

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP02-36-001]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

February 14, 2002.

Take notice that on February 4, 2002, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to be effective on the dates indicated:

Effective January 23, 2002

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 1
1st Rev 39th Revised Sheet No. 21
Second Revised Sheet No. 150
First Revised Sheet No. 151
Third Revised Sheet No. 227C
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 228
Second Revised Sheet No. 228A
Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 229
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 229A
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 230A
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 247
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 252

Effective February 1, 2002

Substitute Fortieth Revised Sheet No. 21

Williston Basin states that the tariff sheets comply with the Commission's January 23, 2002 order, granting Williston Basin's application to abandon the transportation service provided to Shell Western E&P, Inc. under Rate Schedule T-5 as well as Rate Schedule T-5 in its entirety. Such order required Williston Basin to file tariff sheets in compliance with Part 154 of the Commission's Regulations.

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, respectively, of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before February 25, 2002. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Deputy Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 3494-058, Pennsylvania]

Allegheny No. 6 Hydro Partners; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

February 14, 2002.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed an application to install 12-inch-high flashboards at the Allegheny Lock and Dam No. 6 Hydroelectric Project and has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA). The hydroelectric project is located at a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dam (Lock and Dam No. 6) on the Allegheny River, near the town of Ford City, in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. No other federal or tribal lands are occupied by the hydroelectric project.

The Commission has begun a proceeding to determine if reserved authority in article 17 of the license should be used to require 12-inch-high flashboards at Lock and Dam No. 6. Flashboards can be used to increase water levels in Pool No. 6 to more closely resemble pre-hydroelectric conditions. The proceeding is in response to concerns raised by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission about the impacts of project-induced lower water levels on recreational boating in Pool No. 6. The FEA contains Commission staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of installing 12-inch-high flashboards and concludes that flashboards should not be installed at Lock and Dam No. 6 because of adverse impacts to wetlands.

A copy of the FEA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The FEA may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link—select "P-3494" and follow the

instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Deputy Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Technical Conference Organization**

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In the matter of Docket Nos. RM01-12-000, RT01-2-001, RT-2-002, RT01-2-003, RT01-10-000, RT01-15-000, RT01-34-000, RT01-35-000, RT01-67-000, RT01-74-000, RT01-75-000, RT01-77-000, RT01-85-000, RT01-86-000, RT01-86-001, RT01-86-002, RT01-87-000, RT01-88-000, RT01-94-000, RT01-95-000, RT01-95-001, RT01-95-002, RT01-98-000, RT01-99-000, RT01-99-001, RT01-99-002, RT01-99-003, RT01-100-000, RT01-101-000, EC01-146-000, ER01-3000-000, RT02-1-000, EL02-9-000, EC01-156-000, ER01-3154-000, and EL01-80-000

Electricity Market Design and Structure, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.,

Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc., Atlantic City Electric Company, Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, Delmarva Power & Light Company, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company, PECO Energy Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Potomac Electric Power Company, Public Service Electric & Gas Company, UGI Utilities Inc., Allegheny Power, Avista Corporation, Montana Power Company, Nevada Power Company, Portland General Electric Company, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., Sierra Pacific Power Company, Southwest Power Pool, Inc., Avista Corporation, Bonneville Power Administration, Idaho Power Company, Montana Power Company, Nevada Power Company, PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric Company, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., Sierra Pacific Power Company, GridFlorida LLC, Florida Power & Light Company, Florida Power Corporation, Tampa Electric Company, Carolina Power & Light Company, Duke Energy Corporation, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, GridSouth Transco, LLC, Entergy Services, Inc., Southern Company Services, Inc., California Independent System Operator Corporation, Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Central Maine Power Company, National Grid USA, Northeast Utilities Service Company, The United Illuminating Company, Vermont

