

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary of Defense****Ballistic Missile Defense Advisory Committee; Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting**

SUMMARY: The Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) Advisory Committee will meet in closed session at Eglin Air Force Base, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, on January 27–28, 1998.

The mission of the BMD Advisory Committee is to advise the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense, through the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), on all matters relating to BMD acquisition, system development, and technology.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92–463, as amended by 5 U.S.C., Appendix II, it is hereby determined that this BMD Advisory Committee meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(1), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: December 31, 1997.

Linda M. Bynum,

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER97–4730–000]

Alpha Energy Corporation; Notice of Issuance of Order

January 2, 1998.

Alpha Energy Corporation (Alpha) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Alpha will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Alpha also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Alpha requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Alpha.

On December 18, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Rate Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of

liability by Alpha 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 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Alpha is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Alpha's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is January 20, 1998. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EG98–26–000]

Alta Power Generation, L.L.C.; Notice of Application for Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status

January 2, 1998.

Take notice that on December 23, 1997, Alta Power Generation, L.L.C. (Alta Power), with its principal office at c/o Houston Industries Power Generation, Inc., 1111 Louisiana, 16th Floor, Houston, TX 77002, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations. Alta Power states that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Houston Industries Power Generation, Inc., and an indirect subsidiary of Houston Industries Incorporated. Alta Power has acquired the Cool Water Generating Station in Daggett, California at auction from

Southern California Edison. Alta Power states that it will be engaged directly, or indirectly through one or more affiliates, as defined in Section 2(a)(11)(B) of PUHCA, and exclusively in the business of owning and/or operating, an interest in an eligible facility and selling electric energy at wholesale.

Any person desiring to be heard concerning the application for exempt wholesale generator status should file a motion to intervene or comments with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application. All such motions and comments should be filed on or before January 23, 1998, and must be served on Applicant. 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EG98–27–000]

Berkshire Power Company LLC; Notice of Application for Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status

January 2, 1998.

Take notice that on December 23, 1997, Berkshire Power Company LLC, 200 High Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, 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 states that it is a Massachusetts limited liability company that proposes to construct and own a two hundred seventy-two (272) megawatt natural gas-fired electric generation facility, including ancillary and appurtenant structures, on a site in the town of Agawam, Massachusetts.

Any person desiring to be heard concerning the application for exempt wholesale generator status should file a motion to intervene or comments with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of

the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application. All such motions and comments should be filed on or before January 23, 1998, and must be served on Applicant. 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.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-701-000]

California Polar Power Brokers, L.L.C.; Notice of Issuance of Order

January 2, 1998.

California Polar Power Brokers, L.L.C. (California Brokers) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which California Brokers will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. California Brokers also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, California Brokers requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by California Brokers.

On December 29, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Rate Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by California Brokers 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 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, California Brokers is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the

applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of California Brokers' issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protest, as set forth above, is January 28, 1998. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-162-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 2, 1998.

Take notice that on December 24, 1997, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978-1492, filed in Docket No. CP98-162-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216(b)) for authorization to abandon in place the Loop Line from Tucson-Phoenix "A" Line to East Tucson Power Plant No. 4 (Line No. 2090) located in Pima County, Arizona, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-435-000, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

El Paso states that Line No. 2090, which was placed in-service in May, 1968, is an approximately 171 foot long loop line interconnecting El Paso's 10-3/4" O.D. Tucson-Phoenix "A" Line with the East Tucson Power Plant No. 4. El Paso states that Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest), formerly Tucson Gas & Electric Company (TG&E), the only customer served through these facilities, by letter dated November 19, 1996, to El Paso requested abandonment of Line No. 2090. El Paso notes that it then purged, capped, and isolated the

loop line. El Paso contends that the isolation of Line No. 2090 has not resulted in a change in service, does not affect its ability to perform its obligations under its Transportation Service Agreement with Southwest, nor has it adversely impacted El Paso or its customers in any manner.

Line No. 2090 was originally constructed to accommodate the need for additional fuel at the electric power generation to serve the growing population in the Tucson area. El Paso states that the projected need for additional volumes of gas for increased electric generation did not materialize, making Line No. 2090 unnecessary. El Paso states that it has provided written notification of the abandonment to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

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.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-163-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 2, 1998.

Take notice that on December 24, 1998, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978, filed in Docket No. CP98-163-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212) for authorization to certificate and to continue the operation of an existing delivery point, installed under Section 311(a) of the Natural Gas Policy