

will be made at a fixed unit price per metric ton of SNF delivered. This price may vary by service region.

Contract Award Period and Performance

This overall waste acceptance, transportation and storage project is anticipated to last approximately forty years. DOE therefore anticipates periodically seeking competitive proposals from potential offerors on a regional basis over the forty-year period. DOE's current plans call for the Phase A contract award(s) to be made in April 1998 based on a July 1997 RFP release date and up to five months for evaluation by DOE of Phase A deliverables. Phase B would begin approximately seventeen months after the award of Phase A contract(s), subject to completion of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review. Phase C is anticipated to commence at the end of the third year of Phase B, (i.e., year 2002) after Congress has designated a Federal storage location. Thereafter, waste acceptance and transportation services would be recompeted in five-year increments.

Comments

OCRWM is interested in receiving comments relating to the draft RFP regarding the acquisition of waste acceptance and transportation services, especially with regard to the following issues:

1. Creative approaches for RSAs to interact with State, Tribal and local governments and interested parties in addressing key institutional issues such as routing and prenotification.
2. Structuring the procurement to provide sufficient financial incentive and other appropriate risk allocating mechanisms between DOE and contractors in order for industry to provide waste acceptance and transportation services.
3. Appropriate financial safeguards for delay in commencement of Phase C as a result of a delay in the start of operations of a Federal facility.
4. Other possible approaches for the RSA's to maximize their ability to service purchasers who cannot accommodate large rail canisters.
5. Any other regulatory requirements, terms or conditions that DOE should consider in formulating this acquisition.

DOE will consider and may utilize all information, recommendations, and suggestions provided in response to this notice. Respondents should not provide any information that they consider to be privileged or confidential or which the respondent does not want disclosed to

the public. DOE does not intend to respond to comments, either to individual commentors or by publication of a formal notice. Copies of all comments will be placed in the DOE Forrestal Building Public Reading Room. Each submittal should consist of one original and three photocopies.

This notice should not be construed (1) as a commitment by the Department to enter into any agreement with any entity submitting comments in response to this Notice, (2) as a commitment to issue any RFP concerning the subject of this Notice, or (3) as a request for proposals.

The solicitation will be available for downloading on the internet from the "Current Business Opportunities at Headquarters Procurement Operations" Home Page located at address <http://www.pr.doe.gov/solicit.html>. It is also available on the OCRWM Home Page located at <http://www.rw.doe.gov/>. Interested parties that do not have the electronic capability to download the solicitation shall submit a written request to the Contracting Officer at the address listed above.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on December 18, 1996.

Daniel A. Dreyfus,

Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-194-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company, Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 20, 1996.

Take notice that on December 17, 1996, pursuant to Subpart C of Part 154 of the Commission's Regulations Under the Natural Gas Act, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing following tariff sheets, to become effective April 1, 1997:

Second Revised Volume No. 1-A

Original Sheet No. 210A
First Revised Sheet No. 211
Second Revised Sheet No. 217
Original Sheet No. 217A

El Paso states that these sheets are being tendered to modify El Paso's proposed pooling and intra-day scheduling tariff provisions that were originally proposed at Docket No. RP97-20-000.

El Paso requests waiver of the notice requirement of Section 154.207 of the

Commission's Regulations to permit the tariff sheets to become effective April 1, 1997, when El Paso is scheduled to implement the GISB Standards.

El Paso states that copies of the filing were served upon all interstate pipeline system customers of El Paso and interested state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said 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 Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before January 7, 1997. 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 in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-155-000]

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

December 20, 1996.

Take notice that on December 16, 1996, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle), P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP97-155-000 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 an additional meter and appurtenant facilities at its existing metering station for Lafarge Corporation (Lafarge) in Paulding County, Ohio under Panhandle's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-83-000 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.

Panhandle's proposed facilities will consist of a two-inch turbine meter, approximately 60 feet of 2-inch pipe and appurtenant facilities. Panhandle states that the facilities will increase the capacity of the metering station from 17 Mcf per hour to 62 Mcf per hour and

that the volumes to be delivered would be with in the certificated entitlements of Lafarge. The estimated cost to modify the proposed facilities is approximately \$40,000. Lafarge will reimburse Panhandle 100% of the total cost of the proposed project.

