

tendered for filing Newington Electric Rate Schedule No. 1 for the wholesale sale of electric energy, capacity and ancillary services at market-based rates.

Comment date: April 3, 2001, in accordance with Standard paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. Sierra Pacific Power Company

[Docket No. ER01-1527-000]

Take notice that on March 13, 2001, Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPC) tendered for filing an application for an order accepting its FERC Electric Tariff No. 7, which will permit SPPC to make wholesale sales of electric power and certain ancillary services at market rates to eligible customers located outside of its two Nevada control areas, and requesting waiver certain of the Commission's Regulations.

A copy of this filing has been served on the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada and the California Public Utilities Commission.

Comment date: April 3, 2001, in accordance with Standard paragraph E at the end of this notice.

19. Nevada Power Company

[Docket No. ER01-1529-000]

Take notice that on March 13, 2001, Nevada Power Company (NPC), tendered for filing an application for an order accepting its FERC Electric Tariff No. 11, which will permit NPC to make wholesale sales of electric power and certain ancillary services at market rates to eligible customers located outside of its control area and that of its Sierra Pacific Power Company affiliates, and requesting waiver certain of the Commission's Regulations.

A copy of this filing has been served on the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada and the California Public Utilities Commission.

Comment date: April 3, 2001, in accordance with Standard paragraph E at the end of this notice.

20. Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER01-1530-000]

Take notice that on March 13, 2001, Entergy Services, Inc. (Entergy Services), on behalf of Entergy Arkansas, Inc. (EAI) (formerly Arkansas Power & Light Company), tendered for filing a 2001 Wholesale Formula Rate Update (Update) in accordance with the Power Coordination, Interchange and Transmission Service Agreements between EAI and the cities of Conway, West Memphis and Osceola, Arkansas (Arkansas Cities); the cities of Campbell and Thayer, Missouri (Missouri Cities), and the Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC); the Transmission

Service Agreement between EAI and the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (LEPA); the Transmission Service Agreement between EAI and the City of Hope, Arkansas (Hope); the Hydroelectric Power Transmission and Distribution Service Agreement between EAI and the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas (North Little Rock); the Wholesale Power Service Agreement between EAI and the City of Prescott, Arkansas (Prescott) and the Wholesale Power Service Agreement between EAI and Farmers Electric Cooperative Corporation (Farmers). Entergy Services states that the Update redetermines the formula rate charges and Transmission Loss Factor in accordance with: (1) the above agreements, (2) the 1994 Joint Stipulation between EAI and AECC accepted by the Commission in Docket No. ER95-49-000, as revised by the 24th Amendment to the AECC Agreement accepted by the Commission on March 26, 1996 in Docket No. ER96-1116-000, (3) the formula rate revisions accepted by the Commission on February 21, 1995 in Docket No. ER95-363-000 as applicable to the Arkansas Cities, Missouri Cities, Hope and North Little Rock, (4) the formula rate revisions as applicable to LEPA accepted by the Commission on January 10, 1997 in Docket No. ER97-257-000, and (5) the Settlement Agreement accepted by the Commission on July 2, 1999 in Docket No. ER98-2028-000 (the 1998 Formula Rate Update proceeding).

Comment date: April 3, 2001, in accordance with Standard paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

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, 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 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before the Comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions 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>.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Comments

March 16, 2001.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.:* 11880-000.

c. *Date filed:* February 6, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise of the Colorado River Water Conservation District.

e. *Name of Project:* Ritschard Dam Project.

f. *Location:* On Muddy Creek and Wolford Mountain Reservoir, in Grand County, Colorado. Project would utilize land administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. R. Eric Kuhn, General Manager, Colorado River Water Conservation District, 201 Centennial Street, Suite 200, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, (970) 945-8522.

i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, (202) 219-2806.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and comments:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. Comments, recommendations, interventions, and protests, may be electronically filed via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 2001(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 in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener 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. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) an existing 1,900-foot-long, 145-foot-high central impervious core earth-rock filled dam; (2) an existing reservoir having a surface area of 1,550 acres with a storage capacity of 65,985 acre-feet and a normal water surface elevation of 7,489 feet msl; (3) a proposed 800-foot-long, 96-inch-diameter steel penstock; (4) a proposed powerhouse containing one generating unit with an installed capacity of 840 kW; (5) a proposed 400-foot-long 115 kV Transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an annual generation of 4 GWh that would be sold to a local utility.

1. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202)208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. *Preliminary Permit*—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

n. *Preliminary Permit*—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

o. *Notice of intent*—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

p. *Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit*—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

q. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

r. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

s. *Agency Comments*—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comment. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL01-47-000]

Removing Obstacles to Increased Electric Generation and Natural Gas Supply in the Western United States; Notice of Intent To Convene a Conference To Consult With State Commissioners and Other State Representatives From Western States

March 16, 2001.

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will meet with state commissioners and other state representatives from Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming for the purpose of discussing price volatility in the West, as well as other FERC-related issues recently identified by the Governors of these states.¹ The Commission invites two participants from each state listed above, and asks that at least one of the participants from each state be from the state's public utility commission.

The conference is scheduled for Friday, April 6, 2001 in Boise, Idaho. All interested parties are permitted to attend, although seating will be limited. An additional notice will issue at a later time providing information about participants, content, and logistics. For additional information, please contact Saida E. Shaalan at (202) 208-0278;

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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¹ See Western Governors' Association, "Suggested Action Plan to Meet the Western Electricity Crisis and Help Build the Foundation for National Energy Policy" (March 2001). A copy of this document was filed in this docket. See also Western Governors' Association website at <http://www.westgov.org/wieb/power/index.htm>.