has to be verified to ensure accurate and complete information. Iroquois states that the schedules attached to the filing include calculations supporting each of the following three components of Iroquois' composite Measurement Variance/Fuel Use Factor:

- (1) Lost and unaccounted-for gas (Measurement Variance Factor);
- (2) Fuel use associated with the transportation of gas by others on behalf of Iroquois (Account 858 Fuel Use Factor); and
- (3) Fuel use associated with the transportation of gas on Iroquois' pipeline system (Account 854 Fuel Use Factor).

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before

July 23, 1999. 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 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 in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-431-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

July 16, 1999.

Take notice that on July 1, 1999, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch) tendered for filing a request to implement Version 1.4 of the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) Standard 4.3.29 on August 1, 1999.

Koch states that the Notice Task Force has revised GISB Standard 4.3.29, Version 1.3 by separating the "Press Release, Company News or Phone List" category into two categories—"Press Release, Company News" and "Phone List." The Task Force also added a new category of notice type, "Intraday Bump."

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before July 23, 1999. 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 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 in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 201-000 AK]

Petersburg Municipal Power and Light; Notice of Petersburg Municipal Power and Light's Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Filing a License Application

July 16, 1999.

On July 7, 1999, the existing licensee, Petersburg Municipal Power and Light (Petersburg), filed a request to use alternative procedures in submitting an application for a new license for the existing Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project No. 201. The 2.0-megawatt project is located on Crystal Creek, and Mitkof Island, about 16 miles from the City of Petersburg, Alaska. Petersburg has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all resource agencies, Indian Tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and others affected by the proposal, and that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case. Petersburg has also submitted a communications protocol that is supported by most interested entities.

The purpose of this notice is to invite comments on Petersburg's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to Section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations.¹ Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date.

The alternative procedures being requested here combine the pre-filing consultation process with the environmental review process, allowing the applicant to complete and file an Environmental Assessment (EA) in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which the applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs during preparation of the application for the license and before filing it, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simply and

¹ Order No. 596, Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects, 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).

expedite the licensing process combining the prefilings consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

Applicant Prepared EA Process and Blind Slough Project Schedule

Petersburg has submitted a proposed schedule for the APEA process that leads to the filing of a new license application by August 2002. Study plans would be developed this summer, with National Environmental Policy Act scoping being conducted in the fall. Field-work would be conducted over two seasons, summer 2000 and 2001 (if needed), with a draft application and draft APEA to be issued for comment in the fall of 2001.

Comments

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission, any comments on Petersburg's proposal to use the alternative procedures to file an application for the Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project.

Filing Requirements

The comments must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Dockets—Room 1A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20416.

All comments filings must bear the heading "Comments on the Alternative Procedures," and include the project name and number (Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project No. 201).

For further information on this process, please contact Vince Yearick of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at 202-219-2938 or E-mail vince-yearick@ferc.fed.us.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-576-000]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Application

July 16, 1999.

Take notice that on July 12, 1999, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams), Post Office Box 3288, Tulsa,

Oklahoma 74101, filed in Docket No. CP99-576-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), for authorization to uprate the Blackwell-Cotton Valley 16-inch pipeline, to construct approximately 36.8 miles of 20-inch loop pipeline and additional measurement facilities. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Williams proposes to uprate the Blackwell-Cotton Valley 16-inch pipeline from 500 psig to 690 psig, to extend the Southern Trunk 20-inch pipeline loop by constructing an additional 36.8 miles of pipeline loop, and to construct additional measurement facilities to serve new turbines at the Empire District Electric Company State Line plant in Jasper County, Missouri. The total project cost is estimated to be approximately \$19,717,524.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to either Bart Wherritt at (918) 573-4369 or John Cary (918) 573-4212, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc., P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101.

Any persons desiring to be heard to protest said filing should on or before August 6, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a petition to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein, must file a petition to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission on this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, and if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its motion believes that

a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Williams to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC96-19-047, et al.]

California Independent System Operator Corporation, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

July 15, 1999.

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

1. California Independent System Operator Corporation

[Docket Nos. EC96-19-047 and ER96-1663-049]

Take notice that on July 8, 1999, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO) tendered for filing a supplemental compliance filing in the above-identified dockets. The filing consists of an amendment to the ISO's Bylaws that would extend the initial term of the ISO's Board of governors to March 31, 2000.

The ISO states that this filing has been served upon all persons on the official service list in the above-identified dockets.

Comment date: August 9, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Texas-New Mexico Power Company and SW Acquisition, L.P.

[Docket No. EC99-92-000]

Take notice that on July 9, 1999, Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNMP) and SW Acquisition, L.P. (together, Joint Applicants) tendered for filing a request that the Commission approve a disposition of facilities and/or grant any other authorization the Commission may deem to be needed under section 203 of the Federal Power Act as a result of the forthcoming merger between TNP Enterprises, Inc. (TNP), TNMP's parent, and SW Acquisition, L.P. Joint Applicants submit that the planned merger of TNP with SW Acquisition, L.P., will have no effect on the jurisdictional facilities, rates or services of TNMP and will be consistent with the public interest.