

VGS notified Samedan via a letter dated June 27, 1997, that it would terminate its transportation service for Samedan as of October 1, 1997. Samedan then filed with the Commission, as a complaint against VGS, an emergency request on September 12, 1997, for an order prohibiting unlawful abandonment and motion for shortened time to answer.²

VGS states that Samedan's gas reaches VGS' jurisdictional Venice system, offshore Louisiana, via a non-jurisdictional feeder lateral³ between Samedan's South Timbalier Block 163 production platform and Chevron U.S.A. Inc.'s (Chevron) South Timbalier Block 141 platform. VGS states that it believes its interim service obligation to Samedan extends only to transportation service provided via the now jurisdictional Venice system and that VGS would continue to transport said gas for Samedan subject to capacity availability on the Venice system. VGS further states that following expiration of the gathering agreement's primary term, and in response to VESCO's open-season solicitation June 16-20, 1997, Samedan Chose not to submit a qualifying bid, instead submitting a bid for a limited-term commitment at a rate that was approximately one-half of VGS's cost-based rate and about one-half of the rate Samedan paid under the existing contract. VGS also states that while other shippers were willing to make long-term commitments at compensatory rates, Samedan would make only a limited commitment geared to securing cheap service until its alternative arrangements could be put into service.

Accordingly, to the extent necessary, VGS seeks to abandon the service provided under the gathering agreement. The subject service is a non-firm service that provides no guarantee of the availability or use of VGS' capacity. Further, VGS believes that to ignore these market signals and to require service to continue under manifestly non-competitive terms and conditions would fly in the face of the Commission's policies promoting allocative and productive efficiencies and the rational allocation of capacity.

No facilities are proposed to be abandoned.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 30, 1997, file with the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 15710). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person within to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the NGA and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for VGS to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-4437-000, et al.]

The Detroit Edison Company et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

September 22, 1997.

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

1. The Detroit Edison Company

[Docket No. ER97-4437-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison), tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Network

Integration Transmission Service (the Service Agreement) between Detroit Edison Transmission Operations and the City of Croswell, Michigan, under the Joint Open Access Transmission Tariff of Consumers Energy Company and Detroit Edison, FERC Electric Tariff No. 1, dated as of November 1, 1997. Detroit Edison requests that the Service Agreement be made effective as of November 1, 1997.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. The Detroit Edison Company

[Docket No. ER97-4438-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison), tendered for filing a Service Agreement for wholesale power sales transactions (the Service Agreement) under Detroit Edison's Wholesale Power Sales Tariff (WPS-1), FERC Electric Tariff No. 4 (the WPS-1 Tariff), between Detroit Edison and AYP Energy, Inc., dated as of June 30, 1997. The parties have not engaged in any transactions under the Service Agreement. Detroit Edison requests that the Service Agreement be made effective as of August 4, 1997.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Duke Energy Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-4439-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation, on its own behalf and acting as agent for its wholly-owned subsidiary, Nantahala Power and Light Company (Duke), filed forms of service agreements for Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service and Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service between Duke Power Company, as the Transmission Provider, and Duke Power Company, as the Transmission Customer, dated as of July 9, 1996.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. ER97-4440-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. tendered for filing an unexecuted Amendment No. 1 to Transmission Agreement (the Amendment) with The City of Seattle, acting by and through its City Light Department (City of Seattle). A copy of the filing was served on City of Seattle.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

in the order issued April 17, 1997, in Docket No. CP95-202-000, 79 FERC ¶ 61,037 (1997).

² The subject application was included, in the alternative, in VGS' answer to Samedan's emergency request.

³ The lateral is owned by Venice Energy Services Company (VESCO), an affiliate of VGS.

5. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. ER97-4441-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. tendered for filing an unexecuted Parallel Operation Agreement with the Public Hospital District No. 1 of King County, doing business as Valley Medical Center (Valley Medical Center). A copy of the filing was served on Valley Medical Center.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Central Power and Light Company; West Texas Utilities Company; Public Service Company of Oklahoma; Southwestern Electric Power Co.

[Docket No. ER97-4442-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Central Power and Light Company (CPL), West Texas Utilities Company (WTU), Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) and Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) (collectively, "CSW Operating Companies") submitted for filing an unexecuted network integration transmission service agreement between WTU and PSO/SWEPCO. The submission of this agreement complies with *Allegheny Power System, Inc., et al.*, 80 FERC ¶ 61,143, slip op. at 23-24 (1997).

The CSW Operating Companies state that a copy of this filing has been served on the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Arkansas Public Service Commission, the Louisiana Public Service Commission and Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Maine Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER97-4443-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Maine Public Service Company (Maine Public) filed an executed Service Agreement for non-firm point-to-point transmission service under Maine Public's open access transmission tariff with NorAm Energy Services, Inc.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. ER97-4444-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., tendered for filing an unexecuted Amendment No. 2 to Transfer Agreement (the Amendment) with The City of Seattle, acting by and through its City Light Department (City of Seattle).

