

*Direction 1: Medical Aspects of Radiation Exposure Effects on Population*

1. Project 1.1: Dose Reconstruction for the Population Subjected to Radiation in the Urals.

Objectives: To reconstruct, validate and analyze data on individual radiation doses received by the population so that these can be used in studies assessing the risks of developing cancer in exposed populations. (U.S. support from DOE, with supplements from NASA and EPA—scheduled for completion in March 2000)

2. Project 1.2: Risk Estimation of the Carcinogenic Effects in the Population Residing in the Region of the Mayak Production Association.

Objectives: To conduct studies to determine the risk of cancer in population groups exposed to radioactive contaminants in the region, to characterize the quality and validity of the data for conducting such studies, and to preserve the existing data using modern technologies. (U.S. support from DOE on cancer incidence, the first component of which is scheduled for completion in March 2000, and data preservation projects; from National Cancer Institute (HHS) on cancer mortality project.)

3. Project 1.3: Retrospective Reconstruction of Radionuclide Contamination of Techa River Caused by Liquid Waste Discharge from Radiochemical Production at the Mayak Production Association: 1949–1956.

Objectives: To supplement the population dose reconstruction study by providing additional information on the source term of radioactive materials released into the Techa River. (U.S. support from DOE—completed in 1998.)

*Direction 2: Medical Consequences of Occupational Exposure to Radiation*

1. Project 2.1: Metabolism and Dosimetry of Plutonium Industrial Compounds.

Objectives: To conduct a joint analysis of the data collected by the U.S. Transuranium and Uranium Registry (USTUR) and the dosimetry registry at FIB-1/MAYAK on deceased people with occupational exposure to radiation. (U.S. support from DOE—scheduled for completion in March 2000.)

2. Project 2.2: Risk Estimation for Stochastic (Carcinogenic) Effects of Occupational Exposure.

Objectives: To determine risk estimates for cancer as a result of prolonged occupational exposure to radiation, from both external sources and internally-deposited radioactive compounds. (U.S. support from DOE.)

3. Project 2.3: Non-cancerous Effects of Occupational Exposure to Radiation.

Objectives: To validate and analyze the data on acute and chronic effects of radiation, other than cancer, observed in a large number of workers at the Mayak Production Association. (U.S. support from NRC.)

4. Project 2.4: Reconstruction of Individual Doses of Exposure to Mayak Production Association Workers.

Objectives: To develop an electronic database of reconstructed doses for external and internal exposures received by the MAYAK worker cohort. (U.S. support from DOE.)

*Additional DOE Office of International Health Programs-Funded Direction 2 Studies*

The Office of International Health Programs awarded five cooperative agreements in August 1998 for fifteen (15) month feasibility studies to support ongoing joint U.S.-Russian studies in the Southern Urals on low dose-rate radiation health effects. These new studies were aimed at adding a molecular epidemiology/biodosimetry component to the ongoing epidemiologic and dose reconstruction work of the JCCRER. The feasibility studies have been jointly conducted by the FIB-1 in Ozersk and U.S. institutions, and the following two have proceeded as Phase II studies.

1. Improved Dosimetry and Risk Assessment for Plutonium-Induced Lung Disease Using a Microdosimetric Approach

Objectives: To determine plutonium distribution in relation to pathology in preserved tissues.

2. Establishment of a Repository Containing Tissues and Organs of Deceased Workers of the Mayak Production Association Who Were Exposed to Actinide Elements.

Objectives: To establish a human tissue repository for cytogenetic and molecular biological research at FIB-1 in Ozersk.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EC00-53-000]

**Black River Limited Partnership; Errata of February 16, 2000; Notice of Filing Issued February 8, 2000**

By this notice, the due date for interventions and protests in the above-referenced proceeding is hereby shortened to and including February 28, 2000.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EC00-76-000]

**Black River Limited Partnership; Errata of February 15, 2000; Notice of Amendment to Application for Commission Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status Issued February 11, 2000**

By this notice, the due date for interventions and protests in the above-referenced proceeding is hereby shortened to and including February 25, 2000.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER00-1317-000]

**Central Vermont Public Service Corporation; Notice of Filing**

February 10, 2000.

Take notice that on February 7, 2000, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (Central Vermont), tendered for filing revised Network Integration Transmission Service Agreements with Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Woodsville Fire District Water and Light Department (Woodsville); Village of Johnson Water and Light Department; Rochester Electric Light and Power Company; Village of Ludlow Electric Light Department of serve under Central Vermont's Open Access Transportation

Tariff No. 7. The revisions add provisions relating to ancillary services for each of the customers. Central Vermont requests that the Commission waive its notice of filing requirements and allow the agreements to become effective as of January 1, 2000, consistent with Central Vermont's original request in the docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protests 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 and protests should be filed on or before February 28, 2000. 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).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-78-000]

#### Florida Gas Transmission Company and Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

February 15, 2000.

Take notice that on February 4, 2000, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), 1400 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002 and Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), 1900 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203 filed a joint application in Docket No. CP00-78-000 pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, for permission and approval to abandon by sale to Arrowhead Pipeline, L.P. (Arrowhead), five minor gas supply lines along with related taps, valves, three measurement facilities, a dehydrator facility, and other minor appurtenant facilities located onshore and offshore in Matagorda County, Texas. In addition, the Applicants are seeking determination that these

facilities, once conveyed to Arrowhead, will be gathering facilities not subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to NGA Section 1(b). All as more fully set forth in the joint application on file with the Commission which is open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Communications concerning this filing should be addressed to:

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It is stated that the facilities that are the subject of this application were initially constructed in order to connect gas supplies to the systems of FGT and SNG for rendering their merchant functions. Since FGT and SNG ceased making sales of gas, deliveries through these facilities have dramatically declined. Thus, these facilities have been underutilized for a number of years.

The Applicants further state that the abandonment and sale of these facilities will eliminate the inefficiencies of under-utilization, reduce operation and maintenance costs, reduce rate base and avoid potential stranded costs while firm service from and to primary points will be maintained by FGT and SNG.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 1, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it 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

to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment is 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 the Applicants to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC00-56-000, et al.]

#### Onondaga Cogeneration Limited Partnership, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

February 14, 2000

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

##### 1. Onondaga Cogeneration Limited Partnership

[Docket No. EC00-56-000]

Take notice that on February 4, 2000, Onondaga Cogeneration Limited Partnership (Onondaga) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for authorization to transfer facilities under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act in connection with a sale-leaseback of facilities associated with Onondaga's generating facility in Geddes, New York.

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