

interest. Mineral and Coal Processing encompasses unit processes required to size, separate, and process for eventual use. These processes include comminution (crushing and grinding), sizing (screening or classifying), separation (physical or chemical), dewatering (thickening, filtration, or drying), and hydrometallurgical or chemical processing. The Energy Analysis forms the basis of this announcement and characterizes the three interest areas as follows:

Area of Interest 1: Energy Efficient Alternatives to Current Technologies in Extraction—Extraction is the removal of ore from surface or underground mines. This involves excavating activities such as digging, blasting, breaking, loading and hauling. Interests include revolutionary energy alternatives to mineral processes using equipment or processes to mine and process ore.

Area of Interest 2: Energy Efficient Alternatives to Material Handling—Materials handling is the use of any equipment or process to transport ore and waste. Interests include revolutionary energy alternatives with regard to energy used per unit of output to current technologies involving the use of equipment or processes to handle and transport ore and waste.

Area of Interest 3: Energy Efficient Alternatives to Current Technologies in Beneficiation and Processing—Beneficiation and Processing is the use of equipment or processes to crush, grind, concentrate and/or separating the ore from the unwanted material. Interests include revolutionary energy alternatives with regard to energy use per unit of output to current technologies using equipment or processes to crush, grind, concentrate and/or separating the ore from the unwanted material.

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[Docket No. RP04-152-000]

CenterPoint Energy—Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

February 4, 2004.

Take notice that on January 30, 2004, CenterPoint Energy—Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, to be effective March 1, 2004.

MRT states that the purpose of this filing is to revise its tariff to remove an obsolete rate schedule (Rate Schedule USAS) and to make certain changes primarily of a housekeeping nature.

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 § 385.214 or § 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with § 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 eLibrary. 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. 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.

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[Docket No. CP03-302-001]

Cheyenne Plains Gas Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Application

November 17, 2003.

On November 6, 2003, Cheyenne Plains Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (Cheyenne Plains), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in Docket No. CP03-302-001, a Petition to Amend the Order Issuing a Preliminary Determination on Non-Environmental Issues (Order), pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, and Part 157 and 284 of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission). Specifically, Cheyenne Plains is seeking to amend the Order to modify the originally proposed design of the Cheyenne Plains Project by: (1) Increasing the diameter of the proposed mainline; and (2) decreasing the total amount of compression to be installed at the Cheyenne Hub. Cheyenne Plains states it is also finalizing the amine gas treatment facilities design. Although Cheyenne Plains is proposing to modify the size of the pipeline and the amount of compressor horsepower, these changes will not change the 560,000 Dth per day design capacity of the Project. Further, in this filing Cheyenne Plains is also providing updated information on its financing proposals, including the conversion of Cheyenne Plains from a "C" corporation to an LLC, all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. 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 "eLibrary" 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 for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

In its Petition to Amend Order, Cheyenne Plains states that since the filing of its initial application, it has now determined that the pipeline and