

recommendations to the Council regarding the extent of Federal waters off Texas that will be closed in 2000 concurrently with the closure of Texas waters. Finally, the Shrimp AP will review a draft of an Options paper for Amendment 10 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan. This options paper contains provisions for requiring additional measures to reduce bycatch in the shrimp fishery, particularly on the west coast of Florida, south and east of 85°30' W. long. Measures being considered include area and/or seasonal closures as well as bycatch reduction devices.

The Shrimp AP consists principally of commercial shrimp fishermen, dealers, and association representatives. Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the AP for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the AP will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by December 29, 1999.

Dated: November 26, 1999.

Gary C. Matlock,

*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111699A]

Marine Mammals; File No. P598

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 987 issued to Dr. Jim Darling, Box 384, Tofino, B.C., Canada

VO4 2Z0, was amended to extend the expiration date to September 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130 Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001); and

Protected Resources Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700 (808/973-2937).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak, (301/713-2289).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 23, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 51518) that an amendment of Permit No. 987, issued June 20, 1996 (61 FR 34801), had been requested by the above-named individual. The subject amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR part 222-226).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: November 24, 1999.

Thomas J. McIntyre,

*Acting Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 110899C]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 731-1509-01)

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Robin Baird, Biology Department, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 4J1 Canada, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 731-1509-00.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 13, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 25875) that Dr. Robin W. Baird had applied in due form for a permit to take several species of cetaceans for purposes of scientific research. Permit No. 731-1509-00 was subsequently issued on July 23, 1999, which authorized a portion of the requested activities (*i.e.*, photo-identification and suction cup tagging of non-listed species of cetaceans in the Pacific Ocean, and sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) and fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*) in the Mediterranean and Ligurian Seas. The permit has now been amended to authorize the taking of listed species of cetaceans in the Pacific Ocean.

The requested amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR Part 216), the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West

Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6426);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4027);

Protected Species Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, NMFS, NOAA, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4700 (808/973-2935); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, 709 W. 9th Street, Federal Building, Room 461, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 (907/586-7235).

Dated: November 26, 1999.

Thomas J. McIntyre,

Acting Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL00-18-000, et al.]

New England Power Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

November 22, 1999.

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

1. New England Power Company and Montaup Electric Company

[Docket No. EL00-18-000]

Take notice that on November 17, 1999, New England Power Company and Montaup Electric Company (Applicants) submitted for filing a Petition for Declaratory Order Authorizing Payment of Dividends as a Result of Mergers.

Applicants state that the purpose of the filing is to seek Commission approval to pay as dividends from paid-in capital accounts, preexisting retained earnings that will have been restated as paid-in capital as a result of accounting conventions resulting from mergers affecting Applicants. Also, Applicants are seeking Commission approval to calculate net income available to pay dividends by performing the calculation without regard to the amortization of the acquisition premiums that will be the result of two recent mergers involving

Applicants. Finally, Applicants are requesting that the Commission give expedited consideration to the Petition and issue a decision approving these requests by no later than December 15, 1999.

Comment date: December 10, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Gelber Group, Inc. and Community Electric Power Corporation

[Docket Nos. ER96-1933-007 and ER97-2792-008]

Take notice that on November 15, 1999, the above-mentioned power marketers filed quarterly reports with the Commission in the above-mentioned proceedings for information only.

3. Northwest Natural Gas Company

[Docket No. ER97-683-005]

Take notice that on November 16, 1999, Northwest Natural Gas Company filed their quarterly report for the quarters ending June 30, 1999 and September 30, 1999, for information only.

4. Southern Energy California, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER99-1841-002]

Take notice that on October 29, 1999, Southern Energy California, L.L.C. filed their quarterly report the quarter ending September 30, 1999, for information only.

5. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket Nos. ER96-2506-004; ER93-730-016; ER98-421-009; ER98-4055-006 and ER99-1727-001]

Take notice that on November 15, 1999, Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy), on behalf of its Operating Companies, The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company and PSI Energy, Inc. and its non-regulated affiliates, Cinergy Capital & Trading, Inc., CinCap IV, LLC, CinCap V, LLC and CinCap VI, LLC, tendered for filing an updated Generation Market Power Analysis in connection with the market-based rate authority of the Cinergy's Operating Companies and non-regulated affiliates.

Comment date: December 3, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-570-003]

Take notice that on November 16, 1999, Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company (Maine Yankee), tendered for filing a compliance filing pursuant to the Commission's letter order issued June 1, 1999, in the above captioned docket. The compliance filing contains

a report detailing the decommissioning amounts and calculations for elimination of 6.8 million dollars annually, associated with spent fuel storage costs and a one time payment from the State of Maine State Planning Office Fund to offset the costs of decommissioning. As required by the FERC order of June 1, 1999, the company has furnished copies of such report to the affected wholesale customers, and to each state commission within whose jurisdiction the wholesale customers distribute and sell electric energy at retail.

Comment date: December 6, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation

[Docket Nos. ER97-1523-018, OA97-470-017 and ER97-4234-015]

Take notice that on November 17, 1999, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E), tendered for filing a Amendment to the transmission agreement between RG&E and the New York Power Authority.

RG&E requests that this amendment be effective upon the start-up of the New York Independent System Operator.

Comment date: December 7, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Nevada Power Company

[Docket No. ER99-2338-001]

Take notice that on November 16, 1999, Nevada Power Company (Nevada Power), tendered for filing pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act six forms of Service Agreements applicable to the six Generation Aggregation Tariffs (GAT's) approved by the Commission in its Order of November 1, 1999. Nevada Power Co., 89 FERC ¶61, 130 (1999). The Commission's approval of the GAT's was conditioned upon Nevada Power filing forms of Service Agreement for each of the six GATs. Nevada Power's filing is intended to satisfy that condition.

Comment date: December 6, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. California Independent System Operator Corporation

[Docket No. ER99-3301-003]

Take notice that on November 15, 1999, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO), tendered for filing copies of tariff sheets for the ISO FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume I, tendered for filing in compliance with the Commission's