Electric Power Company, ISO New England Inc., Midwest Independent System Operator, Alliance Companies, NSTAR Services Company, New York Independent System Operator, Inc., Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc., Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., Regional Transmission Organizations, Regional Transmission Organizations, International Transmission Company, DTE Energy Company, Arizona Public Service Company, El Paso Electric Company, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Tucson Electric Power Company, WestConnect RTO, LLC, Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc., MidAmerican Energy Company, Xcel Energy Services, Inc., TRANSLink Transmission Company, LLC, National Grid USA

Notice of Technical Conference Organization

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued on February 5, 2002, Commission staff will hold a technical conference on February 19, 2002, to discuss the allocation of regional transmission organization (RTO) characteristics and functions between separate organizations within an RTO region.¹ Participants also may address the allocation of responsibility for performing other wholesale market functions. This notice provides further organizational details and the conference agenda.

The conference will start at approximately 9 a.m. and will adjourn at about 4:45 p.m. It is scheduled to take place at the Commission's offices, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in the Commission Meeting Room on the second floor. The agenda is appended to this notice as Attachment A.

The conference is open for the public to attend, and registration is not

¹ The RTO characteristics are: (1) Independence; (2) scope and regional configuration; (3) operational authority; and (4) short-term reliability. RTO functions include: (1) Tariff administration and design; (2) congestion management; (3) parallel path flow; (4) ancillary services; (5) OASIS, total transmission capacity and available transmission capacity; (6) market monitoring; (7) planning and expansion; and (8) interregional coordination. See Regional Transmission Organizations, Order No. 2000, FERC Stats. and Regs. 31,089 (1999), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 2000-A, FERC Stats. And Regs. 31,092 (2000), *aff'd*, Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, Washington v. FERC, 272 F.3d 607 (D.C. Cir. 2001). See also Order Providing Guidance on Continued Processing of RTO Filings, 97 FERC ¶ 61,146 at 61,633 (2001).

required. Members of the Commission may attend the conference and participate in the discussions. We ask participants to focus on the following four questions:

(1) If the functions and characteristics specified in Order No. 2000 are shared or coordinated among separate organizations within an RTO, how would you suggest that these functions be apportioned? Please use the matrix appended to this notice as Attachment B as a guide.

(2) From the perspective of either engineering or economic efficiency, is it more appropriate to have certain functions administered over as large a region as possible? Conversely, are there certain functions which can be effectively administered at a sub-regional level?

(3) As we try to evaluate how functions might be apportioned, is it useful to distinguish between functions that relate solely to operating and administering the transmission grid and functions that relate more to operation and oversight of markets for trading wholesale power and energy?

(4) Is the business model or incentive structure proposed for an organization relevant to the question of which functions it should undertake?

Any interested party may file comments in Docket No. RM01-12-000 that address the issues above or follow up on the conference discussions. It is not necessary to re-file comments or file summaries of comments already filed with the Commission. Commenters are asked to specifically identify the region or regions, if any, that their comments address, and to cross-file their comments in any appropriate RT dockets. Comments must be filed no later than March 12, 2002.

The Capitol Connection offers all open and special Commission meetings held at the Commission's headquarters live over the Internet, as well as via telephone and satellite. For a fee, you can receive these meetings in your office, at home, or anywhere in the world. To find out more about the Capitol Connection's live Internet, phone bridge, or satellite coverage, contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at (703) 993-3100, or visit www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu. The Capitol Connection also offers FERC open meetings through its Washington, D.C.—area television service.

Additionally, live and archived audio of FERC public meetings are available for a fee via National Narrowcast Network's Hearings.com (sm) and Hearing-On-The-Line (r) services. Interested parties may listen to the conference live by phone or web.

Hearings.com audio will be archived immediately for listening on demand after the event is completed. Call (202) 966-2211 for further details.

Those interested in obtaining transcripts of the conference need to contact Ace Federal Reporters at (202) 347-3700 or (800) 336-6646. Anyone interested in purchasing videotapes of the meeting should call VISCOM at (703) 715-7999.

Other questions about the conference program should be directed to: Diane Bernier, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, (202) 219-2886, diane.bernier@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

February 15, 2002.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests