

facilitate and better understand several aspects of the proposed MD02. The conference will be held on January 28–29, 2004, at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC beginning at 9 a.m. in a room to be announced at a later date.

The conference will focus on the flexible offer obligation proposal, the residual unit commitment process, pricing for constrained-output generators, marginal losses, and ancillary services. Participants are requested to restrict their contributions to this conference to these and other market efficiency issues not related to the mitigation of market power. Market Power Mitigation will be the focus of a second technical conference proposed to be held in early March 2004.

In the October 28 Order, the Commission also sought additional information and explanation from the CAISO in relation to certain elements of the MD02 proposal. Concurrently with this Notice the Commission Staff requests certain supplemental information from the CAISO to further clarify issues relating to certain aspects of the MD02 proposal, and to prepare for the March 2004 second technical conference. The dates by which the CAISO will be required to file information with the Commission are set out in a timetable in the Attachment to this Notice.

Interested participants are also invited to submit information and comments arising from the October 28 Order, the technical conference held in California on November 6, 2003, and from the additional information that will be submitted by the CAISO. Participants are also requested to submit information and comments to the Commission by the due dates listed in the timetable in the Attachment.

A second technical conference will be held in early March 2004 to finalize the outstanding issues relating to implementation of MD02, particularly the design of measures for the mitigation of market power, including local market power mitigation and treatment of imports. A separate notice of technical conference will be issued by the Commission in early February 2004 announcing the date and location of the second technical conference, and a final agenda.

The conference is open for the public to attend, and registration is not required. For more information about the conference, please contact: Olga

Kolotushkina at (202) 502–6024 or at olga.kolotushkina@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

Timetable for Submissions

1. Information on Market Issues to be filed by the CAISO—by January 7, 2004

Pursuant to the October 28 Order, the Commission requests that the CAISO clarify the following issues by January 7, 2004, so that interested participants may both respond and better prepare for discussions at the MD02 Technical Conference to be held on January 28–29, 2004.

- Clarification of the CAISO's approach to allocation of marginal losses—refer to ¶ 78 of the October 28 Order.
- Revised pricing mechanism for setting prices for constrained output generators in the forward market—refer to ¶ 89 of the October 28 Order.
- Further clarification of the statement by the CAISO that it “does not prohibit energy from capacity committed in the day-ahead RUC from being sold by the unit owner via any bilateral transaction in the hour-ahead market, including sales to other Control Areas”—refer to ¶ 123 of the October 28 Order.
- Additional clarification on the CAISO's concern that a purchase of only capacity may undermine incentive to imports to acquire transmission capacity across ties as part of the residual unit commitment process—refer to ¶ 127 of the October 28 Order.

*2. Information on Market Issues To Be Filed by Other Participants—by January 14, 2004 **

Participants are invited to file reply comments by Wednesday, January 14, 2004, in response to:

- The CAISO's submission under item 1 above;
- Any other market issues, other than market power mitigation, raised in the October 28 Order; and
- The discussions relating to market issues, other than market power mitigation, that occurred at the November 6, 2003 Technical Conference held in California.

* The Commission requests that submissions be limited to market issues other than market power mitigation measures. Market power mitigation and resource adequacy issues will be the focus of the second Technical Conference to be held in early March. The Commission will issue a formal notice announcing the second conference in early February.

3. Information Requested From CAISO Under Request Issued on December 16, 2003—by January 12, 2004

4. Comments of Other Participants in Response to Information Submitted by the CAISO Under Data Request—Anticipated Date January 26, 2004

Formal notice inviting comments from interested participants relating to CAISO's submission pursuant to the Data Request will be published by the Commission as soon as practicable after the CAISO has submitted the requested information. It is anticipated that the date by which such comments should be filed will be January 26, 2004. This will be specified in the notice.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04–31–000]

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

December 16, 2003.

Take notice that on December 9, 2003, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CenterPoint), 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002–5231, filed in Docket No. CP04–31–000 pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, an application for permission and approval to abandon certain facilities located in Panola County, Texas. Specifically, CenterPoint proposes to abandon one rural tap and appurtenant facilities located on Line ST–1B, all as more fully described in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the “eLibrary” link, select “Docket #” and follow the instructions. Call (202) 208–2222 for assistance.

CenterPoint states that it provides natural gas transportation service to CenterPoint Energy-Entex (Entex), an affiliated distribution company that serves two rural domestic customers on CenterPoint's Line ST–1B. CenterPoint avows that Line ST–1B was installed in 1954 for the primary purpose of receiving gas supplies from producers and transporting those supplies to CenterPoint's mainline transmission system. Although installed as a gas supply facility, CenterPoint explains that the two rural taps were installed on Line ST–1B to deliver gas to Entex and its two rural customers, Mr. Ray Schultz

and Mr. Ronny White. Despite the fact that no production has flowed through the line for a number of years, CenterPoint emphasizes that it nonetheless delivers gas into the line from ST-1 to maintain pressure and continue deliveries to the two rural customers. Given that the line is no longer used for the gas supply purpose for which it was intended, CenterPoint claims that continued operation of Line ST-1B exclusively for the two rural customers is neither efficient nor economical.

CenterPoint states that it has offered Mr. Schultz and Mr. White the options of either converting to liquid propane gas fuel (LPG) at CenterPoint's expense or receiving a cash payment equal to the estimated conversion costs. CenterPoint provided Mr. Schultz's letter of consent in writing, however Mr. White rejected the offer. CenterPoint claims two other arrangements for gas service were tendered to Mr. White, one of which Mr. White rejected, and the other was deemed neither efficient nor economical by CenterPoint. CenterPoint asserts that it has notified Entex of its plan to abandon Mr. White's tap upon either written consent from Mr. White or Commission authorization to abandon its delivery tap. Accordingly, CenterPoint requests permission and approval to abandon the tap to Mr. White, and to compensate him for expenses necessary to convert the existing gas service to LPG fuel.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Lawrence O. Thomas, Director—Rates & Regulatory, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, P.O. Box 21734, Shreveport, Louisiana 71151, or call (318) 429-2804.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10) by the comment date, below. A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask

for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken; but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Protests and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Comment Date: December 30, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-105-000]

Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Tariff Filing

December 16, 2003.

Take notice that on December 8, 2003, Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of January 7, 2004:

Third Revised Sheet No. 0
Second Revised Sheet No. 212
First Revised Sheet No. 212A
Third Revised Sheet No. 1171
Second Revised Sheet No. 2506

DTI states that the purpose of this filing is simply to revise the tariff for administrative purposes and to correct certain incorrect cross-references within the tariff. DTI states that the filing includes a series of minor tariff changes.

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 "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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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C.; Notice of Negotiated Rates

December 16, 2003.

Take notice that on December 10, 2003, Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C. (Gulfstream) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Original Sheet No. 80, reflecting an effective date of November 1, 2003.

Gulfstream states that this filing is being made to implement negotiated rate transactions under Rate Schedules ITS and PALS, respectively, pursuant to Section 31 of the General Terms and Conditions of Gulfstream's FERC Gas Tariff.

Gulfstream states that Original Sheet No. 80 identifies and describes the negotiated rate transactions, including the exact legal name of the relevant shipper, the negotiated rates, the rate schedules, the contract terms, and the contract quantities. Gulfstream also states that Sheet 80 includes footnotes where necessary to provide further details on the transactions listed thereon.