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 Procedural Rules (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 within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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Viking Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

[Docket No. RP97-195-000]

December 20, 1996.

Take notice that on December 18, 1996, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to be effective January 15, 1997:

Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 1
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 117
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 118
Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 141
Substitute Original Sheet No. 142
Substitute Original Sheet No. 143
Substitute Original Sheet No. 144
Substitute Original Sheet No. 145
Substitute Original Sheet No. 146

Viking states that the purpose of this filing is to facilitate customer service on Viking's system by updating Viking's Customer Nomination Form (Sheet Nos. 117-118) and incorporating the Electronic Bulletin Board Access Service Agreement (Sheet Nos. 1, 141-146) in Viking's tariff. Viking originally filed the above-referenced tariff sheets as part of its Order No. 587 compliance filing on December 2, 1996. In the Letter Order issued on December 13, 1996 in Docket No. RP97-156-000, the Office of

Pipeline Regulation rejected the above-referenced tariff sheets without prejudice as beyond the scope of Order No. 587 and found that "[t]hese tariff changes are more appropriately dealt with in a Section 4 filing." December 13, 1996 Letter Order, p. 1.

Accordingly, Viking is now filing these sheets under Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. § 717c (1994).

Viking states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all of its jurisdictional customers and to affected state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or 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 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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. EG97-8-000, et al.]

P.H. Don Pedro, S.A., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

December 19, 1996.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. In the Matter of P.H. Don Pedro, S.A.
[Docket No. EG97-8-000]

On December 11, 1996, P.H. Don Pedro, S.A., a corporation (sociedad WP) organized under the laws of Costa Rica ("Applicant"), with its principal place of business at Santo Domingo de Heredia del Hotel Bouganville 200 Mts. al Este de la Iglesia Católica (Primera Entrada Portón con Ruedas de Artillería) Heredia, Costa Rica, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

Applicant intends to own and operate an approximately 14 megawatt (net), hydroelectric power production facility

located in the District of Sarapiquí, Canton Alajuela, Province of Alajuela, Costa Rica.

Comment date: January 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

2. Virginia Electric Power Company Richmond Power Enterprise, Richmond Power Enterprise L.P. and Enron Power Marketing, Inc., and Richmond Power Enterprise, L.P.

[Docket Nos. EC97-9-000, EL95-26-000 and QF90-104-002]

Take notice that on December 6, 1996, Virginia Electric Power Company (Virginia Power), Richmond Power Enterprise, L.P. (RPE), Enron Power Marketing, Inc. (EPMI) (collectively Applicants) filed joint applications for approval of disposition of Jurisdictional facilities and for approval of the transfer of wholesale power agreement. Specifically, the Applicants request approval for two related transactions: (1) the sale of 250 megawatt combined cycle cogeneration facility (the transfer to EPMI of RPE's interest in a Power Purchase and Operating Agreement between RPE and Virginia Power, under which RPE currently sells and Virginia Power purchases the entire electric capacity and energy output of the Facility. Additionally, RPE requests permission to withdraw the waiver application filed in Docket No. QF90-104-000 in regards to the Facility.

Comment date: January 10, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company, and Pennsylvania Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-716-000]

Take notice that on December 9, 1996, GPU Service, Inc. (GPU), on behalf of Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company and Pennsylvania Electric Company (GPU Energy), filed an executed Service Agreement between GPU and The Power Company of America, LP (TPC), dated November 12, 1996. This Service Agreement specifies that TPC has agreed to the rates, terms and conditions of GPU Energy's Operating Capacity and/or Energy Sales Tariff (Sales Tariff) designated as FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 1. The Sales Tariff was accepted by the Commission by letter order issued on February 10, 1995 in Jersey Central Power & Light Co., Metropolitan Edison Co. and Pennsylvania Electric Co., Docket No.