A copy of the filing was served on City of Seattle.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. Commonwealth Edison Company

[Docket No. ER97-4445-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) submitted for filing a Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement with Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WPL), under the terms of ComEd's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).

ComEd requests an effective date of September 1, 1997, for the service agreement, and accordingly seeks waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. Copies of this filing were served upon WPL and the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. Central Vermont Public Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-4446-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation tendered for filing a form of service agreement that reflects its use of the Phase I/Phase II HVDC Facilities to import 54 MW of capacity and energy from Hydro Quebec in the period July 1, 1996-June 30, 2001.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER97-4447-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM), tendered for filing forms of service agreements for point-to-point service under the PJM Open Access Tariff to cover uses of the PJM transmission system by transmission owners in PJM.

Copies of this filing were served upon the parties to the service agreements.

PJM requests an effective date of April 1, 1997, for the service agreements, with the exception of one agreement, for which it requests an effective date of July 1, 1997.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. New York State Electric & Gas Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-4448-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG), tendered for

filing a supplement to its Agreement with Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison), designated Rate Schedule FERC No. 87. The supplement is made pursuant to the rate update provisions of the rate schedule.

NYSEG requests an effective date of September 1, 1997, and, therefore, requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements.

Copies of the filing were served upon Consolidated Edison Company of New York and on the Public Service Commission of the State of New York.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Union Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-4449-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Union Electric Company (UE), tendered for filing Service Agreements for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Services between UE and The Energy Authority, Rainbow Energy Marketing Corporation and Tennessee Power Company. UE asserts that the purpose of the Agreements is to permit UE to provide transmission service to the parties pursuant to UE's Open Access Transmission Tariff filed in Docket No. OA96-50.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Union Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-4450-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Union Electric Company (UE), tendered for filing Service Agreements for Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Services between UE and Cinergy Services, Inc., The Power Company of America, LP and Tennessee Power Company. UE asserts that the purpose of the Agreements is to permit UE to provide transmission service to the parties pursuant to UE's Open Access Transmission Tariff filed in Docket No. OA96-50.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER97-4451-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Entergy Services, Inc. (Entergy Services), on behalf of Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Entergy Gulf States, Inc., Entergy Louisiana, Inc., Entergy Mississippi, Inc., and Entergy New Orleans, Inc. (collectively, the Entergy Operating Companies), tendered for filing forms of service agreements for service to Entergy Services under the

Entergy Services Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Idaho Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-4452-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Idaho Power Company (IPC), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission non-firm and firm short term transmission service agreements between Idaho Power's Marketing Department and Idaho Power's Delivery Department.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. PacifiCorp

[Docket No. ER97-4453-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, PacifiCorp, tendered for filing in accordance with 18 CFR Part 35 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, a Service Agreement with Constellation Power Sources, Inc., under PacifiCorp's FERC Electric Tariff, Original Revised Volume No. 12.

Copies of this filing were supplied to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and the Public Utility Commission of Oregon.

A copy of this filing may be obtained from PacifiCorp's Regulatory Administration Department's Bulletin Board System through a personal computer by calling (503) 464-6122 (9600 baud, 8 bits, no parity, 1 stop bit).

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. Tucson Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-4454-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP), tendered for filing two (2) service agreements for firm point-to-point transmission service under Part II of its Open Access Transmission Tariff filed in Docket No. OA96-140-000. TEP requests waiver of notice to permit the service agreements to become effective as of the earliest date service commenced under these agreements. The service agreements are as follows:

1. Service Agreement for Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service with Enron Power Marketing, Inc., dated August 11, 1997.
2. Service Agreement for Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service with Enron Power Marketing dated August 22, 1997.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

19. The Detroit Edison Company

[Docket No. ER97-4455-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison), tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Network Integration Transmission Service (the Service Agreement) between Detroit Edison Transmission Operations and the Village of Sebewaing, Michigan, under the Joint Open Access Transmission Tariff of Consumers Energy Company and Detroit Edison, FERC Electric Tariff No. 1, dated as of November 1, 1997. Detroit Edison requests that the Service Agreement be made effective as of November 1, 1997.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

20. Consumers Energy Company

[Docket No. ER97-4456-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Consumers Energy Company (Consumers), tendered for filing two service agreements for non-firm point-to-point transmission service pursuant to the Joint Open Access Transmission Tariff filed on December 31, 1996, by Consumers and The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit). The two transmission customers are Enron Power Marketing and Engage Energy US, L.P. A copy of the filing was served on the Michigan Public Service Commission, Detroit and the two transmission customers.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

21. Carolina Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-4457-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Carolina Power & Light Company (Carolina), tendered for filing an executed Service Agreement between Carolina and the following Eligible Entity: CMS Marketing, Services and Trading Company. Service to the Eligible Entity will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of Carolina's Tariff No. 1 for Sales of Capacity and Energy.

