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Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER06-94-001; EL06-77-000]

ISO-New England Inc.; Notice of Institution of Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

June 19, 2006.

On June 16, 2006, the Commission issued an order that instituted a proceeding in Docket No. EL06-77-000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e (2005), concerning the justness and reasonableness of ISO-New England Inc.'s external affairs and corporate communications expenses. *ISO-New England, Inc.*, 115 FERC ¶ 61,332 (2006).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL06-77-000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER06-761-000; ER06-761-001]

Rumford Paper Company; Notice of Issuance of Order

June 19, 2006.

Rumford Paper Company (Rumford) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate schedule. The proposed market-based rate schedule provides for the sale of energy and capacity at market-based rates. Rumford also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Rumford requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Rumford.

On June 15, 2006, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development—West, granted the request for blanket approval under part 34. The Director's order also stated that the Commission would publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** establishing a period of time for the filing of protests. Accordingly, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Rumford 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, 385.214 (2004).

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protest is July 17, 2006.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition by the deadline above, Rumford is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Rumford, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Rumford's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

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Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-397-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Abandonment

June 22, 2006.

Take notice that on June 21, 2006, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas, 77251, filed an application under section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon the firm transportation service Transco provides to South Carolina Pipeline Corporation (SCPC) and to amend Transco's Rate Schedule GSS certificate to effectuate a transfer of the GSS service entitlement held by SCPC to South Carolina Electric and Gas Company and Patriots Energy Group.

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" 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.

Any questions concerning this request may be directed to Transco's contact person for this proceeding: Ingrid Germany, Staff Regulatory Analyst, Certificates and Tariffs, P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas, 77251; Phone: (713) 215-4015.

Transco seeks these authorizations at the request of SCPC and requests that the necessary authorizations be granted

contingent upon and coincident with the proposed commencement of operation by Carolina Gas Transmission Corporation (Carolina Gas) as an interstate natural gas pipeline pursuant to any certificate and other authorizations granted by the Commission in an order approving the proposed restructuring of SCPC in Docket Nos. CP06–71, CP06–72 and CP06–73. The above restructuring proposal by Carolina Gas and SCPC is currently pending before the Commission in the dockets listed.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file 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 the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or a motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or to protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on July 11, 2006.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06–361–000]

Freeport LNG Development, L.P.; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Freeport LNG Phase II Project

June 19, 2006.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or

Commission) has prepared this Environmental Assessment (EA) for the construction and operation of the expansion of the Freeport liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal (referred to as the Freeport LNG Phase II Project or Project) as proposed by Freeport LNG Development, L.P. (Freeport) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The staff concludes that approval of the Freeport LNG Phase II Project, with appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The EA also contains our final General Conformity Determination.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed expansion of the Freeport LNG terminal in Brazoria County, Texas including the construction of:

- An additional LNG ship berth and associated unloading facilities that would have the capacity to unload up to 200 LNG ships per year;
- Additional vaporizers and associated systems, including an air tower; and
- An additional LNG storage tank and associated systems.

The purpose of the Project is to provide the facilities necessary for shippers, including MC Global Gas Corporation (a subsidiary of Mitsubishi Corporation [Mitsubishi]), to deliver up to 2.5 Mcfd of natural gas derived from LNG to the Texas intrastate pipeline system in Stratton Ridge. Delivery of gas to the Stratton Ridge area would allow to gas to be delivered to the intrastate market or potentially transported to the interstate pipeline system for delivery elsewhere.

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 Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. (202) 502–8371.

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 Branch 2, PJ11.2.
- Reference Docket No. CP06–361–000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 19, 2006.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created by clicking on "Sign-up."

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentator 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).¹ 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 Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1–866–208–FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the "eLibrary" link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at:

¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.