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[Docket No. MT96-5-000]

OkTex Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

February 16, 1996.

Take notice that on January 24, 1996, OkTex Pipeline Company (OkTex) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Third Revised Sheet No. 38, with an effective date of January 24, 1996.

OkTex states that the filing is being made to modify page 38 of OkTex's tariff which reflect changes in corporate officers and their relationship with marketing affiliates.

OkTex states that a copy of the filing has been sent to all customers and interested state 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, Washington, DC 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 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.

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[Docket No. RP96-135-001]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Filing To Correct Pagination of Tariff Sheets

February 16, 1996.

Take notice that on February 14, 1996, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Seventh Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets with the proposed effective date of February 1, 1996:

First Revised Sheet No. 16a

First Substitute Eighteenth Revised Sheet No. 30

First Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 41a

Southern states that the revised tariff sheets are being filed in order to reflect changes in the pagination of the above sheets. Southern states that the text contained in the body of the tariff sheets has not been changed.

Southern states that copies of the filing were served upon all affected transportation customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. 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 Southern's filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

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[Docket No. ER89-672-010, et al.]

Public Service Company of Indiana, Inc., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

February 15, 1996.

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

1. Public Service Company of Indiana, Inc.

[Docket No. ER89-672-010]

Take notice that on January 17, 1996, Public Service Company of Indiana, Inc. filed certain information as required by the Commission's order issued on June 28, 1990, and pursuant to Section T of their Transmission Service Tariff. Copies of PSI's informational filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

2. Vantus Energy Corporation

[Docket No. ER95-1614-003]

Take notice that on February 1, 1996, Vantus Energy Corporation filed a revision to its Rate Schedule FERC No. 1 as required by the Commission's December 13, 1995, order in Docket No. ER95-1625-000.

Comment date: February 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Tampa Electric Company

[Docket No. ER96-721-000]

Take notice that on February 9, 1996, Tampa Electric Company (Tampa Electric) amended its filing in this docket. Tampa Electric tendered an amendment to the power sales contract with Georgia Power (Georgia Power) and a service agreement with Georgia Power under Tampa Electric's point-to-point transmission service tariff.

Tampa Electric proposes that the contract, as amended, be made effective on March 1, 1996, and that the service agreement be made effective on July 19, 1996.

Copies of the filing have been served on Georgia Power and the Florida Public Service Commissions.

Comment date: February 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

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

[Docket No. ER96-1027-000]

Take notice that on February 6, 1996, GPU Service Corporation (GPU), on behalf of Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company and Pennsylvania Electric Company (jointly referred to as the GPU Companies), filed a Service Agreement between GPU and CENERGY, INC (CENERGY) dated January 5, 1996. This Service Agreement specifies that CENERGY has agreed to the rates, terms and conditions of the GPU Companies' Energy Transmission Service Tariff accepted by the Commission on September 28, 1995 in Docket No. ER95-7091-000 and designated as FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 3.

GPU requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements for good cause shown and an effective date February 6, 1996, for the Service Agreement. GPU has served copies of the filing on regulatory agencies in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and on CENERGY.

Comment date: February 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

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

[Docket No. ER96-1028-000]

Take notice that on February 6, 1996, GPU Service Corporation (GPU), on

behalf of Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company and Pennsylvania Electric Company (jointly referred to as the GPU Companies), filed a Service Agreement between GPU and Citizens Lehman Power Sales (Citizens) dated January 5, 1996. This Service Agreement specifies that Citizens has agreed to the rates, terms and conditions of the GPU Companies' Energy Transmission Service Tariff accepted by the Commission on September 28, 1995 in Docket No. ER95-7091-000 and designated as FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 3.

GPU requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements for good cause shown and an effective date February 6, 1996, for the Service Agreement. GPU has served copies of the filing on regulatory agencies in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and on Citizens.

Comment date: February 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-1029-000]

Take notice that on February 7, 1996, Illinois Power Company (Illinois Power), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur, Illinois 62526, tendered for filing firm and non-firm transmission agreements under which Koch Power Services Inc. will take transmission service pursuant to its open access transmission tariff. The agreements are based on the Form of Service Agreement in Illinois Power's tariff.

Illinois Power has requested an effective date of February 1, 1996.

Comment date: February 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-1030-000]

Take notice that on February 7, 1996, Illinois Power Company (Illinois Power), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur, Illinois 62526, tendered for filing firm and non-firm transmission agreements under which Western Gas Resources Power Marketing, Inc. will take transmission service pursuant to its open access transmission tariff. The agreements are based on the Form of Service Agreement in Illinois Power's tariff.

Illinois Power has requested an effective date of February 1, 1996.

Comment date: February 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER96-1031-000]

Take notice that on February 7, 1996, Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy), tendered for filing a service agreement under Cinergy's Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Tariff (the Tariff) entered into between Cinergy and Valero Power Services Company.

Comment date: February 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER96-1033-000]

Take notice that on February 7, 1996, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) filed the Contract for Purchases and Sales of Power and Energy between FPL and Eastex Power Marketing, Inc. FPL requests an effective date of February 19, 1996.

Comment date: February 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER96-1034-000]

Take notice that on February 7, 1996, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an executed Service Agreement between NMPC and Noram Energy Services (Noram). This Service Agreement specifies that Noram has signed on to and has agreed to the terms and conditions of NMPC's Power Sales Tariff designated as NMPC's FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 2. This Tariff, approved by FERC on April 15, 1994, and which has an effective date of March 13, 1993, will allow NMPC and Noram to enter into separately scheduled transactions under which NMPC will sell to Noram capacity and/or energy as the parties may mutually agree.

In its filing letter, NMPC also included a Certificate of Concurrence executed by the Purchaser.

