

programmatic needs. Note, external peer reviewers are selected with regard to both their scientific expertise and the absence of conflict-of-interest issues. Non-federal reviewers will often be used, and submission of an application constitutes agreement that this is acceptable to the investigator(s) and the submitting institution.

Submission Information

Information about development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluation, selection process, and other policies and procedures may be found in 10 CFR Part 605 and in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program. Electronic access to the Guide and required forms is made available via the World Wide Web at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>. DOE is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of applications if an award is not made. The technical portion of the application should not exceed twenty-five (25) double-spaced pages and should include detailed budgets for each year of support requested. Awards are expected to begin on or about June 1, 2001.

Technical information on CCEP is available on the World Wide Web at the URL: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/OBER/GC/model.html> or from the Office of Scientific and Technical Information, P.O. Box 62, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, telephone (423) 576-8401.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR Part 605.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER01-462-000]

DPL Energy Resources, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

December 22, 2000.

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

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

On December 13, 2000, 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 DPL 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 285.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, DPL 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 the applicant, 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 DPL'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 January 16, 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 Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-76-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice Shortening Comment Period

December 26, 2000.

On December 22, 2000, Reliant Energy Minnegasco (Minnegasco) filed a Motion for Extension of Time Within Which to File Comments in the above-docketed proceeding. In the filing, Minnegasco requested that the period for submitting answers to the extension motion be shortened in order to expedite Commission review of the filing. By this notice, the date for filing answers to Minnegasco's Motion for Extension of Time is shortened to and including December 28, 2000.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER01-297-000]

Outback Power Marketing, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

December 22, 2000.

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

On December 12, 2000, 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 Outback 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