

<http://www.netl.doe.gov/business> on or about April 24, 2000. The solicitation will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation. Solicitations will not be distributed in paper form or diskette. The exact date and time for the submission of proposals will be indicated in the solicitation. However, at least a forty-five (45)-day response time is currently planned.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The work performed under this action will consist of three phases. The first phase will entail identification and resolution of barrier issues of the proposed hybrid system. This will include concept identification, system definition, economic evaluation, and experimental work to resolve any barrier issues. This information will be used by the DOE for system validation. The second phase will consist of a detailed design and cost study of the proposed system. The third phase will include fabrication and proof-of-concept testing of the proposed system. If a potential offeror believes that there are no barrier issues in their proposed system, and has all of the information that would be required in the first phase, the offeror can petition to DOE to initially start the project in Phase II.

The proposed system must contain a high-temperature fuel cell combined with other power generation modules. Other power generation modules that may be proposed include: Another fuel cell; steam turbine; gas turbine; diesels; other heat engines; etc. This solicitation does not address photovoltaics, wind, or tidal energy systems. The system must be fueled by natural gas. The offeror must be a commercial producer of a major component of the proposed system or must partner with commercial producers of the major components (defined as power producing units such as fuel cells, turbines, etc.). While the goal of this procurement is to produce systems with energy efficiencies greater than 70 percent, it is anticipated that the initial market entry systems investigated under this solicitation, may have efficiencies less than this.

DOE anticipates multiple cooperative agreement awards resulting from this solicitation and no fee or profit will be paid to a recipient or subrecipient under the awards. For agreements spanning more than one maturation stage,

continuation decision points will be inserted at the completion of each stage. Additional decision points may be required depending upon the length of any one maturation stage. This particular program is covered by Section 3001 and 3002 of the Energy Policy Act (EPAAct), 42 U.S.C. 13542 for financial assistance awards. EPAAct 3002 requires a cost-share commitment of at least 20 percent from non-Federal sources for research and development projects and at least 50 percent for demonstration and commercial projects. Depending on the phase and maturation stage of the agreement, cost-share expectations will range from 20 to 50 percent. The particular program is also covered by Section 2306 of EPAAct, 42 U.S.C. 13525 for financial assistance awards. The solicitation will contain as part of the application package the applicable EPAAct representation form(s) for Foreign-owned companies. Funds are not presently available for this procurement. The Government's obligation under this award is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for award purposes can be made, however, it is anticipated that two to four awards will be made during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2001, with an average total estimated cost from \$5 to \$15 million.

Prospective applicants who would like to be notified as soon as the solicitation is available should register at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>. Provide your E-mail address and click on the "Advanced Electric Power Generation" technology choice located under the heading "Fossil Energy." Once you subscribe, you will receive an announcement by E-mail that the solicitation has been released to the public. Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The solicitation will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

Issued in Morgantown, WV, on March 10, 2000.

Randolph L. Kesling,

Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL98-36-000 and ER91-569-009]

Aquila Power Corporation v. Entergy Services, Inc., as Agent for Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Entergy Louisiana, Inc., Entergy Mississippi, Inc., Entergy New Orleans, Inc., Entergy Gulf States, Inc. and Entergy Services, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

March 20, 2000.

On March 16, 2000, the Commission issued an Order Granting In Part, And Denying In Part, Complaint (Order), in the above-docketed proceedings. The Order found, *Inter alia*, that Entergy violated section 28.2 of the *pro forma* tariff but stated that the more appropriate forum for evaluating whether Entergy still lacks market power is in Docket No. ER91-569-009.

Ordering paragraph (C) of the Order states as follows: Aquila and other interested persons may raise or elaborate on the issue discussed in the body of this order in Docket No. ER91-569-009, by filing comments in that proceeding addressing this issue within thirty (30) days of the date of issuance of this order.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for complying with ordering paragraph (C) above, is April 17, 2000.

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. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-3886-002]

Commonwealth Edison Company and Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana; Notice of Filing

March 20, 2000.

Take notice that on March 10, 2000, Commonwealth Edison Company and Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana (collectively ComEd), tendered for filing amendments to ComEd's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before March 31, 2000. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will be considered by the Commission to determine 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-125-000]

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

March 20, 2000.

Take notice that on March 15, 2000, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), Post Office Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79987, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP00-125-000, pursuant to Sections 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to abandon, by conveyance to GPM Gas Corporation (GPM), seven taps serving Westar Transmission Company (Westar) and the service rendered by means thereof authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-435-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

El Paso proposes to abandon seven taps known as the Hanslik & Emens Tap, the Anna McCollum Tap, the Paul McCollum Tap, the Howard D. Oliver Tap, the Fred Belt Tap, the Bob J. Spears Tap and the R.T. Bedwell Tap (Delivery

Point Facilities). El Paso states that these facilities were required by El Paso to facilitate the sale and delivery of natural gas to Westar for resale to Energas Company, a Division of Atmos Energy Corporation (Energas), a local distribution company. El Paso further states that El Paso owns, operates and maintains the 4½-inch O.D., Fuel Line from Phillips-Seninole Plant to Riley Compressor Station (Line No. 6018), commencing in the Section 328, C.C.S.D. & R.G.N.G.R.R. Co. Block G, extending approximately 8.4 miles to the northeast, and terminating in Section 229, Waxahachie Tap R.R. Co., Block G, all in Gaines County Texas. El Paso reports that El Paso and GPM have agreed to the conveyance of line No. 6018 to GPM contingent upon El Paso's abandonment of the Delivery Point Facilities and the natural gas service they provide. El Paso further reports that by letter agreement dated October 21, 1999, Westar and Energas have consented to abandonment of the Delivery Point Facilities and GPM and Westar will provide natural gas service, pursuant to appropriate State regulatory requirements.

El Paso states that the abandonment would not cause any material change in El Paso's cost of service. El Paso continues the proposed abandonment would not result in or cause any interruption, reduction or termination of the transportation service presently rendered to the customers of the Delivery Point Facilities.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, 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 NGA.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER00-1258-000 and EL00-37-000]

First Electric Cooperative Corporation; Notice of Issuance of Order

March 20, 2000.

First Electric Cooperative Corporation (First Electric) made a rate filing in Docket No. ER00-1258-000 pertaining to arrangements under which it provides facilities to Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation to provide wheeling services to Entergy Arkansas and C&L Cooperative. Also, in Docket No. EL00-37-000, First Electric filed a request for certain waivers of the Commission's regulations. In particular, First Electric requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by First Electric. On March 15, 2000, the Commission issued an Order Granting Request for Waivers Of Order Nos. 888 And 889, Addressing Requests for Other Waivers And Accepting Rate Filing (Order), in the above-docketed proceedings.

The Commission's March 15, 2000 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (C), (D), and (H):

(C) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by First Electric 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.

(D) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (C) above, First Electric is hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor endorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of First Electric, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(H) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of First