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). Comments and protests 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 at http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-1523-060, et al.]

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

January 16, 2001.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation; Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.; Long Island Light Company; New York State Electric & Gas Corporation; Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation; Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.; and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation

[Docket Nos. ER97–1523–060; OA97–470–055; and ER97–4234–053 (not consolidated)]

Take notice that on January 9, 2000, the Members of the Transmission Owners Committee of the Energy Association of New York State, formerly known as the Member Systems of the New York Power Pool (Member Systems), tendered for filing a compliance report disclosing refunds made pursuant to the Partial Settlement Agreement of May 8, 2000. The Member Systems state that these refunds have been made in compliance with the Commission's September 18, 2000 letter order in this proceeding.

A copy of this filing was served upon all persons on the Commission's official service list(s) in the captioned proceeding(s), the affected wholesale customer and the respective electric utility regulatory agencies in New York, Ohio, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Comment date: January 30, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Bangor Hydro-Electric Company

[Docket No. ER01-638-001]

Take notice that on January 10, 2001, Bangor Hydro-Electric Company tendered for filing a revised executed service agreement for firm point-to-point transmission service with Beaver Wood Joint Venture. The service agreement is revised to add the designation in compliance with Order No. 614.

Comment date: January 31, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. ER01-735-001]

Take notice that on January 10, 2001, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (PSE), tendered for filing (i) a Notice of Cancellation of PSE's Original Service Agreement No. 211 with the California Independent System Operator (the Cal ISO) and (ii) a Service Agreement under PSE's Electric Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 8 with the Cal ISO.

A copy of the filing was served upon the Cal ISO.

Comment date: January 31, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. Consumers Energy Company

[Docket No. ER01-840-001]

Take notice that on January 10, 2001 Consumers Energy Company (Consumers), tendered for filing substitute rate schedule sheets for a Coordinated Operating Agreement between Consumers and Wisconsin Electric Power Company (Wisconsin Electric), which agreement had originally been filed December 29, 2000. The substitute sheets are to correct a typo in the original filed sheets.

Consumers requested that the substitute sheets be allowed to become effective January 1, 2001.

Copies of the filing were served upon Wisconsin Electric, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Comment date: January 31, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. Pacific Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER01-932-000]

Take notice that on January 10, 2001, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), tendered for filing a Generator Special Facilities Agreement (GSFA) and Generator Interconnection Agreement (GIA) between PG&E and Aera Energy, LLC (Aera) providing for Special Facilities and the parallel operation of Aera's electric generating plants and the PG&E electrical system.

The GSFA permits PG&E to recover the ongoing costs associated with owning, operating and maintaining the Special Facilities including the cost of any alterations and additions. The GIA, an attachment to the GSFA, provides for the interconnection and parallel operation of the Aera generating plants with respect to the PG&E-owned Electric System. As detailed in the GSFA, PG&E proposes to charge Aera a monthly Cost of Ownership Charge equal to the rates for distribution and transmission-level, customer financed facilities and transmission-level, PG&E-financed facilities in PG&E's currently effective Electric Rule 2, as filed with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). PG&E's currently effective rates of 0.46% for distribution-level, customer-financed Special Facilities, 0.31% for transmission-level, customerfinanced Special Facilities and 1.14% for transmission-level, PG&E-financed Special Facilities are contained in the CPUC's Advice Letter 1960-G/1587-E, effective August 5, 1996, a copy of which is included in this filing.

Copies of this filing have been served upon Aera, the ISO and the CPUC.

Comment date: January 31, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. American Transmission Systems, Inc.; Ohio Edison Company; The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company; and The Toledo Edison Company

[Docket No. ER01-933-000]

Take notice that on January 10, 2001, American Transmission Systems, Inc., tendered for filing on behalf of itself and Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company, Service Agreements for Network Integration Service and Operating Agreements for the Network Integration Transmission Service under the Ohio Retail Electric Program with FirstEnergy Services, Enron Energy Services, Inc., CNG Power Services Corporation, WPS Energy Services, Inc., UnicomEnergy dba Exelon Energy, Shell Energy Services Company, L.L.C., and MidAmerican Energy Company pursuant to the American Transmission Systems, Inc. Open Access Tariff. These agreements will enable the parties to obtain Network Integration Service under the Ohio Retail Electric Program in accordance with the terms of the Tariff.

The proposed effective date under these agreements is January 1, 2001.

Comment date: January 31, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

7. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. ER01-934-000]

Take notice that on January 10, 2001, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., tendered for filing an executed Confirmation of Special Storage Arrangement with The City of Seattle, acting by and through its Lighting Department (SCL).

A copy of the filing was served upon SCL.

Comment date: January 31, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

8. PECO Energy Company

[Docket No. ER01-935-000]

Take notice that on January 10, 2001, PECO Energy Company (PECO), tendered for filing an Interconnection Agreement between PECO and Exelon Generation Company, L.L.C. (ExGen) designated as Service Agreement No. 544 under PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.'s FERC Electric Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, to be effective on 10 January 2001.

Copies of this filing were served on ExGen, PJM and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Comment date: January 31, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. Exelon Generation Company, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER01-936-000]

Take notice that on January 10, 2001, Exelon Generation Company, L.L.C. (ExGen), tendered for filing a Call Contract between ExGen and PECO Energy Company (PECO) designated as ExGen's Rate Schedule FERC No. 2, to be effective on January 10, 2001.

Copies of this filing were served on ExGen, PJM and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Comment date: January 31, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. 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 or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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 these filings 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 Nos. CP00-233-000 and CP00-233-001]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed South System Expansion Project

Janaury 17, 2001.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of about 67 miles of pipeline loop and about 54,000 horsepower (hp) of mainline compression at various points along Southern existing system in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. Southern's South System Expansion Project would provide a total of 335,800 thousand cubic feet per day (Mcfd) to serve the following customers: Southern Company Services Inc. (284,050 Mcfd); South Carolina Pipeline Corporation (50,000 Mcfd); and the city of LaGrange, Georgia (1,750 Mcfd). Southern proposes to construct the project into two phases, with in-service dates proposed for June 1, 2002 (Phase I), and June 1, 2003 (Phase II).

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208–1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426:
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Group 1, PJ11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP00–233– 000 and CP00–233–001; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 19, 2001.

Comments may also 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 at http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm under the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs,