

Comment date: March 14, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. New York State Reliability Council

[Docket No. ER00-1671-000]

Take notice that on February 22, 2000, the New York State Reliability Council (NYSRC), tendered for filing a new state-wide annual Installed Capacity Requirement for the New York Control Area for the Capability Year beginning on May 1, 2000 and ending April 30, 2001. The NYSRC respectfully requests Commission acceptance and approval of this filing on or before March 17, 2000, so that the revised Installed Capacity Requirement may be in place for the installed capacity auction to be conducted by the New York Independent System Operator on March 17, 2000.

A copy of this filing was served upon all persons on the Commission's official service list in Docket Nos. ER97-1523 *et al.*, and the respective electric utility regulatory agencies in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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14. Louisville Gas and Electric Company/Kentucky Utilities Company

[Docket No. ER00-1673-000]

Take notice that on February 23, 2000, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E)/Kentucky Utilities (KU) (hereinafter Companies), tendered for filing fully executed Netting Agreements between the Companies and FirstEnergy Corp.

Comment date: March 15, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Avista Corp.

[Docket No. ER00-1674-000]

Take notice that on February 23, 2000, Avista Corp. (AVA), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission executed Service Agreements for Short-Term Firm and Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service under AVA's Open Access Transmission Tariff—FERC Electric Tariff, Volume No. 8 with PP&L Montana, LLC (PPLM) and TransCanada Power.

AVA requests the Service Agreements be given respective effective dates of November 4, 1999 and January 21, 2000.

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16. Reliant Energy Desert Basin, LLC

[Docket No. ER00-1675-000]

Take notice that on February 23, 2000, Reliant Energy Desert Basin, LLC (Reliant Energy Desert Basin), tendered for filing pursuant to Rule 205, 18 CFR 385.205, a petition for waivers and blanket approvals under various regulations of the Commission and for an order accepting its FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1 authorizing Reliant Energy Desert Basin to make sales at market-based rates.

Reliant Energy Desert Basin intends to sell electric power at wholesale. In transactions where Reliant Energy Desert Basin sells electric energy, it proposes to make such sales on rates, terms, and conditions to be mutually agreed to with the purchasing party. Reliant Energy Desert Basin's Rate Schedule provides for the sale of energy and capacity at agreed prices.

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17. Fulton Cogeneration Associates, L.P.

[Docket No. ER00-1676-000]

Take notice that on February 22, 2000, Fulton Cogeneration Associates, L.P. (Fulton), tendered for filing an application for an order accepting its FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1 which will permit Fulton to make wholesale sales of electric power to eligible customers at market-based rates. Fulton is the owner of a new generating plant located near Brush, Colorado that will be selling most of its output to Public Service Company of Colorado under a negotiated long-term purchase power agreement.

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Standard Paragraphs

E. 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 or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings 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).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-163-000; CA Clearinghouse No. SCH99041103]

Questar Southern Trails Pipeline Company; Notice of Availability, Route Inspection, and Public Meetings on a Joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Questar Southern Trails Pipeline Project

February 25, 2000.

The staffs of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) have prepared a joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/R) on natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Questar Southern Trails Pipeline Company (QST) in the above-referenced docket.

The EIS/R was prepared as required by the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Policy Act. Its purpose is to inform the public and the permitting agencies about the potential adverse and beneficial environmental impacts of the proposed project and its alternatives, and recommend mitigation measures which would reduce any significant adverse impact to the maximum extent possible and, where feasible, to a less-than-significant level. The staffs conclude that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact.

Proposed Project

The Southern Trails Pipeline Project involves the conversion of an existing crude oil pipeline to natural gas service, and the construction of new pipeline, compressor station, and related facilities. The Draft EIS/R assesses the potential environmental effects of the conversion, construction, and operation of the following facilities in California, Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico:

- About 675 miles of existing pipeline to be converted from crude oil to natural gas service (592 miles of 16-inch, 80 miles of 12-inch, and 3 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline);

- Five new pipeline extensions totaling about 43.2 miles;
- Four reroutes/realignments of the existing pipeline totaling about 9.6 miles;
- 39 replacement segments of the existing pipeline totaling about 7.3 miles;
- 240 excavation sites along the existing pipeline totaling about 5.1 miles; and
- Seven new compressor stations (six of which would be located on existing oil pump stations sites—three sites in California; two sites in Arizona; one site in Utah; and one site in New Mexico).

The proposed project would transport 80 to 90 million cubic feet per day (MMcfd) of natural gas to customers east of California and 120 MMcfd to customers in southern California.

Comment Procedures and Public Meetings

Any persons wishing to comment on the Draft EIS/R may do so. To ensure consideration of your comments on the proposal in the Final EIS/R, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please follow these instructions carefully to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP99-163-000;
- Send a copy of your comments to the following individuals:

Branch Chief, PR-11.1, Environmental Review & Compliance Branch, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Daniel Gorfain, Division of Environmental Planning & Management, California State Lands Commission, 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100 South, Sacramento, CA 95825-8202.

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 17, 2000.

In addition to written comments, the staffs will hold public meetings in the project area to receive comments on the Draft EIS/R. Meetings are scheduled for Banning, Fullerton, and Long Beach in southern California; Upper Moenkopi and Kayenta in Arizona; and Farmington, New Mexico during the period April 3-11, 2000. Specific meeting places and times are identified in table at the end of this notice. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the Draft

EIS/R. Priority will be given to commenters who represent groups. Transcripts of the meetings will be prepared.

After comments are reviewed, any significant new issues investigated, and modifications made to the Draft EIS/R, a Final EIS/R will be published and distributed. The Final EIS/R will contain the staffs responses to comments timely filed on the Draft EIS/R.

Comments will be considered by the FERC but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this Draft EIS/R. You must file your request to intervene as specified above. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

The Draft EIS/R has been placed in the public files of the FERC and CSLC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

California State Lands Commission, 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South, Sacramento, CA 95825-8202, (916) 574-1889.

Copies also are available for reading at the following libraries:

California

Canyon Hills, Library, 400 Scout Trail, Anaheim, 92807
 Euclid Branch Library, 1340 S. Euclid Street, Anaheim, 92804
 Banning Public Library, 21 W. Nicholet Street, Banning, 92220
 Beaumont District Library, 125 East 8th Street, Beaumont, 92223
 Cabazon Library, 50171 Ramona Avenue, Cabazon, 92230
 Cocoran Library, 650 South Main, Corona, 91720
 Cypress Library, 5331 Orange Avenue, Cypress, 90630
 Joshua Tree Branch Library, 6465 Park Boulevard, Joshua Tree, 92252
 Angelo M Iacaboni Library, 4990 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, 90712
 George Nye, Jr. Library, 6600 Del Amo Boulevard, Lakewood, 90713
 Dominguez Library, 2719 E. Carson Street, Long Beach, 90810
 Taft Library, 740 E. Taft Avenue, Orange, 92665
 Yucca Valley Branch Library, 57098 29 Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, 92284

Arizona

Mohave County Library, 3260 North Burbank. Kingman, 86401

Kayenta Unified School #27, Kayenta, 86033

Utah

San Juan County Library, 25 West 300 South, Blanding, 84511

New Mexico

Farmington Public Library, 100 West Broadway, Farmington, 87401

Bloomfield Public Library, 333 South First, Bloomfield, 87413

A limited number of copies are available from the FERC's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch identified above. In addition, the Draft EIS/R has been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies; public interest groups; individuals who have requested the Draft EIS/R; libraries; newspapers; and parties to this proceeding.

Route Inspection

On April 4, 2000, the FERC staff will conduct a ground inspection of portions of the existing pipeline right-of-way in the area between Tuba City and the Tonalea Pump Station site in Coconino County, Arizona. Anyone interested in participating in the inspection activities may contact the FERC's Office of External Affairs (identified at the end of this notice) for more details and must provide their own transportation.

Additional Questions

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Paul McKee in the FERC's Office of External Affairs ((202) 208-1088); Daniel Gorfain at the CSLC ((916) 574-1889)); or on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS help line can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the text of formal documents issued by the FERC, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS help line can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

Daniel Gorfain,
Project Manager, California State Lands Commission.

David Boergers,
Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

SCHEDULE FOR DRAFT EIS/EIR PUBLIC MEETINGS

[**Note:** All meetings will last for 1 hour, or until the submission of public comments is concluded (whichever occurs later).]

| Date & time | Community | Location |
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| Monday, April 3, 2000, 1:30 pm | Upper Moenkopi, AZ | Moenkopi Community Building. |
| Wednesday,* April 5, 2000, 5:00 pm | Kayenta, AZ | Kayenta Chapter House. |
| Thursday, April 6, 2000, 7:00 pm | Farmington, NM | Holiday Inn, 600 East Broadway, Animas Room. |
| | Fullerton, CA | Four Points Sheraton, 1500 South Raymond Avenue, Crown 1 Room. |
| Monday, April 10, 2000, 7:00 pm | Long Beach, CA | Los Cerritos Elementary School, 515 West San Antonio Drive, Auditorium. |
| Tuesday, April 11, 2000, 6:00 pm | Banning, CA | Banning Council Chambers, 99 East Ramsey Street. |

* Date and time subject to final approval of the Kayenta Chapter. Local media and on-site announcements will advise residents of any changes to the Kayenta meeting schedule.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Proposed Rates for Central Valley and California-Oregon Transmission Projects

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rates.

