

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP02-157-001]

**Transwestern Pipeline Company;  
Notice of Compliance Filing**

March 19, 2002.

Take notice that on March 13, 2002, Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern), tendered for filing changes in its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, Substitute 4th Revised Sheet No. 15, Substitute 10th Revised Sheet No. 25, and Substitute 6th Revised Sheet No. 34, proposed to be effective March 4, 2002.

Transwestern states that the above tariff sheets are being filed in compliance with the Commission's February 27, 2002 Order in Docket No. RP02-157-000. Transwestern states that in the Order, the Commission directed Transwestern to file revised tariff sheets that clearly indicate that a shipper on Transwestern's system must have title to the gas it is transporting. Therefore, Transwestern is submitting the substitute tariff sheets to clarify that the shipper must have title prior to nominating gas receipts and deliveries on Transwestern's system.

Transwestern further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of its customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (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 under the "e-Filing" link.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,***Deputy Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER02-1141-000, et al.]

**El Paso Electric Company, et al.;  
Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings**

March 18, 2002.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission. Any comments should be submitted in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**1. El Paso Electric Company**

[Docket No. ER02-1141-000]

Take notice that on March 14, 2002, El Paso Electric Company (El Paso) tendered for filing a Service Agreement with Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. for Firm Transmission Service under El Paso's Open Access Transmission Tariff. The Service Agreement was originally submitted for filing on February 27, 2002 but contained an erroneous service agreement designation. This filing corrects the error.

El Paso requests that the proposed Service Agreement be permitted to become effective on January 24, 2002. A copy has been served on the Texas Public Utility Commission.

*Comment Date:* April 4, 2002.**2. Appalachian Power Company**

[Docket No. ER02-1313-000]

Take notice that on March 13, 2002, Appalachian Power Company tendered for filing an Amendment to Letter Agreement with Allegheny Energy Supply Company, L.L.C.

AEP requests an effective date of February 20, 2002. Copies of Appalachian Power Company's filing have been served upon the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

*Comment Date:* April 3, 2002.**3. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.**

[Docket No. ER02-1315-000]

Take notice that on March 13, 2002, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, submitted for filing a Service Agreements for the transmission service requested by Tenaska Power Services Co.

A copy of this filing was sent to Tenaska Power Services Co.

*Comment Date:* April 3, 2002.**4. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.**

[Docket No. ER02-1316-000]

Take notice that on March 13, 2002, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, submitted for filing a Service Agreements for the transmission service requested by Muscatine Power and Water.

A copy of this filing was sent to Muscatine Power and Water

*Comment Date:* April 3, 2002.**5. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.**

[Docket No. ER02-1317-000]

Take notice that on March 13, 2002, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, submitted for filing a Service Agreements for the transmission service requested by Central Iowa Power Cooperative.

A copy of this filing was sent to Central Iowa Power Cooperative.

*Comment Date:* April 3, 2002.**6. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.**

[Docket No. ER02-1318-000]

Take notice that on March 13, 2002, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, submitted for filing a Service Agreements for the transmission service requested by MidAmerican Energy Company (MECR).

A copy of this filing was sent to MidAmerican Energy Company (MECR).

*Comment Date:* April 3, 2002.**7. Zion Energy LLC**

[Docket No. ER02-1319-000]

Take notice that on March 13, 2002, Zion Energy LLC (the Applicant) tendered for filing, under section 205 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), a request for authorization to make wholesale sales of electric energy, capacity, replacement reserves, and ancillary services at market-based rates, to reassign transmission capacity, and to resell firm transmission rights.

Applicant proposes to own and operate a 300 MW gas-fired, simple cycle electric generating facility in the City of Zion in Lake County, Illinois. Applicant also filed a long-term Fuel Conversion Services Agreement between Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Applicant, and a power purchase agreement between Wisconsin Power & Light Company (WP&L) and Applicant for the short-term sale of capacity and energy

by Applicant to WPL. Applicant requests privileged and confidential treatment for both agreements.

*Comment Date:* April 3, 2002.

#### 8. UtiliCorp United Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1320-000]

Take notice that on March 13, 2002, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp), filed with the Commission, pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, 16 USC 824d, and Part 35 of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 35, Amendatory Agreement No. 2 to the Multiple Interconnection & Transmission Contract between UtiliCorp United Inc. d/b/a Missouri Public Service and Kansas City Power & Light Company. (UtiliCorp's Rate Schedule FERC No. 20). This amendment provides for an additional interconnection point at the Liberty South Station in Clay County, Missouri.

*Comment Date:* April 3, 2002.

#### Standard Paragraph

E. 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, 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 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (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 under the "e-Filing" link.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-4-001; CP01-5-002]

#### Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline L.L.C., and Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Maritimes Phase III/Hubline Project Amendments and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

March 18, 2002.

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 amended Maritimes Phase III/HubLine Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes) in Essex County, Massachusetts and Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) in primarily offshore Essex, Suffolk, Plymouth, and Norfolk Counties, Massachusetts.<sup>1</sup> There would be minor onshore facilities in Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk Counties. The amendment would change the diameter of the already approved offshore pipeline facilities from 16 to 24 inches in diameter and from 24 to 30 inches in diameter. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the amendment is in the public convenience and necessity.

All applicable landowners were informed of the previously approved project and had an opportunity to participate in the process which resulted in its approval.

#### Summary of the Proposed Amendment

Maritimes wants to increase the diameter of its approved Phase III facilities from the Salem Meter Station to its connection with Algonquin's approved HubLine facilities in Beverly, Massachusetts. Maritimes has approval to construct and operate approximately 23.8 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline and 1.0 mile of 24-inch-diameter pipeline; and appurtenant facilities to include three mainline valves, one tap valve, two cathodic protection ground beds, and two meter stations. Algonquin has approval to construct and operate approximately 29.4 miles of 24-inch-diameter offshore mainline pipeline; approximately 5.4 miles of 16-inch-

diameter offshore lateral pipeline to the existing Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Waste Water Treatment facility on Deer Island; and one new meter station on Deer Island, and a block valve and receiver and regulator facilities near the interconnect with the existing I-9 pipeline. Maritimes seeks authority to:

- Change the diameter of the approximately 1.0 mile of 24-inch-diameter pipeline to 30 inches; and
- Modify the Salem Meter Station by deleting the launcher/receiver and changing some of the metering and piping to accommodate the larger diameter pipe.

Algonquin seeks authority to:

- Change the diameter of the approximately 29.4 miles of 24-inch-diameter offshore mainline pipeline to 30 inches;
- Change the diameter of the approximately 5.4 miles of 16-inch-diameter offshore lateral pipeline to the existing Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Waste Water Treatment facility on Deer Island to 24 inches; and
- Modify the one new meter station on Deer Island, and a block valve and receiver and regulator facilities near the interconnect with the existing I-9 pipeline to accommodate the larger diameter pipe.

#### Land Requirements for Construction

The change in the pipeline diameter would result in no additional onshore land requirements from those already approved. Construction of the proposed offshore facilities with the larger pipeline diameter would disturb about 7 more acres of sea floor than currently approved.

#### 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<sup>2</sup> 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 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

<sup>1</sup> Maritimes' and Algonquin's applications were filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

<sup>2</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).