

(Northern) tendered for filing to become part its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, 38 Revised Sheet No. 66 and 31 Revised Sheet No. 66A, proposed to be effective on April 1, 2006.

Northern further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of its customers and interested State Commissions.

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 protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not 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.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER06-634-000]

Spruance Genco, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

April 6, 2006.

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

On April 5, 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 Spruance Genco 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 May 5, 2006.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition by the deadline above, Spruance Genco 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 Spruance Genco, 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 Spruance Genco's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Director's Order are available from the

Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also 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 filed to access the document. 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. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-94-000]

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Ozark Trails Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

April 6, 2006.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Ozark Trails Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) in (Labette and Montgomery counties, Kansas and Christian, Greene, Jasper, and Newton counties, Missouri).¹ The project would include about 2 miles of various diameter pipelines, uprating 13.5 mile of pipeline from a maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of 720 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) to 877 psig, and modifications at two existing compressor stations. No additional horsepower of compression is proposed. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the

¹ Southern Star's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Southern Star provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

Summary of the Proposed Project

Southern Star proposes to construct and operate various facilities, including pipeline installation, extensions, replacements, and modifications at the Grabham and Saginaw Compressor Stations, in order to provide 19,562 decatherm per day (Dthd) and 5,000 Dthd of incremental firm transportation to Missouri Gas Energy (MGE), a Division of Southern Union, and Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., respectively. The proposed facilities are located in Labette and Montgomery Counties, Kansas and Christian, Greene, Jasper, and Newton Counties, Missouri. The pipeline and ancillary facilities would include:

- *Springfield 20-Inch Loop Extension (Line HS).* Extension of Springfield 20-inch pipeline loop (Line HS) by constructing about 0.9 mile of new 20-inch outside diameter (O.D.) loop from milepost (MP) 52.0 to MP 52.9 in Christian County, Missouri.

- *Springfield 16-Inch Extension (Line HQ).* Extension of Springfield 16-inch pipeline (Line HQ) by about 1.1 miles from at MP 41.35 to MP 42.43 located within the City of Springfield and Greene County, Missouri. The proposed 16-inch extension will be constructed in replacement of about a 1.0 mile segment of Line HQ-8.

Construction of above-ground auxiliary facilities at the eastern terminus of the proposed 16-inch extension line (MP 42.4), which would include a pressure regulator, 16-inch pig receiver, slug catcher, filter separator and a liquid collection tank. Relocate pig receiver from existing regulator site (MP 41.4) to new site.

- *MGE Delivery Meter Facility.* New delivery meter facility to be constructed

at about MP 3.7 on Southern Star's Tartan 10-inch (HQ-32) pipeline for delivery to MGE; side valve, 6-inch ultrasonic meter, 6-inch flow control valve, and 350-feet of 10-inch interconnecting pipeline lateral.

- *Southern 20-inch Loop Facilities.* Southern Trunk 20-inch Loop Uprate; Uprate Southern Trunk 20-inch loop line (Line FR between Southern Star's Grabham compressor station in Montgomery County, Kansas and the Empire "State Line" Power Plant in Jasper County, Missouri) between MP 0.0 to MP 13.5 to a MAOP from 720 psig to 877 psig.

Uprate activity would involve replacing various valves and crossovers on the FR Line, replacing pig launchers and receivers, installing a high pressure discharge line, replacing one road crossing, and making other modifications to the Grabham Compressor Station, as detailed below.

Southern Star's proposed modifications on the FR 20-inch pipeline are as follows:

- *Compton Corner Town Border Station.* Replacement of existing 4-inch flanged valve on 20-inch FR line with a new 4-inch riser and 4-inch ANSI 600# valve at MP 1.1 of FR line, east of CR 3700, Montgomery County, Kansas.

Replacement of 80-foot segment of 20-inch FR line with 20-inch pipe to meet design specifications for higher MAOP.

- *Verdad Crossover.* Replacement of existing 20-inch by 16-inch reducing tee with bars with a new 20-inch by 16-inch reducing tees with bars and a 16-inch weld end ANSI 600# ball valve to meet specifications for increased MAOP, at crossover at MP 4.0 of Southern Star's 20-inch FR line and 20-inch F line, Montgomery County, Kansas.
- *Liberty Town Border Station* Replacement of 2-inch riser and installation of a new 2-inch flanged ANSI 600# ball valve to meet design specifications for the increased MAOP, at MP 8.07, Montgomery County, Kansas.

- *Brown Road Crossover.* Replacement of existing 20-inch by 16-inch reducing tee with bars with a new 20-inch by 16-inch reducing tee with bars and a 16-inch weld end ANSI 600# ball valve, at MP 13.5 crossover between Southern Star's 20-inch FR line and 20-inch FR line, Labette County, Kansas.

- *Southern Trunk 20-inch Loop (FR Line) Receiver and Regulator Station.* Replacement of existing receiver on the Southern Star's FR 20-inch loop line with a receiver designed to meet the increased MAOP, at the end of the Southern Trunk 20-inch Loop line, Jasper County, Missouri.

Back Pressure Regulator Station at Empire Power Plant. Installation of a

new back pressure regulator station at MP 2.45 on Southern Star's existing 16-inch FP-1 line, Jasper County, Missouri.

