

document. Written and oral comments may also be submitted.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BPA owns and operates approximately three-quarters of the high-voltage electric grid in the Pacific Northwest. These 15,000 miles of transmission lines carry energy from dams and other power-generating facilities to public and private utility customers and direct-service industries. BPA's transmission system also includes transmission lines that connect to Canada, California, the Southwest, and eastern Montana.

BPA's transmission business consists of more than just the construction, operation, and maintenance of transmission lines; it includes all of the activities necessary to manage a regional system to deliver electricity, such as marketing of capacity and setting rates to recover costs in accordance with sound business principles. This requires participation with regional and national stakeholders in discussions regarding reliability, environmental concerns, congestion management, conservation measures, industry restructuring, and national standards, among other issues. This policy-level EIS will further enhance BPA's understanding of the impacts that transmission-related activities have on the human environment, and will help further inform the public of these impacts.

Several Federal statutes guide BPA's transmission business line. The Bonneville Project Act § 2(b) states that " * * * the administrator is authorized and directed to provide, construct, operate, maintain, and improve such electric transmission lines and substations, 3 and facilities and structures * * * as he finds necessary, desirable, or appropriate. * * *." In addition, the Federal Columbia River Transmission System Act, §§ 4(a)-(d) directs the administrator to operate and maintain the system for stability and reliability, among other objectives. The Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act, § 2(2) requires the administrator to assure an adequate, efficient, economical, and reliable power supply for the Northwest.

In addition to these statutory obligations, BPA's transmission business is operated separately from its power business, because BPA

voluntarily complies with the open access policies of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Although BPA is not subject to FERC's jurisdiction concerning these policies, BPA has adopted and currently implements an Open Access Transmission Tariff for the FCRTS that is generally consistent with FERC's *pro forma* open access tariff. This course of action demonstrates BPA's commitment to non-discriminatory access to its transmission system and ensures that BPA will receive non-discriminatory access to the transmission systems of utilities that are subject to FERC's jurisdiction.

FERC has fostered several industry-restructuring initiatives, in which BPA has participated. To promote competitive wholesale power markets through standards of practice, FERC has proposed a Standard Market Design. Key features of this Market Design include the formation of regional transmission organizations (RTOs) and sound wholesale market rules. Over the years, BPA has been part of regional discussions regarding the potential creation of an RTO in the Pacific Northwest, to discuss BPA's possible role in an RTO and ensure that its formation provides coordinated benefits to BPA's customers and the Northwest.

As part of addressing its many transmission policy issues, BPA is also involved in several agency and regional processes. For example, in early 2003, BPA initiated a roundtable for discussion of "non-wire" solutions to transmission capacity issues. Round table meetings considered transmission line alternatives such as energy efficiency programs, demand reduction initiatives, pricing strategies, and distributed generation. The agency has also been meeting with customers regarding available transfer capability (ATC). These discussions described the methodology for determining ATC, and the effects the methodology would have on contracting and scheduling.

BPA will use the previously mentioned processes, among others related to transmission issues, to help shape the development of this policy-level EIS. BPA expects that this EIS will enhance the transmission issues discussed in BPA's 1995 Business Plan EIS (DOE/EIS-0183). The Business Plan EIS included an evaluation of the environmental impacts potentially resulting from the full range of the agency's business policies, including its power, transmission, and fish and wildlife activities. This transmission EIS will provide a policy-level analysis that is more focused on transmission issues,

similar to the way BPA's recently completed Fish and Wildlife Implementation Plan EIS provides a policy-level analysis that is more focused on the agency's administration of its fish and wildlife responsibilities.

This EIS is being prepared to consider and assess various potential policy directions for the planning, construction, operation, and marketing of BPA's transmission activities. This document will allow BPA's decisionmakers and the public to be better informed about the potential cumulative impacts that can be expected from BPA's transmission-related policy decisions. This EIS is intended to support and facilitate a number of decisions regarding BPA's transmission activities.

This transmission EIS will identify a broad range of alternative policy directions structured around key transmission policy considerations such as reliability, cost, contractual obligations, regulatory requirements, and "non-wire" solutions. The EIS will also provide an assessment of potential impacts on the human environment associated with each of the alternatives. During this scoping period, the public is invited to provide comments and suggestions on potential alternatives to be included in the EIS. BPA is in the process of defining these alternatives, and is interested in receiving public input before fully defining the range of alternatives to be considered in the EIS. The public also is invited to comment on potential key issues and environmental impacts to be considered in the EIS.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on December 15, 2003.

Stephen J. Wright,

Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG01-228-000, *et al.*]

Conemaugh Power LLC, *et al.*; Electric Rate and Corporate Filings

December 12, 2003.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

1. Conemaugh Power LLC, Constellation Power Source Generation, Inc., PPL Montour, LLC, PSEG Fossil LLC, Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC and UGI Development Company

[Docket Nos. EG01-228-000, EG00-179-000, EG00-44-000, EG00-3-000, EG00-24-000, EG00-24-000 and EG99-241-000]

Take notice that on December 3, 2003, Conemaugh Power LLC, Constellation Power Source Generation, Inc., PPL Montour, LLC, PSEG Fossil LLC, Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC and UGI Development Company (Conemaugh EWG Owners) tendered for filing a Notification of Change in Facts Not Affecting Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

The Conemaugh EWG Owners have served copies of the foregoing on the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Comment Date: December 24, 2003.

2. NRG Power Marketing Inc.; Arthur Kill Power LLC; Astoria Gas Turbine Power LLC; Bayou Cove Peaking Power LLC; Big Cajun I Peaking Power LLC; Conemaugh Power LLC; Connecticut Jet Power LLC; Devon Power LLC; Dunkirk Power LLC; Huntley Power LLC; Indian River Power LLC; Keystone Power LLC; Louisiana Generating LLC; LSP Energy Limited Partnership; LSP-Kendall Energy LLC; LSP-Nelson Energy LLC; LSP-Pike Energy LLC; Meriden Gas Turbines LLC; Middletown Power LLC; Montville Power LLC; NEO California Power LLC; NEO Chester-Gen LLC; NEO Freehold-Gen LLC; NM Colton Genco LLC; NM Mid Valley Genco LLC; NM Milliken Genco LLC; Norwalk Power LLC; NRG Ashtabula Generating LLC; NRG Audrain Generating LLC; NRG Energy Center Dover LLC; NRG Ilion LP; NRG Lake Shore Generating LLC; NRG Marketing Services LLC; NRG McClain LLC; NRG New Jersey Energy Sales LLC; NRG Northern Ohio Generating LLC; NRG Rockford LLC; NRG Rockford II LLC; NRG Sterlington Power LLC; Oswego Harbor Power LLC; Somerset Power LLC; and Vienna Power LLC

[Docket Nos. ER97-4281-013; ER99-2161-004; ER99-3000-002; ER02-1572-001; ER02-1571-001; ER00-2810-002; ER99-4359-001; ER99-4358-001; ER99-2168-004; ER99-2162-004; ER00-2807-002; ER00-2809-002; ER00-1259-002; ER98-2259-003; ER99-2602-003; ER00-2448-002; ER02-538-001; ER02-566-001; ER99-4355-001; ER99-4356-001; ER01-1558-001; ER00-3160-002; ER03-320-004; ER03-321-004; ER03-322-004; ER99-4357-001; ER02-1055-001; ER01-2969-002; ER00-2313-002; ER02-1395-001; ER02-1056-001; ER03-955-003; ER02-68-002; ER02-2032-001;

ER02-1054-001; ER02-1396-001; ER02-1412-001; ER00-3718-002; ER99-3637-002; ER99-1712-004; and ER00-2808-002]

Take notice that on December 8, 2003, NRG Power Marketing Inc. and the above-captioned affiliates tendered for filing an updated market power study in compliance with the Commission's orders granting each entity market-based rate authorization.

Comment Date: December 29, 2003.

3. American Transmission Company LLC

[Docket No. ER03-1211-002]

Take notice that on December 10, 2003, American Transmission Company LLC (ATCLLC) tendered for filing a revised Generation-Transmission Interconnection Agreement between ATCLLC and Fox Energy Company LLC (Second Revised Service Agreement No. 233) consisting of amendments to Exhibit 11 and otherwise remaining as originally filed and accepted by the Commission by Letter Order dated March 20, 2002, subject to a previous amendment accepted by the Commission on May 29, 2003. ATCLLC requests retention of the original effective date of January 15, 2002. ATCLLC states that this is a refiling of the same revisions contained in ATCLLC's August 14, 2003 filing in a format complying with the Commission's conditional acceptance in its September 23, 2003 Letter Order and deleting certain extraneous documents.

Comment Date: December 31, 2003.

4. DC Tie, Inc.

[Docket No. ER04-105-001]

Take notice that on December 9, 2003, DC Tie, Inc. submitted for filing a Notice of Cancellation of its market-based rate authority under Docket No. ER91-435-000. DC Tie, Inc. is requesting an effective date of October 28, 2003.

Comment Date: December 30, 2003.

