

Comment date: November 9, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

20. Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company and Pennsylvania Electric Company

[Docket No. ER01-166-000]

Take notice that on October 19, 2000, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company and Pennsylvania Electric Company (individually doing business as GPU Energy), tendered for filing Notice of Cancellation of the Service Agreement between GPU Service Corporation and Morgan Stanley Capital Group, Inc., FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Service Agreement No. 53.

GPU Energy requests that cancellation be effective December 18, 2000.

Comment date: November 9, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

21. Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company and Pennsylvania Electric Company

[Docket No. ER01-167-000]

Take notice that on October 19, 2000, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company and Pennsylvania Electric Company (individually doing business as GPU Energy), tendered for filing Notice of Cancellation of the Service Agreement between GPU Service Corporation and Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Service Agreement No. 31.

GPU Energy requests that cancellation be effective December 18, 2000.

Comment date: November 9, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

22. Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company and Pennsylvania Electric Company

[Docket No. ER01-170-000]

Take notice that on October 19, 2000, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company and Pennsylvania Electric Company (individually doing business as GPU Energy), tendered for filing Notice of Cancellation of the Service Agreement between GPU Service Corporation and LG&E Power Marketing Inc., FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Service Agreement No. 8.

GPU Energy requests that cancellation be effective December 18, 2000.

Comment date: November 9, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

23. Consumers Energy Company and CMS Marketing, Services and Trading Company

[Docket No. ER01-171-000]

Take notice that on October 19, 2000, Consumers Energy Company (CECo) and CMS Marketing, Services and Trading Company (CMS MST), tendered for filing an application requesting modification of Code of Conduct, modification of CECo's market-based rate power sales tariff, FERC Electric Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 8, and acceptance of a service agreement.

Comment date: November 9, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

24. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER01-175-000]

Take notice that on October 18, 2000, Illinois Power Company (IP), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur, Illinois 65251-2200, tendered for filing with the Commission a Service Agreement for Network Integration Transmission Service and a Network Operating Agreement with Central Illinois Light Company entered into pursuant to IP's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

IP requests an effective date of September 18, 2000 for the Agreements and accordingly seeks a waiver of the Commission's notice requirement.

IP has served a copy of the filing on CILCO.

Comment date: November 8, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

25. PG Power Sales Twelve, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER01-196-000]

Take notice that on October 16, 2000, PG Power Sales Twelve, L.L.C., tendered for filing Notice that effective September 28, 2000, CP Power Sales Four, L.L.C., changed its name to PG Power Sales Twelve, L.L.C.

Comment date: November 6, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

26. PG Power Sales Eleven, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER01-197-000]

Take notice that on October 16, 2000, PG Power Sales Eleven, L.L.C., tendered for filing Notice that effective September 28, 2000, CP Power Sales Eleven, L.L.C., changed its name to PG Power Sales Eleven, L.L.C.

Comment date: November 6, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

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). Beginning November 1, 2000, comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-10-000]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Welda/Ottawa Compression Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

October 25, 2000.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Welda/Ottawa Compression Project involving construction, operation, and abandonment of facilities proposed by Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams) in Anderson and Franklin Counties, Kansas.¹ Williams proposes to install 6,107 horsepower (hp) of compression and abandon 7,000 hp of compression. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the

¹ Williams' application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you should have been contacted by Williams if you reside within ½ mile of the compressor stations. Also, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct an access road near the north property line of the Welda compressor Station. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Williams provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.fed.us).

Summary of the Proposed Project

Williams proposes to:

- Abandon by removal seven 1,000-hp Cooper Type 22 compressors at its Ottawa Compressor Station in Franklin County, Kansas; and
- Install one 6,107-hp Solar Centaur 50 turbine and appurtenant facilities at its Welda Compressor Station in Anderson County, Kansas in replacement of the compressors proposed to be abandoned at its Ottawa Compressor Station.