SUMMARY: Western Area Power Administration (Western) is proposing rates for Central Valley Project (CVP) commercial firm power, power scheduling, scheduling coordinator, CVP transmission, transmission of CVP power by others, network transmission, California-Oregon Transmission Project (COTP) transmission and ancillary services. Current rates expire September 30, 2002. The proposed rates will provide sufficient revenue to repay all annual costs, including interest expense, and repay required investment within the allowable period. Rate impacts are detailed in a rate brochure to be provided to all interested parties. Proposed rates are scheduled to go into effect on October 1, 2000, to correspond with the start of the Federal fiscal year (FY), and will remain in effect through December 31, 2004, which is the end of the current (1994) CVP Power Marketing Plan. This **Federal Register** notice initiates the formal process for the proposed rates.

DATES: The consultation and comment period will begin today and will end June 2, 2000. Western will present a detailed explanation of these proposed rates at a public information forum on March 14, 2000, at 1 p.m. PST, and will receive oral and written comments at a public comment forum on April 18, 2000, at 1 p.m., see the **ADDRESSES** section. Western must receive all comments by the end of the

consultation and comment period to assure consideration of the comments.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Mr. Jerry W. Toenyas, Regional Manager, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Debbie Dietz, Rates Manager, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710, (916) 353-4453.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposed rates for CVP commercial firm power are designed to recover an annual revenue requirement that includes the investment repayment, interest, purchase power, transmission and operation and maintenance expense. A cost of service study allocates the projected annual revenue requirement for commercial firm power between capacity and energy. Capacity revenue requirement includes: (i) 100 percent of capacity purchase costs; (ii) 50 percent of the investment repayment; (iii) 50 percent of the interest expense; (iv) 50 percent of the power operation and maintenance expense allocated to power; and (v) 100 percent of CVP and COTP transmission expense. Projected CVP and COTP transmission revenue and 50 percent of projected CVP project use revenue reduce the annual costs that determine the capacity revenue requirement. The energy revenue requirement includes: (i) 100 percent of energy purchase costs; (ii) 50 percent of the investment repayment; (iii) 50 percent of the interest expense; and (iv) 50 percent of the power operation and maintenance expense allocated to power. Projected surplus power revenue, and 50 percent of projected CVP project use revenue reduce annual costs to determine the energy revenue requirement. The resulting capacity/energy revenue requirement split varies from 27 percent allocated to capacity from October 2003 through December

2004 to 38 percent allocated to capacity in FY 2001. The average capacity/energy revenue requirement split for the rate period is 32 percent to capacity and 68 percent to energy.

Western also developed proposed rates for CVP commercial firm power with the transmission revenue requirement removed from the commercial firm power revenue requirement. These rates would apply if Western joins the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) and if the CAISO uses the transmission revenue requirement to develop a regional transmission rate. Western has not made a decision on joining the CAISO. The decision to join the CAISO is not part of this rate adjustment public process. These proposed power rates with the transmission revenue requirement removed are designed to recover an annual revenue requirement that includes investment repayment, interest, purchase power and operation and maintenance expense. A cost of service study allocates projected annual revenue requirement for firm power between capacity and energy. Capacity revenue requirement includes: (i) 100 percent of capacity purchase costs; (ii) 50 percent of the investment repayment; (iii) 50 percent of the interest expense; and (iv) 50 percent of the power operation and maintenance expense allocated to power. Fifty percent of the projected CVP project use revenue reduces the annual cost to determine the capacity revenue requirement. Energy revenue requirement includes: (i) 100 percent of energy purchase costs; (ii) 50 percent of the investment repayment; (iii) 50 percent of the interest expense; and (iv) 50 percent of the power operation and maintenance expense allocated to power. Projected surplus power revenue, and 50 percent of the projected CVP project use revenue reduce the annual cost to determine the energy revenue requirement. The resulting capacity/energy revenue requirement split varies from 21 percent