

are 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 a 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 TLNG to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. EG96-53-000, et al.]

**Escuintla Operations, Inc., et al.;
Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation
Filings**

March 29, 1996.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Escuintla Operations, Inc.

[Docket No. EG96-53-000]

On March 21, 1996, Escuintla Operations, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, with its address at 1130 Lake Cook Road, Suite 300, Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089 (the "Applicant"), filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator ("EWG") status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's regulations.

The Applicant will be engaged directly and exclusively in the business of (A) operating an eligible facility located in Escuintla, Guatemala and (B) based on agency relationships with facility owners, selling electric energy at wholesale and retail.

The Escuintla Plant consists of a nominal 38 MW diesel generation facility utilizing heavy fuel oil as its primary fuel and light fuel oil as a backup fuel.

Comment date: April 15, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

2. Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) and Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin)

[Docket No. ER96-1346-000]

Take notice that on March 19, 1996, Northern States Power Company-Minnesota (NSP-M) and Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin (NSP-W) jointly tendered and request the

Commission to accept two Transmission Service Agreements which provide for Limited and Interruptible Transmission Service to Valero Power Services Company.

NSP requests that the Commission accept for filing the Transmission Service Agreements effective as of February 19, 1996. NSP requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements pursuant to Part 35 so the Agreements may be accepted for filing effective on the date requested.

Comment date: April 12, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Houston Lighting & Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-1347-000]

Take notice that on March 19, 1996, Houston Lighting & Power company (HL&P) tendered for filing an executed transmission service agreement (TSA) with Energy Transfer Group, L.L.C. (ETG) for Economy Energy and Emergency Power Transmission Service under HL&P's FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, for Transmission Service To, From and Over Certain HVDC Interconnection. HL&P has requested an effective date of March 5, 1996.

Copies of the filing were served on ETG and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment date: April 12, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. CSW Power Marketing, Inc.

[Docket No. ER96-1348-000]

Take notice that on March 19, 1996, CSW Power Marketing, Inc. (Applicant), filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for blanket authorizations and for certain waivers of the Commission's regulations and its FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1.

Applicant has requested that its rate schedule be accepted for filing and allowed to become effective as soon as possible but not later than the effective date assigned to the open access transmission tariffs filed by Applicant's affiliate in Docket No. ER96-1046-000. Applicant is not currently in the business of generating, transmitting or distribution electricity. Applicant intends to engage in transactions in which Applicant sells electricity at rates and on terms and conditions that are negotiated with the purchasing party.

Comment date: April 12, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. Texas Utilities Electric Company

[Docket No. ER96-1349-000]

Take notice that on March 20, 1996, Texas Utilities Electric Company (TU Electric), tendered for filing one executed transmission service agreement (TSA) with Energy Transfer Group, L.L.C. under TU Electric's Tariff for Transmission Service To, From and Over Certain HVDC Interconnections.

TU Electric requests an effective date for the TSA that will permit it to become effective on or before the service commencement date under the TSA. Accordingly, TU Electric seeks waiver of the Commission's notice requirement. Copies of the filing were served on Energy Transfer Group, L.L.C., as well as the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Comment date: April 12, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) and Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin)

[Docket No. ER96-1350-000]

Take notice that on March 20, 1996, Northern States Power Company—Minnesota (NSP-M) and Northern States Power Company—Wisconsin (NSP-W) jointly tendered and request the Commission to accept two Transmission Service Agreements which provide for Limited and Interruptible Transmission Service to Delhi Energy Services Inc.

NSP requests that the Commission accept for filing the Transmission Service Agreements effective as of February 23, 1996. NSP requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements pursuant to Part 35 so the Agreements may be accepted for filing effective on the date requested.

Comment date: April 1, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER96-1353-000]

Take notice that on March 21, 1996, Entergy Services, Inc. (ESI), acting as agent for Louisiana Power & Light Company (LP&L), submitted for filing the Second Amendment to the Electric System Interconnection Agreement between LP&L and the Town of Vidalia (Town) which, among other things, establishes a new point of interconnection thereunder. Entergy Services request waiver of the Commission's notice provisions to permit the Amendment to become effective January 1, 1996.

