

parties. Praxair is not in the business of producing nor does it contemplate acquiring title to any electric power transmission facilities.

Comment date: October 19, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Baltimore Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ES00-54-000]

Take notice that on September 26, 2000, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company submitted an application pursuant to section 204 of the Federal Power Act seeking authorization to issue not more than \$700 million of short-term unsecured promissory notes, commercial paper notes, medium-term notes, and guarantees of assumptions of liabilities or obligations with a final maturity date no later than December 31, 2003.

Comment date: October 24, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.

[Docket No. NJ00-7-000]

Take notice that on September 29, 2000, Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric), tendered for filing a petition for a declaratory order finding that its open access transmission tariff providing for service on its facilities in the Western Interconnection is an acceptable reciprocity tariff under Order Nos. 888 and 888-A. Basin Electric also requests a waiver of the fee otherwise applicable to the filing of a request for declaratory order.

Comment date: November 3, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

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, 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 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).

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Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Declaration of Intention and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

October 5, 2000.

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

a. *Application Type:* Declaration of Intention.

b. *Docket No:* DI00-9-000.

c. *Date Filed:* August 28, 2000.

d. *Applicant:* Wenckus Energy, Incorporated.

e. *Name of Project:* Wiscoy Hydroelectric Plant.

f. *Location:* On Wiscoy Creek, in Allegany County, Hume, New York. The project does not utilize federal or tribal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mark Wenckus, Wenckus Energy, Incorporated, 4881 Macks Road, Stewartstown, PA 17363. (717) 993-5726 Fax: (717) 993-5877 e-mail: mwenenergy@blazent.net.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Etta Foster at (202) 219-2679, or e-mail address: etta.foster@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* November 13, 2000.

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

Please include the docket number (DI00-9-000) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project:* The existing run-of-river project will consists of a 32.3-foot-high, 225-foot-long concrete dam; or reservoir with a normal surface area of 10.5 acres; a 60-inch, 1470-foot-long penstock; a power house containing two generating units with a total generator rating of 1080 kW, and appurtenant facilities.

When a Declaration of Intention is filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Power Act requires the Commission to investigate and determine if the interests of

interstate or foreign commerce would be affected by the project. The Commission also determines whether or not the project: (1) Would be located on a navigable waterway; (2) would occupy or affect public lands or reservations of the United States; (3) would utilize surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) if applicable, has involved or would involve any construction subsequent to 1935 that may have increased or would increase the project's head or generating capacity, or have otherwise significantly modified the project's pre-1935 design or operation.

l. *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, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 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 address 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", "PROTESTS", "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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6884-5]

Announcement of an Analysis of Oversight and Review of EPA Information Products

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to announce EPA's intent to perform an analysis of oversight and review mechanisms for EPA information products. Oversight and review of EPA information products is an aspect of accountability, which EPA is considering as the Agency develops its public access strategy. The analysis will provide useful background for EPA's strategy. Specifically, the analysis will focus on mechanisms to address concerns if inaccurate or misleading information products are published by EPA. The analysis will look at the scope and adequacy of various oversight mechanisms.

EPA will provide detailed issue papers prepared by independent experts from the fields of law, economics and public administration for each of the following issues:

1. What current mechanisms exist to address concerns about inaccurate or misleading information products published by the government? The analysis will address judicial and non-judicial mechanisms for review in both pre-publication and post-publication stages.
2. Generally, what types of additional pre-publication or post-publication mechanisms could be developed under existing law to ensure there is accountability for correcting errors?
3. Assuming the availability of judicial review, what are the costs and benefits (*e.g.*, to the government, to private parties, and to society in general)?

4. When considering the feasibility of new mechanisms to ensure accountability for accurate and clear information or data, what economic and social costs and benefits should be considered (*e.g.*, likelihood for abuse, timeliness of resolution, completeness of information disclosure, effectiveness for resolving issues)?

5. What are some pertinent case histories that show the costs and benefits for judicial and non-judicial review options?

These issue papers are intended to be neutral in tone; they will explain the range of opinions on each issue without advocating any specific position. EPA anticipates that the issue papers will be ready in January 2001. When they are complete, EPA will announce their availability in the **Federal Register** and on the EPA Website, and will post the full texts on the EPA Website. The Agency will open a 30-day public comment period on-line to solicit public input. EPA is interested in obtaining comments from a broad spectrum of its stakeholders, but is particularly interested in hearing from experts in the legal and administrative aspects of judicial and non-judicial review. The Agency would prefer that commenters use the EPA Website to send comments, but will also accept written comments by mail.

ADDRESSES: There will be a 30-day public comment period, announced on the EPA Website (www.epa.gov) and in the **Federal Register** when the issue papers are available. Written comments can be sent by mail to Kevin Donovan, Office of Environmental Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Mail Code 2843, Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more detailed information on specific aspects of the issue papers, contact Kevin Donovan (donovan.kevin-e@epa.gov) or Vipul Bhatt (bhatt.vipul@epa.gov), Office of Environmental Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Mail Code 2843, Washington, DC 20460.

Dated: October 6, 2000.

Elaine Stanley,

Director, Office of Information and Analysis and Access, Office of Environmental Information.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6884-3]

Interagency Project To Clean Up Open Dumps on Tribal Lands: Request for Proposals

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The national Tribal Solid Waste Interagency Workgroup (Workgroup) is soliciting proposals for its Tribal Open Dump Cleanup Project (Cleanup Project) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001. In FY 2000 the Workgroup made \$2.4 million available to fund or partially fund eleven proposed projects. The Workgroup believes that a similar dollar amount will be available to fund projects in FY 2001. In selecting Cleanup Project proposals, the Workgroup plans to use a two-step process. The first step is to submit a pre-proposal which generally outlines the proposed project and provides a general budget estimate. This will allow the tribes that are considering submitting full proposals to present their ideas to the Workgroup and receive feedback prior to submitting full proposals. It will also allow the Workgroup agencies to assess and plan for potential financial and technical needs early in the process. The second step of the proposal submission process is to submit a full proposal. Please note that tribes are eligible to submit full proposals even if they do not submit a pre-proposal.

The Cleanup Project is intended to assist tribal communities with closing or upgrading high threat waste disposal sites and providing alternative disposal options. In determining whether a site is high threat, the Workgroup will generally rely on the Indian Health Service's Report to Congress on open dumps on Indian lands. The Workgroup recognizes that an individual tribe may have information on high threat sites that are not included in the IHS Report. To address such sites, the Request for Proposals package includes criteria that allow a tribe to demonstrate that a site represents a serious threat to human health and the environment and should be considered high threat.

The Tribal Solid Waste Interagency Workgroup was established in April 1998 to design a Federal plan for helping tribes bring their waste disposal sites into compliance with the municipal solid waste landfill criteria (40 CFR Part 258), *i.e.*, closing or upgrading open dumps and planning for appropriate alternative disposal. Current Workgroup members include