

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane Delay at (408) 647-4246 or Elizabeth Moore at (301) 713-3141.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

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W. Stanley Wilson,

*Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.*

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### Endangered Species; Permits

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting on an application for an incidental take permit (P211K).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a public meeting on an application from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) for an incidental take permit will take place.

**DATES:** The public meeting is scheduled for August 26, 1996 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., or until all comments have been heard. The comment period for the permit application ends on September 6, 1996 and will allow concerned parties to respond to the testimony presented at the public meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held at the Douglas County Courthouse (Room 216), 1036 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg, Oregon. The permit application and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

Send written comments to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources at the address above.

### Special Accommodations

The meeting will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Keren Holtz at (503) 230-5424 at least five days prior to the date of the meeting.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice was published on August 7, 1996 (61 FR 41130) that an application had been

filed by ODFW (P211K) for an incidental take permit under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227). ODFW requests a permit for an annual incidental take of resident, fluvial, and anadromous, endangered, Umpqua River cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki clarki*) associated with the state of Oregon's recreational and commercial fisheries in the Umpqua River Basin. ODFW is charged by statute with the management and protection of the fish and wildlife resources of the State. An individual incidental take permit is requested since ODFW is responsible for establishing the State's fishing regulations and controls fishing activities by issuing licenses to citizens.

ESA-listed cutthroat trout could be exposed to various fisheries in the Umpqua River Basin. The actual probability of incidental take varies among the fisheries. Those species that may be present and fished for in the Umpqua River Basin include spring chinook salmon, fall chinook salmon, coho salmon, summer and winter steelhead trout, hatchery rainbow trout, smallmouth bass, striped bass, shad, and white and green sturgeon.

ODFW included a conservation plan in their permit application that includes measures designed to minimize the incidental take of ESA-listed cutthroat trout. One such measure is the termination of hatchery rainbow trout releases in areas of the North and South Umpqua Rivers and, beginning in 1997, closing all remaining trout angling in the Umpqua River Basin, except the North Umpqua River above Soda Springs Dam. Other conservation measures include closing spawning habitat to fishing, maintaining beneficial time and area closures, periodic monitoring and evaluation programs, regulation enforcement, scientific research, recovery planning, and public education.

Anyone wishing to make a presentation at the public meeting should register upon arrival and be prepared to provide a written copy of their testimony at the time of presentation. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit may be imposed. All statements and opinions summarized in this notice are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: August 14, 1996.

Robert C. Ziobro,

*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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### Marine Mammals; Permit No. 966 (P586)

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Issuance of amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that permit no. 966, issued to Continental Shelf Associates, Inc., 759 Parkway Street, Jupiter, FL 33477-9596 (Principal Investigator: Stephen T. Viada) was extended until October 31, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130 Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/712-2289);

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2532 (813/570-5301); and

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508/281-9250).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of § 216.33 of the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR parts 217-222).

Issuance of this permit as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: August 8, 1996.

Jeannie Drevenak,

*Acting Chief, Permits and Documentation  
Division, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Dockets EA-98-B and EA-98-C]

### Applications to Amend Electricity Export Authorization; Western Systems Power Pool

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy,  
Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Systems Power Pool ("WSPP") has filed an application to renew the electricity export authorization issued September 2, 1994, in Order EA-98. WSPP's authorization to export electric energy to Canada will expire on September 2, 1996. In a separate filing, WSPP has applied to amend its export authorization by adding 10 additional member companies.

**DATES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before September 4, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Electricity (FE-52), Office of Fuels Programs, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585 (FAX 202-287-5736).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) 202-586-4708 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On September 2, 1994, in Docket EA-98, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized 22 members of the WSPP to export electric energy to a foreign member, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro), and other future Canadian members. The facilities to be utilized for these exports are the international transmission facilities owned and operated by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), also a WSPP member. The facilities consist of two 500-kV transmission lines at Blaine, Washington, and one 230-kV

transmission line at Nelway, British Columbia, that interconnect with facilities of BC Hydro, and one 230-kV line, also at Nelway, connecting to West Kootenay Power, Limited. The construction and operation of these international transmission facilities was previously authorized by Presidential Permits PP-10, PP-46, and PP-36, respectively.

On March 4, 1996, in Order EA-98-A, DOE amended the export authorization by adding 10 new member companies to the list of authorized electricity exporters.

On July 8, 1996, WSPP, on behalf of its member companies, submitted an application to renew the export authorization issued September 2, 1996, for an additional period. In a related activity, on July 12, 1996, WSPP, again on behalf of its member companies, submitted an application to further amend the export authorization by adding 10 new member companies to the list of authorized electricity exporters.

The new members are:  
Aquila Power Corporation  
Citizens Lehman Power Sales  
CNG Power Service Corporation  
Destec Power Services, Inc.  
Electric Clearinghouse, Inc.  
K N Marketing Inc.  
PECO Energy Company  
Philbro Inc.  
Southern Energy Marketing, Inc.  
Tenneco Energy Marketing Company

#### Procedural Matters

Any persons desiring to be heard or to protest this application should file a petition to intervene or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214).

Fifteen copies of such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Comments on WSPP's request to extend the effective date of the export authorization in Order EA-98 should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-98-B. Comments on WSPP's request to add new members should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-98-C. Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protest also should be submitted to Michael E. Small, Wright & Talisman, P.C., 1200 G Street, Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20005.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and a determination is made by the DOE that

the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 14, 1996.

Anthony J. Como,

*Director, Office of Coal and Electricity, Office  
of Fuels Programs, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-702-000]

### Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

August 14, 1996.

Take notice that on August 9, 1996, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), 1400 Smith Street, P.O. Box 1188, Houston, Texas 77251-1188, filed in Docket No. CP96-702-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to construct, own, and operate a new delivery point in Indian River County, Florida for City Gas Company of Florida (CGC) under FGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-553-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

FGT proposes to construct the delivery point adjacent to FGT's 20-inch and 26-inch mainlines and will include connection to the existing taps, a rotary meter, approximately 100 feet of 4-inch line, and any related appurtenant facilities necessary for FGT to deliver up to 144 MMBtu per hour to CGC.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn