

(2) pressure test Honeoye's existing field pipeline system to increase the certified maximum allowable operating pressure from 915 psia to 1045 psia;

(3) pressure test Honeoye's existing mainline pipeline system to increase the certified maximum allowable operating pressure from 900 psia to 1045 psia; and

(4) add 781,482 Dth of base gas to the Honeoye field, consisting of 481,482 Dth to replace base gas previously supplied by Providence and add 300,000 Dth of new base gas;

Honeoye proposes that Honeoye, and not its existing Part 157 customers, will bear the full costs of the exposed expansion. Therefore, Honeoye states that its proposed expansion will have no impact on the rates or terms of service to Part 157 customers.

Honeoye requests a blanket certificate pursuant to Subpart G of Part 284 of the Commission's regulations authorizing Honeoye to provide firm and interruptible services on a self-implementing basis at market-based rates with pre-granted abandonment. Honeoye proposes to offer open access services using (i) the 613.2 MDth of storage capacity and 5,100 Dth/d of firm deliverability that will become available when the Commission grants Honeoye authorization to abandon service to Providence, and (ii) the 1,812.8 MDth of storage capacity and 15,000 Dth/d of firm deliverability that will be created once the construction described above is completed.

Honeoye request that the Commission authorize Honeoye to charge market based rates for Part 284 Services. Honeoye's existing storage capacity represents less than two percent of the existing storage capacity in the New York and Pennsylvania region. Honeoye's storage deliverability represents less than one percent of the existing New York and Pennsylvania storage deliverability. Therefore, under applicable Commission policy, Honeoye states that it cannot withhold or restrict services or unduly discriminate with respect to prices or terms and conditions.

Honeoye also requests that with respect to the Open Access Service, the Commission waive the requirements of Section 284.8(d) of the Commission's Regulations. These regulations require that all storage services provided under Section 284 charge reservation fees which recover all fixed costs based on the straight fixed-variable rate design methodology. Honeoye states that if the Commission approves this application for market-based rates, compliance with this Section would be unnecessary. Similarly, Honeoye requests partial waiver of Section 157.14 of the

Commission's regulations in order to permit Honeoye to omit Exhibits K, N, and O from its Application. Honeoye states these exhibits will also be unnecessary if Honeoye's request to charge market-based rates is granted.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Richard A. Norman, Vice President, Honeoye Storage Corporation, c/o EHA One State Street, Suite 1200, Boston, MA 02109 (617) 367-0032.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 23, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) 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 in any proceeding herein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of such comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents, and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission, and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a Federal

court. The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the 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 or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that 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 Honeoye to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-196-000]

KO Transmission Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

March 3, 2000.

Take notice that on March 1, 2000, KO Transmission Company (KO Transmission) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet, bearing a proposed effective date of April 1, 2000.

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 10

KO Transmission states that the purpose of the filing is to revise its fuel retainage percentage consistent with Section 24 of the General Terms and Conditions of its Tariff. According to KO Transmission, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) operates and maintains a portion of KO Transmission facilities pursuant to the Operating Agreement referenced in its Tariff at Original Sheet No. 7. Pursuant to that Operating Agreement, Columbia retains certain volumes associated with gas transported on behalf of KO Transmission. On February 28, 2000,

Columbia notified KO Transmission that under terms of the Operating Agreement, KO Transmission will be subject to a 0.71% retainage. Accordingly, KO Transmission states that the instant filing tracks this fuel retainage.

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, NE, Washington, DC 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 in accordance with 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. 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).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1981]

Oconto Electric Cooperative; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

March 3, 2000.

On February 25, 1998, Oconto Electric Cooperative, licensee for the Stiles Project No. 1981, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 1981 is located on the Oconto River in Oconto County, Wisconsin.

The license for Project No. 1981 was issued for a period ending February 29, 2000. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in Section 15 or

any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of Section 15 of the FPA, then, based on Section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 1981 is issued to Oconto Electric Cooperative for a period effective March 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before February 28, 2001, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Oconto Electric Cooperative is authorized to continue operation of the Stiles Project No. 1981 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2659]

Pacific Corp; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

March 3, 2000.

On February 25, 1998, PacificCorp, licensee for the Powerdale Project No. 2659, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder.

Project No. 2659 is located on the Hood River in Hood River County, Oregon.

The license for Project No. 2659 was issued for a period ending February 28, 2000. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in Section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of Section 15 of the FPA, then, based on Section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2659 is issued to PacificCorp for a period effective February 29, 2000, through February 28, 2001, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before February 28, 2001, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that PacificCorp is authorized to continue operation of the Powerdale Project No. 2659 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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