

Corporation will purchase the utility business of Montana Power.

*Comment date:* January 11, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### **9. American Electric Power Service Corporation**

[Docket No. ER01-721-000]

Take notice that on December 20, 2000, the American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC), tendered for filing executed Interconnection and Operation Agreement between Indiana Michigan Power Company and PSEG Lawrenceburg Energy Company, LLC. The agreement is pursuant to the AEP Companies' Open Access Transmission Service Tariff (OATT) that has been designated as the Operating Companies of the American Electric Power System FERC Electric Tariff Revised Volume No. 6, effective June 15, 2000.

AEP requests an effective date of February 1, 2001.

A copy of the filing was served upon the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

*Comment date:* January 11, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### **10. UtiliCorp United, Inc.**

[Docket No. ER01-723-000]

Take notice that on December 21, 2000, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp), tendered for filing amendments to the open access transmission tariffs for its Missouri Public Service, WestPlains Energy-Kansas, WestPlains Energy-Colorado and St. Joseph Power & Light operating divisions. The amendments ensure that transmission customers taking service over more than one UtiliCorp division do not pay UtiliCorp multiple transmission charges for such service.

*Comment date:* January 12, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### **11. Illinois Power Company**

[Docket No. ER01-722-000]

Take notice that on December 20, 2000, Illinois Power Company (Illinois Power), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur, Illinois 62521-2200, filed the following service agreements entered into pursuant to its Open Access Transmission Tariff: Service Agreement for Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service with Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE), dated November 21, 2000; Service Agreement for Firm Short-Term Point-To-Point Transmission Service with MGE, dated November 21, 2000; Service Agreement

for Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service with Southwestern Public Service Company (SWPS), dated November 22, 2000; Service Agreement for Firm Short-Term Point-To-Point Transmission Service with SWPS, dated November 22, 2000; and four (4) Service Agreements for Firm Long-Term Point-To-Point Transmission Service with Dynegy Power Marketing, Inc. (DPM), dated October 17, 2000.

Illinois Power requests effective dates of November 21, 2000 for the Agreements with MG&E; November 22, 2000 for the Agreements with SWPS; and January 1, 2001 for the Agreements with DPM. Accordingly, Illinois Power seeks a waiver of the Commission's notice requirement.

Illinois Power has served a copy of the filing on MGE, SWPS and DPM.

*Comment date:* January 11, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### **12. Central Illinois Light Company; Cinergy Corp.; Hoosier Energy R.E.C., Inc.; Southern Illinois Power Cooperative; Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company; and Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc.**

[Docket No. ER01-731-000]

Take notice that on December 20, 2000, Central Illinois Light Company, Cinergy Corp., Hoosier Energy R.E.C., Inc., Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company and Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc. (Designated Transmission Owners) tendered for filing: (1) Their notice of withdrawal, and request for authorization from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) for their withdrawal, from the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO), effective under the Federal Power Act as of the date upon which the Commission first allows the withdrawal from the Midwest ISO by Illinois Power Company, Commonwealth Edison Company and/or Ameren to take effect; and (2) their request that the Commission authorize a Designated Transmission Owner having Commission jurisdictional rates and charges to recover, through its Commission jurisdictional transmission service rates and charges, the costs incurred by the Designated Transmission Owner as a result of its withdrawal from the Midwest ISO.

Copies of the filing were served upon the Midwest ISO, Illinois Power Company, Commonwealth Edison Company, Ameren, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Public

Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Kentucky Public Service Commission, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, the Michigan Public Service Commission and the Missouri Public Service Commission.

*Comment date:* January 11, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### **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 these filings 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).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

**Acting Secretary.**

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

#### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

#### **Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests**

December 29, 2000.

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

a. *Application Type:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2017-014.

c. *Date Filed:* January 12, 2000.

d. *Applicant:* Southern California Edison Company (SCE).

e. *Name of Project:* Big Creek No. 4 Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On San Joaquin in Fresno County, Fresno, California. The project is located within the Sierra National Forest.

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

h. *Applicant's Contact*: Stephen E. Pickett, 2244 Walnut Grove Ave., Rosemead, CA 91770, (626) 302-4459.

i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Doan Pham at (202) 219-2851 or e-mail address [doan.pham@ferc.fed.us](mailto:doan.pham@ferc.fed.us).

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, or protests: February 5, 2001.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Please include the Project Number (2017-014) on any comments, protests, or motions filed.

k. *Description of Amendment*: SCE filed an application to reflect changes in transmission line and related facilities. SCE proposes to remove (1) the 5.8-mile transmission line from Big Creek #4 switchyard to Big Creek #3 switchyard, and (2) the 132.6-mile transmission line from Big Creek #4 switchyard to Springville to Magunden Substation from the project boundary, because they are part of SCE's interconnected system. SCE also proposes to revise the boundary line around the reservoir, and to remove an access road and communication and telephone lines from the project boundary. The changes will reduce the project area on lands that are managed by the U.S. Forest Service. In this proceeding we will only address the proposal to remove the subject transmission line and related facilities. The project boundary change is part of the re-licensing proceeding.

1. *Locations of the Application*: 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, DC, 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the addresses in item h above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

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.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "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, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

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 comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Comments and protests 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

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

### Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

December 29, 2000.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.220(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record

communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications received in the Office of the Secretary within the preceding 14 days. The documents may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

#### Exempt

1. P-2661, 12-26-00, Gary Taylor,
2. CP00-6-000, 12-21-00, Tim Blewett,
3. EL00-95-000, 12-20-00, G. Richard Judd,
4. CP00-6-000, 12-20-00, Sally B. Mann,
5. CP00-6-000, 12-20-00, Jon Schmidt,
6. CP00-6-000, 12-20-00, Susan Olson,
7. CP01-1-000, 12-20-00, Timothy Carey,
8. P-2342-011, 12-20-00, Frank Backus,
9. EL00-95-000, 12-19-00, Kathleen Vaughn,
10. CP98-150-000, 12-20-00, Matthew Brower.

#### Prohibited

None.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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