- *Compressor Station Modifications*

Saginaw Compressor Station Modifications. Installation of auxiliary facilities at Southern Star's Saginaw Compressor Station in Newton County, Missouri includes the following:

- New gas cooler between the two existing gas coolers and about 40 feet of 12-inch (O.D.) above-grade piping and a valve to connect the cooler;

- Modifications to the existing gas compressor cylinders on the GMVH-10 reciprocating unit;

- Modifications to existing discharge piping to separate the two reciprocating units from a common gas aftercooler;

- Modifications to station yard piping required to increase the discharge operating pressure from 900 psig to 960 psig on the Springfield 20-inch line; and installation of about 40 feet of 12-inch (O.D.) above-ground piping and replacement of 20 feet of below-ground 12-inch pipe with 16-inch pipe; and

- Installation of a new regulator on the Jane 20-inch line within the Saginaw station yard.

- Removal of miscellaneous pipeline to be sold for scrap steel and salvaged by the contractor.

Grabham Compressor Station Modifications. Installation of auxiliary facilities at Southern Star's Grabham Compressor Station in Montgomery County, Kansas includes the following:

- Replacement of pulsation dampeners on compressor units 11 and 12;

- Installation of a new gas cooler and modifications of associated yard piping;

- Installation of a new 20-inch discharge header and modifications of associated yard piping to service Line FR 20-inch (about 1,400 feet of 20-inch line and 150 feet of 16-inch line);

- Replacement of 20-inch pig launcher on Line FR 20-inch; and

- Installation of a regulation and an orifice meter.

Southern Star indicates that MGE plans to construct a 3-mile pipeline to interconnect with Southern Star's proposed MGE measurement facility.

The location of the project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.²

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than Appendix 1 (map), are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 26.9 acres of land. Following construction, about 6.5 acres would be required for operation and maintenance.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

In the EA we³ will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Air quality and noise.
- Hazardous waste.
- Public safety.

We will not discuss impacts to the following resource areas since they are not present in the project area, or would not be affected by the proposed facilities.

- Public or special use lands within 0.25 mile.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, State, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and

the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have identified the potential issue regarding construction near residences that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Southern Star. The preliminary issue may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

Also, we have made a preliminary decision to not address the impacts of the nonjurisdictional facilities. We will briefly describe their location and status in the EA.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA/EIS and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. 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 letter to:
Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 2.
- Reference Docket No. CP06-94-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before May 8, 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 online.

We may mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (Appendix 2). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding, or "intervenor". To become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214). Intervenor has the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. Motions to Intervene should be electronically submitted using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons without Internet access should send an original and 14 copies of their motion to the Secretary of the Commission at the address indicated previously. Persons filing Motions to Intervene on or before the comment deadline indicated above must send a copy of the motion to the Applicant. All filings, including late interventions, submitted after the comment deadline must be served on the Applicant and all other intervenors identified on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. Persons on the service list with e-mail addresses may be served electronically; others must be served a hard copy of the filing.

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 environmental comments considered.

Environmental Mailing List

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. This includes all landowners who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within distances defined in the Commission's regulations of certain aboveground facilities.

³ "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

Additional Information

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 FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Settlement Agreement and Soliciting Comments

April 6, 2006.

Take notice that the following settlement agreement has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Settlement Agreement.

b. *Project No.:* P-2195.

c. *Date Filed:* March 30, 2006.

d. *Applicant:* Portland General Electric Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Clackamas River Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Clackamas River, Clackamas County, Oregon. The Project occupies some U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.602.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Julie Keil, Portland General Electric Company, 121 SW., Salmon Street, Portland, Oregon 97204, Phone: 503-464-8864.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Blair, at 202-502-6092; e-mail john.blair@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for Filing Comments:* 20 days from the notice date. Reply comments due 30 days from the notice date.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

k. Portland General Electric Company filed the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Company and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Water Resources Department, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon State Marine Board, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, The City of Estacada, Oregon, Clackamas River Water, Sunrise Water Authority, South Fork Water Board, North Clackamas County Water Commission, Oak Lodge Water District, Alder Creek Kayak and Canoe, All Star Rafting, American Rivers, American Whitewater, Blue Sky Rafting, Clackamas River Basin Council, Destination Wilderness, Oregon Trout, The Native Fish Society, Northwest Steelheaders, Playboatingnorthwest.com, River Drifters Whitewater Tours, Trout Unlimited, and WaterWatch of Oregon. The purpose of the Settlement

Agreement is to resolve among the signatories, issues regarding the licensing of the Clackamas River Hydroelectric Project. These parties represent the major stakeholders with interests affected by the relicensing of the Project. All Parties have agreed that the Settlement is fair and reasonable and in the public interest. The signatories request that the Commission accept the Offer of Settlement and adopt it as part of a new license without material modification.

l. A copy of the settlement agreement 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, contact *FERC Online Support* at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER06-18-000]

Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

April 6, 2006.

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued on March 17, 2006, the Commission will hold a technical conference on April 21, 2006 in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, regarding the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator Inc.'s (Midwest ISO) proposed cost allocation policy, as it pertains to the degree of regional cost sharing for reliability projects at 345 kV and above,