

constraints for all uses of the system including Treaty obligations. The SOR process also considered new allocation agreements that specify how the Canadian Entitlement costs will be allocated to each of the 11 Federal and non-Federal projects of Treaty storage following expiration of existing agreements.

BPA's Business Plan (September 1995) defined the basic business direction BPA intends to pursue as it responds to the challenges of the dynamic electric utility industry. The Business Plan Final EIS (June 1995) provides the information on current electric utility market conditions, loads, resources, and costs used for development, evaluation, and potential amendment of alternatives for the Delivery of the Canadian Entitlement Final EIS (January 1996).

*Alternatives.* Alternatives other than the physical return of the downstream benefits at the Canadian border near Oliver, B.C., will not be addressed in the site-specific Oliver Delivery Project EIS because they were previously analyzed in the U.S. Entity's Delivery of The Canadian Entitlement Final EIS (January 1996). The alternative to the proposed action identified for possible evaluation in the Oliver Delivery Project EIS includes the No-Action Alternative (not to build a 500-kV transmission line). As various transmission line routing options between either Grand Coulee Switchyard or Chief Joseph Substation to the U.S.-Canada border near Oliver, B.C., are developed, one route will become the agency's preferred alternative. Because the Oliver Delivery Project EIS is tied directly to the Delivery of the Canadian Entitlement Final EIS and Record of Decision (March 1996), any future negotiated alternatives to delivery at Oliver would necessarily require the U.S. Entity to revisit the programmatic EIS to determine whether it adequately covers the environmental inputs of that alternative, or whether a supplement to the programmatic EIS needs to be prepared. Copies of any of the above-referenced documents may be obtained by calling BPA's toll-free document request line at 1-800-622-4520.

*Identification of Environmental Issues.* Significant issues presently identified relating to this proposal include: (1) potential impacts to land uses, including agricultural lands, residential areas, and recreational resources; (2) potential impacts to endangered species, wildlife, and vegetation; (3) visual impacts from the addition of a new 500-kV transmission line to the landscape; (4) potential impacts to soils (erosion), aquatic

habitats, wetlands, and floodplains; (5) potential impacts on cultural resources and Native American sacred sites; (6) socioeconomic effects including property value impacts arising from the construction of the new line; (7) potential public concern with health and safety effects associated with electric and magnetic fields, fire, or hazardous materials; (8) concerns with requirements for new road and transmission line rights-of-way and potential acquisition of land for associated facilities; and (9) consistency with Tribal reserved rights, and Tribal, State, and local environmental and land-use plans, policies, and regulations. These issues, together with any additional significant issues identified through the public scoping process, will be examined in detail and documented in the EIS.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on March 25, 1996.

Randall W. Hardy,

*Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.*

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#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. MT96-10-000]

#### Crossroads Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 26, 1996.

Take notice that on March 20, 1996, Crossroads Pipeline Company (Crossroads) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, First Revised Sheets 1, 80, 86 and 87, proposed to become effective on April 22, 1996.

Crossroads states that these tariff sheets were revised to update information regarding operating personnel and to correct a typographical error.

Crossroads also states that copies of this filing were served upon its jurisdictional customers and the relevant regulatory commissions. Crossroads requests an effective date of April 22, 1996.

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 214 or 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR Sections 385.214 and 385.211). All such motions to intervene and 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 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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#### IES Utilities Inc.; Notice of Application

March 26, 1996.

Take notice that on March 20, 1996, IES Utilities Inc. filed an application under § 204 of the Federal Power Act seeking authorization to issue and sell for cash up to \$250 total principal amount of long-term indebtedness in the form of Notes, Bonds or Subordinated Debentures over a two-year period, beginning April 19, 1996, with final maturities not later than 30 years from the date of issue.

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, 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 April 17, 1996. Protests will be considered by the Commission 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 must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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#### Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation; Notice of Application

March 26, 1996.

Take notice that on March 15, 1996, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation filed an application under § 204 of the