NMPC requests an effective date of January 26, 1996. NMPC has requested waiver of the notice requirements for good cause shown.

NMPC has served copies of the filing upon the New York State Public Service Commission and Noram.

Comment date: February 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Wisconsin Power and Light Company

[Docket No. ER96-1035-000]

Take notice that on February 7, 1996, Wisconsin Power and Light Company

(WP&L), tendered for filing an Agreement dated January 31, 1996, establishing Coastal Electric Services Company as a customer under the terms of WP&L's Point-to-Point Transmission Tariff.

WP&L requests an effective date of January 31, 1996 and accordingly seeks waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. A copy of this filing has been served upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

Comment date: February 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Duke Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-1036-000]

Take notice that on February 7, 1996, Duke Power Company (Duke), tendered for filing a Transmission Service Agreement (TSA) between Duke, on its own behalf and acting as agent for its wholly-owned subsidiary, Nantahala Power and Light Company, and Tennessee Valley Authority, Inc. (TVA). Duke states that the TSA sets out the transmission arrangements under which Duke will provide TVA non-firm transmission service under its Transmission Service Tariff.

Comment date: February 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Duke Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-1037-000]

Take notice that on February 7, 1996, Duke Power Company (Duke), tendered for filing a Transmission Service Agreement (TSA) between Duke, on its own behalf and acting as agent for its wholly owned subsidiary, Nantahala Power and Light Company, and American Electric Power Service Corp. (AEP). Duke states that the TSA sets out the transmission arrangements under which Duke will provide AEP firm transmission service under its Transmission Service Tariff.

Comment date: February 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. 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, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 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 this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

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[Docket No. CP95-194-001 and Docket No. CP96-027-000]

Northern Border Pipeline Company and Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Northern Border Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

February 16, 1996.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the Northern Border Project.¹ These facilities total 500.7 miles of pipeline, 304,750 horsepower of compression, meter stations, and other appurtenant facilities. This EIS will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether to approve the project.

We are asking a number of Federal agencies to indicate whether they wish to cooperate with us in the preparation of the EIS. These agencies are listed in appendix 1 and may choose to participate once they have evaluated each proposal relative to their agencies' responsibilities.²

Summary of the Proposed Project

Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) wants to expand the capacity of its existing facilities in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa, and extend its system into Illinois, to transport up to an additional 1,226.3 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) of natural gas to two interstate pipeline companies and five

local distribution companies. Northern Border requests Commission authorization, in Docket No. CP95-194-001, to construct and operate the following facilities needed to transport those volumes:

- 181.5 miles of 42- and 36-inch-diameter pipeline loop and appurtenant facilities in three segments in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa;³
- 243.1 miles of new 36- and 30-inch-diameter pipeline extension and appurtenant facilities in Iowa and Illinois;
- eight new compressor stations with a total of 213,000 horsepower (hp) of compression in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa;
- modifications at four existing compressor stations with a total of 80,000 hp of additional compression, and modifications at three existing compressor stations with no additional horsepower in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota; and
- nine new meter stations, modifications at one existing meter station, five new pig launcher/receivers, and two new side valves in Iowa and Illinois.

Northern Border also proposes to acquire land as sites for four future compressor stations in Iowa and Illinois. Northern Border has also indicated that new communication towers may be required for remote operation of some facilities, but has not identified potential sites for these towers.

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) wants to expand the capacity of its existing facilities in Iowa and Illinois to transport up to an additional 345 MMcf/d of natural gas to one interstate pipeline company and four local distribution companies. Natural requests Commission authorization, in Docket No. CP96-027-000, to construct and operate the following facilities needed to transport those volumes:

- 76.1 miles of 36-inch-diameter loop in two segments in Iowa and Illinois; and
- modifications at two existing compressor stations with a total of 11,750 hp of additional compression in Iowa and Illinois.

The general locations of the project facilities are shown in appendix 2. If you are interested in obtaining detailed maps of a specific portion of the project contact Laura Turner at the address below. A detailed listing of the facilities is in appendix 3.

³ A loop is a segment of pipeline that is usually installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it at both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the pipeline system.

Land Requirements for Construction Pipelines

The proposed loops would be built adjacent to Northern Border's and Natural's existing pipelines, using as much of the existing rights-of-way as possible. Approximately 77 percent of Natural's proposed loops would be installed in a previously used pipeline trench within Natural's existing right-of-way.⁴ Northern Border's proposed pipeline extension in Iowa and Illinois would be built on entirely new pipeline right-of-way, with approximately 25 percent of its route adjacent to or within other existing rights-of-way.

Northern Border and Natural would use rights-of-way ranging in width from 75 to 100 feet for standard pipeline construction. Additional temporary work space would generally be used where the pipelines would cross roads, railroads, streams, and rivers. An estimated 6,080 acres would be disturbed during pipeline construction. After construction, the disturbed area would be restored, and a permanent right-of-way (0 to 50 feet wide) in addition to existing rights-of-way would be maintained. Existing land uses on the remainder of the disturbed area, as well as most land uses on the permanent rights-of-way, such as agriculture and open areas, would be allowed to continue following construction.

Aboveground Facilities

Construction of new compressor stations would require up to approximately 20 acres each beyond the pipeline right-of-way. Modifications to existing compressor stations would require from 0 to 10 acres each within existing station boundaries.

Construction of new meter stations and launcher/receivers and the modification of an existing meter station would require from 1 to 3 acres each. Construction of new side valves would require up to 0.3 acre each within the pipeline right-of-way.

The EIS Process/Environmental Issues

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. The EIS we are preparing will give the Commission the information to do that. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the

⁴ The old pipeline has been removed from the trench.

¹ Northern Border Pipeline Company's and Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America's applications were filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

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, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426 or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.