

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation Policy; Proposed Subsequent Arrangement**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Subsequent arrangement.

SUMMARY: This notice is being issued under the authority of Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2160). The Department is providing notice of a proposed "subsequent arrangement" under the Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy between the United States of America and the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM).

This subsequent arrangement involves United States advance consent for retransfer from EURATOM to Switzerland of U.S.-obligated plutonium recovered from Swiss spent fuel. The U.S. is designating Switzerland as a country eligible to receive retransfers of US-obligated plutonium from EURATOM to Switzerland as referred to in Article 8.1(C)(iii) and paragraph B(3) of the Agreed Minute to the Agreement. Subsequent to this designation, Switzerland will be able to receive retransfers of certain US-obligated plutonium, including plutonium contained in mixed oxide (MOX) fuel, from EURATOM on an advance, long-term basis. This subsequent arrangement applies both to US-obligated plutonium recovered from Swiss spent fuel that has been transferred to EURATOM for reprocessing pursuant to previous U.S.-Switzerland agreements for peaceful nuclear cooperation and U.S.-obligated plutonium recovered from Swiss spent fuel that may be transferred to EURATOM for reprocessing under the new U.S.-Switzerland Agreement signed October 31, 1997.

In Agreed Minute paragraph (D) of the Agreement for Co-operation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Swiss Federal Council Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, signed at Bern on October 31, 1997 (H. Doc. 105-184, January 28, 1998), the United States agreed to approve such retransfers from EURATOM to Switzerland on an advance, long-term basis.

Under section 131(b) of the Atomic Energy Act, and in connection with the President's submission of the U.S.-Switzerland Agreement for Cooperation to Congress for review under section 123 (b)&(d) of the Atomic Energy Act (H. Doc. 105-184), the Secretary of Energy provided Congress with a report stating,

inter alia, his reasons for entering into this subsequent arrangement and determined (memorandum dated September 5, 1997) that it will not be inimical to the common defense and security and will not result in a significant increase in the risk of proliferation beyond that which exists now, or which existed at the time approval was requested.

This subsequent arrangement will take effect no sooner than fifteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: February 19, 1999.

For the Department of Energy.

Edward T. Fei,

Deputy Director, International Policy and Analysis Division, Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation.

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This subsequent arrangement concerns the addition of Argentina, South Africa, and Switzerland to the list of countries referred to in paragraph 2 of the Agreed Minute to the Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, listing countries eligible to receive retransfers under Article 8.1(C)(i) of the Agreement of low enriched uranium, non-nuclear material, equipment and source material transferred under the Agreement, or receive retransfers of low enriched uranium produced through the use of nuclear material or equipment transferred under the Agreement, for nuclear fuel cycle activities other than the production of high enriched uranium or plutonium.

The United States has brought into force new Agreements for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, under the authority of Section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2160), with Argentina, South

Africa and Switzerland. These three countries have also made effective non-proliferation commitments as prescribed in paragraph 2 of the Agreed Minute to the U.S.-EURATOM Agreement. Accordingly, they are eligible third countries to which retransfers may be made.

In accordance with Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, we have determined that this subsequent arrangement will not be inimical to the common defense and security.

This subsequent arrangement will take effect no sooner than fifteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: February 19, 1999.

For the Department of Energy.

Edward T. Fei,

Deputy Director, International Policy and Analysis Division, Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. PP-204]

Application for Presidential Permit; Sumas Energy 2, Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Sumas Energy 2, Inc. (SE2) has applied for a Presidential permit to construct, connect, operate and maintain electric transmission facilities across the U.S. border with Canada.

DATES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before March 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import and Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-0350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038.

On February 10, 1999, SE2, an independent power producer in the

State of Washington, filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential permit. SE2 proposes to construct a double-circuit 230,000-volt (230-kV) transmission line across the U.S. border with Canada. The proposed transmission lines would extend approximately one half mile from a 710-megawatt (MW) gas-fired, electric powerplant SE2 proposes to construct in Sumas, Washington. At the border, the SE2 transmission lines would continue approximately 6 additional miles into Canada to the Abbotsford and the Clayburn substations of British Columbia Hydro, the provincial utility of Canada's Province of British Columbia.

In its application, SE2 asserts that the facilities proposed herein are not to be interconnected with any other part of the U.S. electric power system thereby precluding third party use of these transmission facilities.

Prior to exporting electric energy to Canada, SE2 will be required to obtain an authorization from DOE pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. § 824a(e)).

Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this application should file a petition to intervene or protest at the address provided above in accordance with section 385.211 or 385.214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214).

Fifteen copies of such petitions and protests should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above. Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protests also should be filed directly with: Matthew M. Schreck, Corbett & Schreck, P.C., 820 Gessner, Suite 1390, Houston, TX 77024.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). DOE also must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be reviewed or downloaded from the Fossil Energy Home Page at: <http://www.fe.doe.gov>.

Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Regulatory Programs," then "Electricity Regulations," and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

Issued in Washington, D. C., on February 22, 1999.

Anthony J. Como,

Manager, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-51-004]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Correction Filing

February 19, 1999.

Take notice that on February 12, 1999, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, Third Sub Third Revised Sheet No. 662, to become effective November 2, 1998.

Algonquin asserts that the above listed tariff sheet is being filed to correct Algonquin's November 13, 1998 compliance filing in Docket No. RP99-51-002 (November 13 Filing). Algonquin states that the November 13 Filing was made in compliance with the Commission's Letter Order issued on October 29, 1998, in Docket Nos. RP99-51-000 and RP99-51-001 (October 29 Order) which required Algonquin, *inter alia*, to revise Section 23.3 of the General Terms and Conditions of its Tariff to specify that bumped parties would be notified by telephone or facsimile in addition to notification through the LINK System and the Web site.

Algonquin states that the November 13 Filing did not, through an inadvertent error, correctly reflect Section 23.3 as accepted by the Commission in the October 29 Order. Algonquin states that this filing correctly reflects Section 23.3 as approved by the Commission in the October 29 Order and removes extraneous language which was inadvertently included in Section 23.4 in Algonquin's November 13 Filing.

Algonquin states that copies of the filing were mailed to all affected customers of Algonquin and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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. 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. RP98-426-004]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

February 19, 1999.

Take notice that on February 12, 1999, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, bearing a proposed effective date of:

November 2, 1998

Substitute Original Sheet No. 307A

Second Substitute Seventh Revised Sheet No. 456

November 16, 1998

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 307A

Columbia states that this filing is being submitted in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Order issued January 29, 1999 in Docket No. RP98-426, et al., pertaining to Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines (Order 587-H).

Columbia states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all firm customers, interruptible customers and affected state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests