

shortened the comment period for this proceeding to 15 days.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's rules of practice and procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the joint application to transfer Presidential Permit PP-230-2 should be clearly marked with Docket PP-230-3. Additional copies are to be filed directly with M. Douglas Dunn, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York, NY 10005, R. Michael Sweeney and Bonnie A. Suchman, Troutman Sanders LLP, 401 9th Street, NW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004, and Raymond O. Sturdy, Jr., DTE Energy Company, 2000 2nd Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action (*i.e.*, granting the Presidential permit, with any conditions and limitations, or denying the permit) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. DOE also must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Procedures" from the options menus.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 10, 2003.

Anthony J. Como,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-359-013]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Negotiated Rates

January 9, 2003.

Take notice that on December 31, 2002, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing two executed service agreements between Transco and BP Energy Company that contain negotiated rates under Transco's Rate Schedule FT.

Transco states that these service agreements are the result of the permanent releases of two service agreements containing negotiated rates previously filed by Transco pertaining to its MarketLink and Leidy East Expansion Projects. Aquila Energy Marketing (Aquila), one of Transco's MarketLink and Leidy East shippers, agreed to permanently release all of its firm MarketLink transportation service (25,000 dekatherms of gas per day) and all of its firm Leidy East transportation service (25,000 dekatherms of gas per day) to BP Energy Company effective January 1, 2003, at the same negotiated rates and primary term contained in Aquila's existing service agreements. For both service agreements, the effective date of the permanent release is January 1, 2003.

Transco states that copies of the filing are being mailed to its affected customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room 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 field to access the document. For Assistance, please contact FERC Online

Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Comment Date: January 13, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent to File Application for a New License

January 9, 2003.

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

- a. *Type of filing:* Notice of Intent to File an Application for New License.
- b. *Project No:* 2230.
- c. *Date filed:* November 13, 2002.
- d. *Submitted By:* City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska.

e. *Name of Project:* Blue Lake Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The Blue Lake project is located 5 miles east of the City of Sitka, on Sawmill Creek (formerly Medvetcha River) at stream mile 2.7.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6.

h. Pursuant to Section 16.19 of the Commission's regulations, the licensee is required to make available the information described in Section 16.7 of the regulations. Such information is available from the licensee at the City and Borough of Sitka, 105 Jarvis Street, Sitka, Alaska 99835, (907) 747-6633.

i. *FERC Contact:* Nicholas Jayjack, 202-502-6073,

Nicholas.Jayjack@ferc.gov.

j. *Expiration Date of Current License:* March 31, 2008.

k. *Project Description:* The project includes a 211-foot high dam with a crest length of 256 feet, a submerged concrete intake structure, a 1,225-acre reservoir (Blue Lake), a 7,110-foot long power conduit consisting of both steel penstock and unlined tunnel segments, three powerhouses with a combined capacity of 7.5 megawatts, and three transmission lines with a combined length of 6.5 miles. The project occupies