Comment date: April 12, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER96-1354-000]

Take notice that on March 21, 1996, Entergy Services, Inc. (ESI), acting as agent for Gulf States Utilities Company (Gulf States), submitted for filing a letter agreement between Gulf States and Cajun Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Cajun) for the installation of a second 69 kV breaker at Coly Substation. Cajun has committed to a contribution-in-aid-of-construction in return for Gulf States installing the breaker. Entergy Services requests that the letter agreement become effective as soon as possible but in no event later than June 1, 1996.

Comment date: April 12, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER96-1355-000]

Take notice that on March 21, 1996, Entergy Services, Inc. (ESI), acting as agent for Arkansas Power & Light Company (AP&L), submitted for filing the Twenty-fifth Amendment to the Power Coordination, Interchange and Transmission Service Agreement between AP&L and Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC) which makes certain modifications to the delivery points set forth in Exhibit A to the Agreement. Entergy Services requests that the Amendment become effective no later than June 1, 1996.

Comment date: April 12, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. Entergy Power, Inc.

[Docket No. ER96-1356-000]

Take notice that on March 21, 1996, Entergy Power, Inc. (EPI), tendered for filing an Interchange Agreement with City of Tallahassee.

EPI requests an effective date for the Interchange Agreement that is one (1) day after the date of filing, and respectfully requests waiver of the notice requirements specified in 35.11 of the Commission's regulations.

Comment date: April 12, 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. CP94-29-000, CP94-29-001 and CP94-29-002]

Paiute Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Paiute Pipeline Expansion II Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

April 1, 1996.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss environmental impacts of the construction and operation of facilities proposed in the Paiute Pipeline Expansion II 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 or not to approve the project. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit of the U.S. Forest Service (LTBMU) will be cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA.

Summary of the Proposed Project

On October 18, 1994, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) issued a Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Paiute Expansion II Project in docket No. CP94-29-000. The purpose of the notice was to request comments on environmental issues.

On March 4, 1996, Paiute Pipeline Company (Paiute) filed an amendment to its original application in Docket No. CP94-29-002 that represents a change in the scope of the Expansion II Project.

¹ Paiute Pipeline Company's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

From the standpoint of the environmental analysis the changes are:

- The deletion of four pipeline segments from the project, reducing the total miles of pipeline construction from 53.8 miles to 19.8 miles:

- The deletion of all new compression requirements; and
- The changes in pipeline routing of the North Tahoe Loop.

In its present application Paiute wants to expand the capacity of its facilities in Nevada to transport an additional 12,788 million cubic feet of gas to Southwest Gas Corporation-Northern Nevada and Southwest Gas Corporation-Northern California (collectively, known as Southwest Gas). To accomplish this, Paiute seeks authority to:

- Construct and operate the North Tahoe Loop consisting of 11 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline in Washoe County and Carson City, Nevada;
- Construct and operate the Incline Village Loop consisting of 3.0 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline and 200 feet of 8-inch-diameter pipeline in Washoe County, Nevada;
- Construct and operate the South Tahoe Loop consisting of 5.8 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline in Douglas County, Nevada;
- Modify the California Check Meter and Wadsworth Pressure Limiting Station, both located in Washoe County, Nevada; and
- Relocate the South Tahoe Pressure Limiting Station located in Douglas County, Nevada.

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

In connection with Paiute's proposal, Southwest Gas plans to construct about 18.5 miles of pipeline ranging from 6 to 12 inches in diameter along various parts of its existing pipeline system. The facilities would extend from the interconnection with Paiute's facilities at the Nevada-California border in Placer County, California to Truckee, California. Southwest Gas' project is under the jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and is subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The CPUC completed its CEQA review of Southwest Gas' project and approved the project on April 26, 1995.

We have made a decision to not address the impacts of the nonjurisdictional facilities planned by Southwest Gas because it would be

² The 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, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.