The system modifications would increase operating efficiency and reliability on this segment of Williams' pipeline system. Williams indicates that due to their obsolescence, abandonment of the compressors would enable Williams to eliminate maintenance and parts procurement problems associated with these compressors. Replacement of this compression at the Welda Compressor Station with a new 6,107-hp turbine would enable Williams to operate its Ottawa-Welda 20-inch-diameter pipeline at the existing designed and certificated maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of 690 pounds per square inch gauge during periods of peak withdrawal from the Welda Storage Complex.

Williams indicates that pursuant to 18 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 2.55(a) of the Commission's regulations,

it would also construct station piping, headers and other appurtenant facilities to tie the three existing turbines into the five existing reciprocating compressors at the Welda Compressor Station in order to utilize these reciprocating compressors as second stage compression during periods of peak withdrawal. This would provide Williams the flexibility of operating the Ottawa-Welda 20-inch-diameter pipeline at the existing certificated MAOP. Williams is identifying the modification in the application for informational purposes.

The location of the proposed project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

The only additional land required for this project is about 0.21 acre of land required to construct a new access road on the north side of the Welda Compressor Station. All other proposed construction work would take place within the 17-acre Welda Compressor Station requiring a disturbance of about 3.89 acres and within the 73-acre Ottawa Compressor Station requiring a disturbance of about 2.53 acres.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us³ to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available on the Commission's website at the "RIMS" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. For instructions on connecting to RIMS refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

³ "Us", "we" and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.

the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Land use
- Cultural resources
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Air quality and noise
- Endangered and threatened species
- Public safety

This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis. We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Group 2, PJ-11.2.
- Reference Docket No. CP01-10-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before November 24, 2000. Beginning November 1, 2000, comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.200(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-0004 or on the FERC 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 helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, 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 helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Preparing a Licenses Application

October 25, 2000.

Take notice that the following request to use alternative procedures to prepare a license application has been filed with the Commission.

a. *Type of Application:* Request to use alternative procedures to prepare a license application has been filed with the Commission.

b. *Project Nos.:* P-2146, P-2146, P-82, P-618, and P-2165.

c. *Date filed:* September 22, 2000.

d. *Applicant:* Alabama Power Company.

e. *Name of Projects:* Coosa River Project, Mitchell Project, Jordan Project, and Warrior River Projects, collectively called the Coosa-Warrior Projects.

f. *Location:* On the Coosa and Warrior Rivers, in Cherokee, Etowah, Calhoun, St. Clair, Talladega, Chilton, Coosa, Shelby, Elmore, Walker, Winston, Cullman, and Tuscaloosa Counties, Alabama and Floyd County, Georgia. The Warrior River Project occupies federal lands within the Bankhead National Forest.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contacts:* Jim Crew, Relicensing Project Manager, Alabama Power Company, 600 North 18th Street, Birmingham, AL 35291, (205) 257-4265 or Barry Lovett Project Manager, Alabama Power Company, 600 North 18th Street, Birmingham, AL 35291, (205) 257-1268.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ronald McKittrick at (770) 452-3778; e-mail ronald.mckittrick@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for Comments:* 30 days from the date of this notice. Project No. 2146, *et al.*

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First

Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Beginning November 1, 2000, comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.200(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. The existing Coosa River Project consists of five developments (Weiss, Neely Henry, Logan Martin, Lay, Bouldin) with a total rated capacity of 705.78 MW. Lay and Bouldin operate principally as run-of-river the other three as peaking projects. The Mitchell Project has a rated capacity of 170 MW and operates run-of-river. The Jordan Project has a rated capacity of 100 MW and operates principally as run-of-river. The Warrior River Projects consists of two developments (Lewis Smith and Bankhead) with a total rated capacity of 210 MW. Lewis Smith is a peaking project and Bankhead operates principally as run-of-river.

l. Alabama Power Company (APC) has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all federal and state resources agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGO), and others affected by the project. APC has also demonstrated that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case. APC has submitted a communications protocol that is supported by the stakeholders.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on Alabama Power Company's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to Section 4.34(i) of Commission's regulations. Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date. APC will complete and file a preliminary Environmental Assessment, in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which an applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other parties during preparation of the license application and before filing the application, but the Commission staff