Copies of the filing were served upon the North Carolina Utilities Commission and the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

22. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-4458-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Illinois Power Company (Illinois Power), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur,

Illinois 62526, tendered for filing firm transmission agreements under which Caterpillar 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 August 11, 1997.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

23. Black Hills Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-4459-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Black Hills Corporation, doing business as and operating its electric utility under the name Black Hills Power and Light Company, tendered for filing a transmission service agreement to provide non-firm transmission service under its open access transmission tariff for Black Hills Power and Light Company.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

24. Pacific Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-4460-000]

Take notice that on August 29, 1997, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), tendered for filing a true-up to rates pursuant to Contract No. 14-06-200-2948A, Rate Schedule FERC No. 79 (Contract 2948A), between PG&E and the Western Area Power Administration (Western).

Pursuant to Contract 2948A and the PG&E-Western Letter Agreement dated February 7, 1992, electric capacity and energy sales are made initially at rates based on estimated costs and then true-up at rates based on recorded costs after the necessary data becomes available. The proposed rate change establishes recorded cost based rates for true-up of capacity sales and energy sales from Energy Account No. 2 made during 1994 and 1995, at rates based on estimated costs.

Copies of this filing have been served upon Western and the California Public Utilities Commission.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

25. Florida Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-4461-000]

Take notice that on September 2, 1997, Florida Power Corporation (Florida Power), tendered for filing a Form of Service Agreement for Network Integration Transmission Service providing for Network Integration Transmission Service to itself pursuant

to Part III of Florida Power's open access transmission tariff. Florida Power requests that the Commission waive its notice of filing requirements and allow the agreement to become effective on September 3, 1997.

Comment date: October 6, 1997, 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Major License

September 23, 1997.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Major License.
- b. *Project No.:* 2674-003.
- c. *Date Filed:* May 30, 1997.
- d. *Applicant:* Green Mountain Power Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Vergennes Project.
- f. *Location:* On Otter Creek in the city of Vergennes, Addison County, Vermont.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Craig T. Moyotte, Green Mountain Power Corporation, 25 Green Mountain Drive, P.O. Box 850, South Burlington, VT 05402, (802) 864-5731.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Lee Emery (202) 219-2779.
- j. *Deadline Date:* November 14, 1997.
- k. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* This application is not ready for

environmental analysis at this time—see attached paragraph E.

1. *Description of Project:* The project as licensed consists of the following features: (1) Three concrete overflow dams, each about ten feet high, with a total length of 231 feet, each having a crest elevation of about 132.78 feet mean sea level (msl) surmounted by 1.5-foot-high flashboards, and a 29-foot-long, non-overflow dam; (2) an 8.8-mile long, 133 acre surface area reservoir having a 200 acre-foot useable storage capacity at normal water surface elevation of 134.28 feet msl; (3) the north forebay with trashracks, headgates and two 7-foot-diameter steel penstocks; (4) the north powerhouse known as Plant 9B, having a 1,000-KW generating unit; (5) the south forebay, with trashracks, headgates, two surge tanks, and two 10-foot-diameter penstocks; (6) the south powerhouse, known as Plant 9, having two 700-kW generating units; (7) the generator leads from Plant 9 to the Vergennes Substation and the 950-foot-long, 2,400-volt overhead generator leads from Plant 9B to the Vergennes Substation; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

The Applicant is not proposing any changes to the existing project works as licensed. The Applicant estimates the project's average annual generation would be 9.455 Mwh and the Applicant owns all the existing project facilities.

m. *Purpose of Project:* All project energy generated would be sold to commercial and residential customers within the Applicant's own regional transmission and distribution system.

n. *This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs:* B1, and E.

o. *Available Locations of Application:* A copy of the application, as amended and supplemented, is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at 25 Green Mountain Drive, South Burlington, VT 05402, (802) 864-5731 and at the City of Vergennes, City Manager's Office, Route 22A (Main Street), Vergennes, VT 05491, (802) 877-3637.

B1. Protests or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

E. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time; therefore, the Commission is not now requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will notify all persons on the service list and affected resource agencies and Indian tribes. If any person wishes to be placed on the service list, a motion to intervene must be filed by the specified deadline date herein for such motions. All resource agencies and Indian tribes that have official responsibilities that may be affected by the issues addressed in this proceeding, and persons on the service list will be able to file comments, terms and conditions, and prescriptions within 60 days of the date the Commission issues a notification letter that the application is ready for an environmental analysis. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of that letter.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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