

higher than the interruptible rate which Bay Gas Storage will charge Florida Gas.

Thus, Florida Gas says that since revenues collected will exceed costs, there will be no costs shifted to Florida Gas's other customers and that because the costs of the capacity to be acquired from Bay Gas Storage will be either reimbursed by the firm Shipper utilizing the firm capacity (Alabama Power) or more than offset by revenues from the interruptible Shipper (Alabama Coop) utilizing the interruptible capacity, the allocation of these costs are not skewed to favor any party.

Florida Gas requests that a preliminary determination of this Application, subject to final environmental review, be granted by May 1, 1998, to assure that service can commence by the planned November 1, 1998, in-service date of the Olin Cogen Plant. Florida Gas says that without the expedited approval of the authorizations requested herein, Florida Gas would have to begin the process to construct more than 11 additional miles of facilities parallel the existing intrastate pipeline owned by Bay Gas Storage. Florida Gas says that this alternative construction activity would be undertaken under its Part 157, Subpart F blanket certificate, and that it would have additional environmental impact and an estimated cost of \$4 million.

Any person desiring to be heard or making any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 23, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). 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. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or person to whom the protests are directed.

Any person wishing 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. A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and

can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of such comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents, and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission, and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a Federal court. The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

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 these applications if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is 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 Florida Gas to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-247-000]

#### Midcoast Interstate Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Application

March 2, 1998.

Take notice that on February 20, 1998, Midcoast Interstate Transmission, Inc. (MIT), 3230 Second Street, Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35661, filed an abbreviated application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, authorizing MIT to Construct and Operate Certain pipeline looping, and related facilities, in order to provide new and revised firm service effective November 1, 1998, as requested by its customers, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

MIT proposes to construct and operate approximately 7.38 miles of 16-inch diameter looping pipeline at a total estimated cost of \$2,439,551. The new line will commence at the terminus of MIT's existing 16-inch pipeline loop near Tuscumbia, Alabama, and will extend to a point on the west side of Colbert County Road 53 where it will interconnect with MIT's existing 12-inch to its customers pursuant to its Part 284 Blanket Transportation Certificate and will charge its applicable Part 284 transportation rates on file in its existing FERC Gas Tariff.

In order to meet the November 1, 1998, effective date that has been requested by its firm customers, MIT further request that the Commission grant its authorization by July 1998, and to that end seeks temporary certificate authorization should the requested permanent certificate not be granted by that date.<sup>1</sup>

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 23, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in

<sup>1</sup> A Staff Data Request will be issued concurrently with the notice requiring MIT to fully comply with the Commission's Regulations regarding information necessary to complete its application or it may be dismissed.

determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing 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.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order.

However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and 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 a grant of the certificate is 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 Midcoast to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EC96-19-014 and ER96-1663-015]

#### Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Filing

February 27, 1998.

Take notice that on February 19, 1998, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO), filed for Commission acceptance in this docket, pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, an application to amend the ISO Tariff and Settlement and Billing Protocol and a motion for waiver of the 60-day notice requirement. The ISO requests that the proposed ISO Tariff and Settlement and Billing Protocol amendments be made effective as of the ISO Operations Date.

The ISO states that the proposed ISO Tariff and ISO Settlement and billing Protocol amendments would revise the allocation of voltage Support and Black Start services costs, revise Appendix F to the Settlement and billing Protocol regarding the disbursement of Wheeling Revenues and correct an inadvertent change that was made in a previous filing on the equation for the calculation of import deviations at Scheduling Points, which is used in the calculation of the Imbalance Energy Charge. The ISO states that the proposed ISO Tariff and ISO Settlement and Billing Protocol amendments are necessary for the initial operations of the ISO.

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 March 12, 1998. 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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EC96-19-015 and ER96-1663-016]

#### Pacific Gas and Electric Company San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Filing

February 27, 1998.

Take notice that on February 25, 1998, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO), filed for Commission acceptance in this docket, pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, an application to amend the ISO Tariff, including the ISO Protocols, and a motion for waiver of the 60-day notice requirement. The ISO requests that the proposed amendments be made effective as of the ISO Operations Date.

The ISO states that the proposed amendments, which would create a new definition for the ISO Control Area distinct from the ISO Controlled Grid and from any other Control Area, are necessary for the initial operations of the ISO.

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 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 March 12, 1998. 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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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