

Company agrees to provide services to Engelhard Power Marketing, Inc. under Northern Indiana Public Service Company's Power Sales Tariff, which was accepted for filing by the Commission and made effective by Order dated August 17, 1995 in Docket No. ER95-1222-000. Northern Indiana Public Service Company and Engelhard Power Marketing, Inc. request waiver of the Commission's sixty-day notice requirement to permit an effective date of March 1, 1996.

Copies of this filing have been sent to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

Comment date: March 14, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Northern Indiana Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER96-1148-000]

Take notice that on February 23, 1996, Northern Indiana Public Service Company, tendered for filing an executed Standard Transmission Service Agreement between Northern Indiana Public Service Company and Commonwealth Edison Company.

Under the Transmission Service Agreement, Northern Indiana Public Service Company will provide Point-to-Point Transmission Service to Commonwealth Edison Company pursuant to the Transmission Service Tariff filed by Northern Indiana Public Service Company in Docket No. ER96-399-000 and allowed to become effective by the Commission. *Northern Indiana Public Service Company*, 71 FERC ¶ 61,014 (1996).

Copies of this filing have been sent to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

Comment date: March 14, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Florida Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER96-1149-000]

Take notice that on February 23, 1996, Florida Power Corporation (Florida Power), tendered for filing, pursuant to § 205 of the Federal Power Act and Part 35 of the Commission's regulations, a notice of termination of two service agreements for ancillary service with Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SECI) and Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMFA). The agreements were filed under Florida Power's open access transmission tariff (the T-2 Tariff) and were effective November 1, 1995. Florida Power states that termination of the agreements is filed at the request of SECI and FMFA.

Florida Power requests the effective date of termination coincide with the date on which the Commission accepts the notice of termination for filing.

Comment date: March 14, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Wheeled Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-1150-000]

Take notice that on February 23, 1996, Wheeled Electric Power Company (Petitioner), 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 to be effective on or before April 23, 1996.

Petitioner intends to engage in electric power and energy transactions as a marketer and a broker. In transactions where Petitioner sells electricity it proposes to make such sales on rates, terms, and conditions to be mutually agreed to with the purchasing party. Petitioner is not in the business of generating, transmitting, or distributing electric power.

Comment date: March 14, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. Duquesne Light Company

[Docket No. ER96-1151-000]

Take notice that on February 23, 1996, Duquesne Light Company (DLC) filed a Service Agreement dated February 8, 1996, with Coastal Electric Service Company under DLC's FERC Coordination Sales Tariff (Tariff). The Service Agreement adds Coastal Electric Service Company as a customer under the Tariff. DLC requests an effective date of February 8, 1996 for the Service Agreement.

Comment date: March 14, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 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 this filing are on file with the

Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket Nos. CP96-10-000 and CP96-10-001; Docket No. CP96-60-000]

Transwestern Pipeline Company, et al.; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed San Juan Expansion Project

March 1, 1996.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern) in the above-referenced dockets.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities:

- Construct a 10,000-horsepower (hp) electric driven Bisti Compressor Station (C.S.) in San Juan County, New Mexico;
- Add a 7,000-hp electric driven compressor to the existing Bloomfield C.S. in San Juan County, New Mexico; and
- Operate an existing 4,132-hp gas compressor at the Bloomfield C.S. originally certificated as a back-up compressor;

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to increase capacity on Transwestern's San Juan Lateral up to a peak day capacity of 795,000 decatherms.

The City of Farmington, New Mexico and the Public Service Company of New Mexico would construct electrical facilities to power the compressor stations to operate the electrical driven compressors.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals,

newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

A limited number of copies of the EA are available from: Mr. Herman Der, Environmental Project Manager, Environmental Review and Compliance Branch I, Office of Pipeline Regulation, PR-11.1, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0896.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Written comments must reference Docket No. CP96-10-000, and be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Comments should be filed as soon as possible, but must be received no later than April 8, 1996, to ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on this proposal. A copy of any comments should also be sent to Mr. Herman Der, Environmental Project Manager, PR-11.1, at the above address.

Comments will be considered by the Commission 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 Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing time motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), by this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about this project is available from Mr. Herman Der, Environmental Project Manager, Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP95-76-002]

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Philadelphia Lateral Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

March 1, 1996.

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 construction and operation of the

facilities proposed in the Philadelphia Lateral Expansion Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether to approve the project.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) wants to increase the operating pressure of its existing gas pipeline 1-H (Philadelphia Lateral). This would enable Texas Eastern to transport up to 15,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of natural gas to Sun Company, Inc. (Sun), and up to 15,000 Dth/d to Trigen-Philadelphia Energy Corporation (Trigen). Texas Eastern seeks authority to:

- Increase the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) from 718 pounds per square inch-gauge (psig) to 811 psig of approximately 23.6 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline in Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania, including:

—Repair 14 anomaly sites (irregularities in the pipe wall which are typically caused by mechanical damage or corrosion);

—Hydrostatically test the pipeline (with pressurized water at 1,485 psig); and

- Construct the Harkness Point Metering and Regulating (M&R) Station at approximate milepost (MP) 10.86 on Texas Eastern's Line 1-A in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed facilities would cost about \$3,983,000.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

Nonjurisdictional Facilities

The Harkness Point M&R station would serve as the delivery point for Trigen, by way of Philadelphia Gas Works' (PGW) reactivation of an existing liquids pipeline and converting it to transport natural gas. Trigen is co-developing the nonjurisdictional Gray's Ferry Cogeneration Project. PGW would also build a 2-mile-long lateral pipeline from its existing Passyunk Station to Gray's Ferry.

¹Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

²The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the Federal Register. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

Proposed Land Requirements for Construction

a. Line 1-H Upgrading

The repair of the anomaly sites would temporarily disturb 14 areas about 20 feet wide by 60 feet long (0.03 acre), each within existing permanent right-of-way, totalling about 0.42 acre. The hydrostatic testing would also temporarily disturb 6 manifold sites about 20 feet wide by 60 feet long (0.03 acre), each within existing permanent right-of-way, totalling about 0.18 acre.

A 5.17-acre staging area, a 3.04-acre wareyard, and a 0.12-acre staging area would be required at off-right-of-way locations. These areas would be temporarily disturbed, and would be restored in accordance with the landowners' approval.

b. Harkness Point M&R Station

A 200-foot by 200-foot (0.92 acre) area would be disturbed for construction, with a 0.23-acre fenced area covered by gravel after construction. No other land would be disturbed.

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 us 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 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.

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

- Soils.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Testing and disposal of pipe contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.