

31, 1996, the filing date, from the total amount of the Miscellaneous Stranded Costs to be recovered and recalculates the levelized interest component pursuant to Section 18.14 of Panhandle's General Terms and Conditions. The revised Second Miscellaneous Stranded Cost results in no change in the surcharge applicable to Rate Schedules FT, EFT, SCT and LFT, and a decrease in the volumetric surcharge applicable to Rates Schedules IT and EIT from 0.11¢ to 0.10¢.

Panhandle states that copies of this filing are being served on all affected customers, applicable state regulatory agencies and parties to this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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 proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-311-000]

Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

July 17, 1996.

Take notice that on July 12, 1996 Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective August 12, 1996:

Third Revised Sheet No. 250A
Second Revised Sheet No. 250B

WNG states that this filing is being made pursuant to Subpart C of part 154 of the Commission's regulations.

WNG states that this filing is being made to specify another path in Article 13.3 on which WNG will assess a zero charge for the fuel component of its fuel and loss reimbursement percentage. Transportation from the specified receipt point to the specified delivery point on this second path constitutes a backhaul.

WNG states that a copy of its filing was served on all jurisdictional

customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in 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. 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 in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Project No. 11374-001 Iowa]

Butler County Conservation Board; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

July 17, 1996.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for exemption from licensing for the proposed Greene Milldam Hydroelectric Project, located on the Shell Rock River, Butler County, Iowa, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. In the DEA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the project and has concluded that approval of the project, with appropriate mitigation measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Please submit any comments within 30 days from the date of this notice. Comments should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Please affix Project No. 11374 to all comments. For further information please contact Mary Golato, Environmental Coordinator, at (202) 219-2804.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket Nos. CP96-52-000; CP96-134-000]

Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Pine Needle LNG Project

July 17, 1996.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the liquefied natural gas (LNG) production and storage project proposed in the above-referenced dockets.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental affects of the construction and operation of Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC's (Pine Needle) proposed LNG plant and related facilities in Stokesdale, North Carolina, including:

- Two double-wall, suspended-deck LNG storage tanks, each with a gas-equivalent capacity of 2 billion cubic feet;
- A pretreatment and liquefaction system with the capacity of 20 million cubic feet per day (MMcfd);
- A boiloff recompression system;
- A vaporization and sendout system with the capacity of 400 MMcfd;
- About 1.0 mile of 10-inch-diameter inlet pipeline;
- About 1.0 mile of 24-inch-diameter outlet pipeline; and
- An earthen dam and firewater pond.

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation proposes to construct and operate five taps on its mainline natural gas transmission system to connect with Pine Needle's inlet and outlet pipelines.

The purpose of the project is to provide winter peak heating service to Pine Needle's subscribers in the rapidly developing North Carolina region by the 1999-2000 winter heating season.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of

copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1C-1, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies; public interest groups; interested individuals; affected landowners; local libraries, newspapers, and radio stations; and other parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Written comments must reference Docket No. CP96-52-000, and be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comments should be filed as soon as possible, but must be received no later than August 19, 1996 to ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on this proposal. A copy of any comments should also be sent to Mr. Michael Boyle, Environmental Project Manager, Room 72-59, at the above address.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about this project is available from Mr. Michael Boyle, Environmental Project Manager at (202) 208--0839.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-339-000]

Total Peaking Services, L.L.C.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Total Peaking Services Milford LNG Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

July 17, 1996.

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 operation of facilities proposed in the Total Peaking Services Milford LNG Project. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether to approve the project.¹

Summary of the Proposed Project

Total Peaking Services, L.L.C. (TPS) is seeking approval to acquire and operate in interstate commerce an existing liquefied natural gas (LNG) peak-shaving facility located in Milford, Connecticut that is presently used by The Southern Connecticut Gas Company (Southern Connecticut). The purpose of the project is to enable TPS to make interstate gas sales to satisfy the Northeast's growing demand for peaking gas. Southern Connecticut would sublease the Milford LNG Plant to CNE Energy Services Group, Inc. which in turn would sublease the plant to TPS.

Existing Facilities

The Milford LNG Plant was constructed in 1972 and consists of natural gas liquefaction, LNG storage, and LNG revaporization facilities. The plant was designed to supply Southern Connecticut's gas utility needs by liquefying and storing natural gas in the summer for revaporization during peak periods in the winter heating season. The Milford LNG Plant has a design liquefaction rate of 6 million cubic feet per day (MMCFD) and a sendout capacity of 72 MMCFD. The LNG is stored in a 348,000-barrel LNG storage tank.

The Milford LNG Plant receives gas for liquefaction and storage through facilities of Southern Connecticut that are connected to the interstate pipeline system of Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. The plant has also received significant amounts of LNG by transport trailer.

¹ Total Peaking Services', L.L.C. application was filed under Section 7 of the National Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

Proposed Facilities

TPS does not propose any new facilities or any modifications to existing facilities. The Milford LNG Plant would continue to be operated by Southern Connecticut on behalf of TPS.

The location of the Milford LNG Plant is shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

No additional land is required since TPS does not propose any additions or modifications to the existing facility.

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 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 government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

Because the LNG plant is an existing facility and no new additions or modifications are proposed, the EA will focus on the operation of the proposed project, the cryogenic design aspects of the plant, and the public safety including LNG trucking.

Prior to finalizing the EA, the FERC staff will meet with representatives of TPS (time and location to be noticed at a later date) to conduct a cryogenic design and engineering review of the LNG facility at Milford, Connecticut.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, State, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the Federal Register. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.