

Poster Session; 6:00 pm—9:00 pm—Hearing.

*September 12, 2001:* Longstreet Inn and Casino, Highway 373, Armagosa Valley, Nevada 89020; 5:00 pm—9:00 pm—Poster Session; 6:00 pm—9:00 pm—Hearing.

*September 13, 2001:* Bob Ruud Community Center, 150 Highway North #160, Pahrump, Nevada 89048; 5:00 pm—9:00 pm—Poster Session; 6:00 pm—9:00 pm—Hearing.

The public also may submit written comments on the Secretary's consideration of Yucca Mountain for a potential site recommendation to the President. Written comments will be accepted for consideration if received by September 20, 2001. Comments received after September 20, 2001, will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Carol Hanlon, U.S. Department of Energy, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office, (M/S #025), P.O. Box 30307, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89036-0307, or provided by electronic mail to [YMP\\_SR@ymp.gov](mailto:YMP_SR@ymp.gov). Written comments should be identified on the outside of the envelope, and on the comments themselves, with the designation: "Possible Site Recommendation for Yucca Mountain." Comments can also be submitted by facsimile to 1-800-967-0739.

Copies of any written comments, and documents referenced in this notice may be inspected and photocopied in the Department's Freedom of Information Act Reading Room located at the Yucca Mountain Science Center, 4101B Meadows Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada, (702) 295-1312, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, except for Federal holidays. Documents referenced in this notice may also be found on the Internet at <http://www.ymp.gov> and at <http://www.rw.doe.gov>. For more information concerning public participation, please refer to the Opportunity for Public Comment section of this notice.

Copies of the PSSE and other supporting technical documents may be requested by telephone (1-800-967-3477) or over the Internet via the Yucca Mountain Project website using the document ordering form at <http://www.ymp.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office, (M/S #025), P.O. Box 30307, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89036-0307, 1-800-967-3477.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Background

On May 7, 2001, the Department announced in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 23013-23016) the initiation of a public comment period on the Secretary's consideration of the Yucca Mountain site for recommendation as a spent nuclear fuel and high-level waste repository. In conjunction with the initiation of the comment period, the Department issued a report, the Yucca Mountain Science and Engineering Report (YMS&ER), summarizing the scientific and technical information compiled by the Department to date outlining the preliminary design and performance attributes of a potential geologic repository at the Yucca Mountain site. This report was provided to inform the public and facilitate public comment and review on the technical and scientific information and analyses forming the basis for the Department's consideration of a possible site recommendation.

With this notice, the Department announces the issuance of another report, the PSSE, that also is intended to inform the public and facilitate public review and comment on a possible site recommendation. The PSSE contains a preliminary evaluation of the suitability of the Yucca Mountain site for development as a geologic repository based on the Department's proposed site suitability regulations, to be codified as 10 CFR part 963. The preliminary evaluation described in the PSSE is based on information contained in the YMS&ER, supplemented by the most recent available technical information.

### II. Opportunity for Public Comment

#### A. Participation in Comment Process

Interested persons are invited to participate in the comment process by submitting written data, views, or comments with respect to the possible recommendation of the Yucca Mountain site. The Department encourages the maximum level of public participation possible in this process. Individuals, coalitions, states or other government entities, and others are urged to submit written comments on technical, policy or other issues related to the possible recommendation of the Yucca Mountain site.

#### B. Written Comment Procedures

The Department invites the public to comment on a possible recommendation for the Yucca Mountain site. Written comments should be identified on the outside of the envelope, and on the

comments themselves, with the designation: "Possible Site Recommendation for Yucca Mountain." In the event any person wishing to submit written comments cannot provide them directly, alternative arrangements can be made by calling 1-800-967-3477. All comments postmarked by the closing date of the public comment period will be considered by the Department before a decision is made on the potential site recommendation. Comments postmarked after the closing date will be considered to the extent practicable. All comments submitted will be available for examination at the Yucca Mountain Science Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information or data that is believed to be confidential, and which may be exempt by law from public disclosure, should submit one complete copy, as well as two copies from which the information considered confidential has been deleted. The Department of Energy will make its own determination of any such claim and treat it accordingly.

#### C. Public Hearings

At the beginning of this notice, the Department has indicated where and when there will be public hearings for the site consideration process. As required by the NHPA, the Department will hold these hearings in the vicinity of Yucca Mountain to inform and receive comments from those in the vicinity of the site. These hearings will not be trial-type evidentiary hearings that require a lawyer. They will be informal, and the Department intends to use a facilitator in an effort to ensure they are fair and productive.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 16, 2001.

**Lake Barrett,**

*Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER01-2138-000]

### Capital Energy, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

August 15, 2001.

Capital Energy, Inc. (Capital Energy) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Capital Energy will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates.

Capital Energy also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Capital Energy requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Capital Energy.

On July 16, 2001, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Corporate Applications, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, granted requests for blanket approval under part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Capital Energy 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).

Absent a request to be heard in opposition within this period, Capital Energy 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 Capital Energy and 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 Capital Energy's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is September 14, 2001.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order 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.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER01-2151-000]

#### Cold Springs Creek, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

August 15, 2001.

Cold Springs Creek, LLC (Cold Springs) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Cold Springs will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates. Cold Springs also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Cold Springs requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Cold Springs.

On July 20, 2001, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Corporate Applications, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, granted requests for blanket approval under part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Cold Springs 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).

Absent a request to be heard in opposition within this period, Cold Springs 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 Cold Springs and 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 Cold Springs' issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is September 14, 2001.

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**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-506-000]

#### Crossroads Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

August 15, 2001.

Take notice that on August 9, 2001, Crossroads Pipeline Company (Crossroads) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, revise tariff sheets, with an effective date of September 8, 2001.

Crossroads states that the purpose of this filing is to revise the tariff of Crossroads to conform it more closely to the tariff format of Columbia Gas and thereby to facilitate the standardization of business practices and the ability of the pipelines to utilize common computer systems to the maximum extent possible.

As a result of the merger between NiSource, Inc. (NiSource) and the Columbia Energy Group (CEG) which merger was approved by the Commission on July 26, 2000, Crossroads, indirectly and wholly owned by NiSource, became affiliated with Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia Gas) and Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf). Upon completion of the merger, the day-to-day tariff and customer service operations and administration of Crossroads was assigned to personnel performing similar functions for Columbia Gas.

Crossroads states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all firm customers, interruptible customers, and affected state commissions.

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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's