5. New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

[Docket No. ER04-230-000]

Take notice that on November 26, 2003, the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO) tendered for filing revisions to the ISO Market Administration and Control Area Services Tariff (the Services Tariff) and its Open Access Transmission Tariff proposing a number of tariff revisions associated with the implementation of new Real-Time Scheduling software and related market improvements. On December 1, 2003, NYISO submitted revision to its Market Administration and Control Area Services Tariff and Open Access Transmission Tariff to

update their table of contents which the Commission noticed in Docket No. ER04-230-001 on December 5, 2003.

The NYISO states it has electronically served a copy of this filing on the official representative of each of its customers, on each participant in its stakeholder committees, on the New York Public Service Commission, and on the electric utility regulatory agencies of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and in addition, the complete filing has been posted on the NYISO's Web site at www.nyiso.com and will make a paper copy available to any interested party that requests one.

Comment Date: December 22, 2003.

6. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER04-261-001]

Take notice that on December 9, 2003, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM), submitted for filing a revised Interconnection Service Agreement (ISA) among PJM, American Project Development Corp/American Hydro Power Company/American Hydro Power Partners, L.P., and Pennsylvania Electric Company.

PJM requests a waiver of the Commission's 60-day notice requirement to permit a November 4, 2003 effective date for the ISA.

PJM states that copies of this filing were served upon the parties to the agreements, the state regulatory commissions within the PJM region, and the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Comment Date: December 30, 2003.

7. DeSoto County Generating Co., LLC, Carolina Power & Light Company, Progress Ventures, Inc., Effingham County Power, LLC, MPC Generating, LLC, Rowan County Power, LLC, Walton County Power, LLC, and Washington County Power, LLC

[Docket No. ER04-269-000]

Take notice that, on December 8, 2003, Progress Energy, Inc. (Progress Energy), on behalf of the Progress Energy subsidiaries listed in the above caption (Progress Energy Subsidiaries), submitted amendments to the market-based rate tariffs of the Progress Energy Subsidiaries providing that they will not engage in market-based sales within Peninsular Florida under those tariffs without making a separate filing pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act.

Progress Energy states that copies of the filing were served on the official service lists in Docket Nos. ER03-1383-000 and ER03-1389-000, each entity operating a control area in Peninsular Florida, and the Florida Public Service Commission.

Comment Date: December 29, 2003.

8. Virginia Electric and Power Company

[Docket No. ER04-270-000]

Take notice that on December 9, 2003, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Dominion Virginia Power) tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Network Integration Transmission Service and Network Operating Agreement by Dominion Virginia Power to North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, designated as Service Agreement Number 376, under Dominion Virginia Power's Open Access Transmission Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 5, to Eligible Purchasers dated June 7, 2000.

Dominion Virginia Power respectfully requests an effective date of January 1, 2004, as requested by the Customer.

Comment Date: December 30, 2003.

9. Virginia Electric and Power Company

[Docket No. ER04-271-00]

Take notice that on December 9, 2003, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Dominion Virginia Power) tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Network Integration Transmission Service and Network Operating Agreement by Dominion Virginia Power to Washington Gas Energy Services, Inc., designated as Service Agreement Number 377, under Dominion Virginia Power's Open Access Transmission Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 5, to Eligible Purchasers dated June 7, 2000.

Dominion Virginia Power respectfully requests a waiver of the Commission's regulations to permit an effective date of November 9, 2003, as requested by the customer.

Comment Date: December 30, 2003.

10. American Electric Power Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER04-273-000]

Take notice that on December 9, 2003, the American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC) tendered for filing pursuant to Section 35.15 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulation, 18 CFR Section 35.15, a Notice of Termination of an executed Interconnection and Operation Agreement between Ohio Power Company and Biomass Energy, LLC., designated as Service Agreement No. 514 under AEP Companies' Open Access Transmission Service Tariff (OATT). AEP requests an effective date of December 8, 2003.

AEPSC states that a copy of the filing was served upon Biomass Energy, LLC

and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Comment Date: December 30, 2003.

11. PacifiCorp

[Docket No. ER04-274-000]

Take notice that on December 10, 2003, PacificCorp tendered for filing in accordance with 18 CFR 35 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations a Notice of Cancellation of PacificCorp's Rate Schedule No. 423 with Springfield Utility Board. The Notice of Cancellation is effective November 30, 2003.

PacificCorp states that copies of this filing were supplied to Springfield Utility Board; the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and the Public Utility Commission of Oregon.

Comment Date: December 31, 2003.

12. Twin Cities Power Generation

[Docket No. ER04-275-000]

Take notice that on December 10, 2003, Twin Cities Power Generation, (Twin Cities) submitted for filing a Petition for Acceptance of Initial Rate Schedule, Waivers and Blanket Authority, Rate Schedule FERC No. 1.

Comment Date: December 31, 2003.

13. American Electric Power Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER04-276-000]

Take notice that on December 10, 2003, the American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC) tendered for filing First Amendment to an Amended Interconnection and Operation Agreement between Ohio Power Company and Lima Energy Company. The agreement is pursuant to the AEP Companies' Open Access Transmission Service Tariff (OATT) and designated as First Revised Service Agreement No. 463, effective date July 13, 2002, to the Operating Companies of the American Electric Power System FERC Electric Tariff Third Revised Volume No. 6. AEP requests an effective date of February 9, 2004.

AEPSC states a copy of the filing was served upon Lima Energy Company and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Comment Date: December 31, 2003.

14. Alcoa Power Generating, Inc.

[Docket No. ER04-277-000]

Take notice that on December 10, 2003, Alcoa Power Generating, Inc. (APGI) tendered for filing in accordance with 18 CFR 35 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations a Notice of Termination of APGI's Rate Schedule No. 11 with PacifiCorp. APGI requests waiver of the Commission's prior notice requirements so that the termination may be effective June 30, 2003.

APGI states that copies of this filing were supplied to PacifiCorp, Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County; the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and the Public Utility Commission of Oregon.

Comment Date: December 31, 2003.

15. Milford Power Limited Partnership

[Docket No. ER04-278-000]

Take notice that on December 10, 2003, Milford Power Limited Partnership (Milford) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act an Application for Order Accepting Initial Market-Based Rate Schedule and Granting Certain Waivers and Blanket Approvals, which would allow Milford to engage in the sale of electric energy, capacity and ancillary services at market-based rates. Milford states that it is engaged in the business of owning and operating a generation facility located in Milford, New Jersey, with a nameplate capacity of 30.5 MW. Milford seeks certain waivers and blanket approvals under the Commission's regulations. Milford also seeks expedited review and a waiver of the 60-day pre-filing requirement under 18 CFR 35.3 (2003).

Comment Date: December 31, 2003.

Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file 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 385.214). 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. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or TTY, (202) 502-8659. Protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The

Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2002-0001; FRL-7340-3]

National Pollution Prevention and Toxics Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting Change of Dates

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Public Law 92-463), EPA gives notice of a change of date to the January meeting of the National Pollution Prevention and Toxics Advisory Committee (NPPTAC). The purpose of the NPPTAC is to provide advice and recommendations to EPA regarding the overall policy and operations of the programs of the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT).

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 7, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. only. The NPPTAC will not meet January 8, 2004, as announced on December 3, 2003, in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 1201 K Street, NW., Washington, DC.

For address information concerning registration, the submission of written comments, and requests to present oral comments, refer to the December 3, 2003 **Federal Register** Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information contact: Barbara Cunningham, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

For technical information contact: Mary Hanley, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7401M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-9891; e-mail address: npptac.oppt@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of particular interest to those persons who have an interest in or may be required to manage pollution prevention and toxic chemical programs, individuals, groups concerned with environmental justice, children's health, or animal welfare, as they relate to OPPT's programs under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and the Pollution Prevention Act (PPA). Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be interested in the activities of the NPPTAC. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPPT-2002-0001. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically related to the NPPTAC, any public comments received, and other information related to the NPPTAC. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at EPA's Docket Center, Rm. B102-Reading Room, EPA West, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. EPA's Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. EPA's Docket Center Reading Room telephone number is (202) 566-1744 and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket, which is located in EPA Docket Center, is (202) 566-0280.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically.

Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, NPPTAC, Pollution prevention, Toxics, Toxic chemicals, Chemical health and safety.

Dated: December 17, 2003.

Charles M. Auer,

Director, Office of Pollution, Prevention, and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7599-6]

Notice of Proposed Administrative Settlement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as Amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; Lagoon Drive Chemical Removal Site

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice, request for public comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of a proposed Administrative Order on Consent ("AOC," Region 9, Docket No. 2004-0001) pursuant to Section 122(h) of CERCLA concerning the Lagoon Drive Chemicals Removal Site (the "Site"), located in Chula Vista, California. The respondent to the AOC is Gary Rasmussen ("Rasmussen"). The AOC provides Rasmussen with a covenant not to sue and contribution protection for the removal action at the Site. To date, EPA has incurred approximately \$49,000.00 in response costs related to the Site. Rasmussen is reimbursing \$5,000.00 of the incurred response costs to EPA, consistent with EPA's determination of Rasmussen's ability to pay. For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this Notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed AOC. The Agency's response to any comments will be available for public inspection at EPA's Region IX offices, located at 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105.