

**14. American Electric Power Service Corporation**

[Docket No. ER05-226-000]

Take notice that on November 17, 2004, American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC) submitted for filing, on behalf of Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO), an agreement that provides for PSO to continue its interconnections with Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA), to add certain additional delivery points to the agreement and to delete energy service schedules from that agreement. AEPSC seeks an effective date of December 1, 2004.

AEPSC states that it has served copies of the filing on GRDA.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. eastern time on December 8, 2004.

**15. PacifiCorp**

[Docket No. ER05-227-000]

Take notice that on November 17, 2004, PacifiCorp tendered for filing Revisions to Appendices A, B and E of the Restated Transmission Service and Operating Agreement, PacifiCorp's First Revised FERC Rate Schedule No. 297, between PacifiCorp and Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS). PacifiCorp requests an effective date of December 1, 2004.

PacifiCorp states that copies of this filing were supplied to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, and UAMPS.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. eastern time on December 8, 2004.

**16. Virginia Electric and Power Company**

[Docket No. ER05-228-000]

Take notice that on November 17, 2004, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Dominion Virginia Power) tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Network Integration Transmission Service (Retail), and a Network Operating Agreement (Retail) by Dominion Virginia Power to WPS Energy Services, Inc., designated as Service Agreement Number 393, under the Dominion Virginia Power's Open Access Transmission Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 5. Dominion Virginia Power requests an effective date of October 22, 2004.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. eastern time on December 8, 2004.

**17. Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

[Docket No. ER05-229-000]

Take notice that on November 17, 2004, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) submitted the Scheduling

Coordinator Services Tariff for the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA). PG&E states that under this Tariff, PG&E seeks to collect from the WAPA the costs PG&E or its designated Scheduling Coordinator incur on behalf of WAPA acting as WAPA's Scheduling Coordinator. PG&E requests an effective date of December 31, 2004.

PG&E states that copies of this filing have been served upon the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Independent System Operator Corporation and the Western Area Power Administration.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. eastern time on December 8, 2004.

**18. Ameren Services Company**

[Docket No. ER05-230-000]

Take notice that on November 17, 2004, Ameren Services Company (Ameren), as designated agent for Union Electric Company and Central Illinois Public Service Company, filed a Notice of Cancellation of the Interconnection Agreement and Parallel Operating Agreement by and between Kinder Morgan Missouri, LLC and Ameren Services Company. Ameren requests an effective date of November 1, 2004.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. eastern time on December 8, 2004.

**19. PSEG Power Connecticut LLC**

[Docket No. ER05-231-000]

Take notice that on November 17, 2004, PSEG Power Connecticut LLC (Power Connecticut) submitted for filing Reliability Must Run Agreements (Agreements) between Power Connecticut and ISO New England Inc. (ISO-NE). Connecticut Power states that the Agreements provide the charges associated with the provision of reliability services by Power Connecticut to ISO-NE from two generation plants in Connecticut: (1) The New Haven Harbor Generating Station; and, (2) the Bridgeport Harbor Generating Station, Unit 2. Power Connecticut requests an effective date of November 18, 2004.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. eastern time on December 8, 2004.

**20. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.**

[Docket No. RT01-2-016]

Take notice that on November 17, 2004, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM) submitted a compliance filing pursuant to the Commission's order issued October 18, 2004, in Docket No. RT01-2-011, *et al.*, 109 FERC ¶ 61,067.

PJM states that copies of this filing have been served on all parties, as well as on all PJM Members and the state electric utility regulatory commissions in the PJM region.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. eastern time on December 8, 2004.

**Standard Paragraph**

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 on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant and all parties to this proceeding.

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](mailto: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 Nos. CP05-29-000, CP05-30-000, and CP05-31-000]

**Freebird Gas Storage, L.L.C.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Freebird Gas Storage Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

December 2, 2004.

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 Freebird Gas Storage Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Freebird Gas Storage, L.L.C. (Freebird) in Lamar County, Alabama.<sup>1</sup> These facilities would raise the capacity of the East Detroit Gas Storage Field. The facilities would also consist of five new compressor units, eight additional well heads, two new flow lines, a 4.48 mile 16-inch bi-directional lateral to connect the storage facility to the "500 leg" of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee) upstream of Tennessee's Compression Station 550. At the interconnection with Tennessee a new meter station and various regulator facilities would be constructed.

The applicant also requests authorization for a blanket certificate.

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 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 Freebird 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

Freebird proposes to purchase and expand the existing East Detroit Gas Storage Field, (currently a non-jurisdictional facility) located in Lamar County, Alabama. The storage field is currently owned by Northwest Alabama Gas District. The applicant would raise

the capacity of the storage field from 1.44 billion cubic feet (Bcf) to approximately 7.5 Bcf. Five new compressor units would be installed onsite at the existing compressor station to increase available compression from 4,000 to 15,870 horsepower (hp), which would provide a withdrawal rate of 160,000 million cubic feet (Mcf) per day for 30 consecutive days. Eight wells would be drilled and two new gathering lines, 0.65 and 0.41 miles in length, would be constructed within the existing boundaries of the storage facility. A 4.48 mile, 16-inch bi-directional lateral would be constructed to connect the storage facility to the "500 leg" of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee). At the interconnection with Tennessee, a new meter station would be constructed. Regulator facilities, located at the new meter station, will include a scraper trap, meters, associated piping for bi-directional flow, a chromatograph building, pressure regulation, and a heater. The location of the project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 69.21 acres of land. Following construction, about 49.29 acres would be maintained as new aboveground facility sites. The remaining 19.92 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

### 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, we<sup>3</sup> will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the project. 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.

### 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 and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations and routes), 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 (1).
- Reference docket numbers.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 5, 2005.

Please note that 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. Prepare

<sup>1</sup>Freebird's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

<sup>2</sup>The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than appendix 1 (maps), are available on the Commission's website 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.

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

your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper and save it to a file on your hard drive. Before you can file comments, you will need to create an account by clicking on "login to file" and then "New User Account". You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "comment on filing."

### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must send one electronic copy (using the Commission's eFiling system) or 14 paper copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want 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, see Appendix 2).<sup>4</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

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.

### 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 with eLibrary, the eLibrary helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). 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>.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM05-1-000]

#### Regulations Governing the Conduct of Open Seasons for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference and Agenda

November 29, 2004.

Take notice that as previously announced on October 26, 2004, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will host a technical conference in this proceeding on December 3, 2004 in Anchorage, Alaska. The Commission has initiated a rulemaking to establish regulations governing the conduct of open seasons for capacity on any Alaska natural gas transportation projects. These regulations are required by section 103(e) of the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act of 2004, enacted into law on October 13, 2004.

The Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) was issued in the above referenced Docket on November 15, 2004. The NOPR contains a preamble explaining the background of the proposed rule, several specific questions about issues related to the proposed rule, and specific proposed regulatory text. Written comments on the NOPR are required to be submitted by December 17, 2004. The Commission

must issue regulations within 120 days of enactment of the Act, that is, by February 10, 2005. The Commission is now providing its agenda for the technical conference. All interested parties and the public are invited to attend.

### Conference Information

*Date:* December 3, 2004.

*Time:* 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Alaska time (2 p.m. to 8 p.m. eastern standard time).

*Location:* Municipality of Anchorage, Loussac Library, Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

### Summary of Proposed Regulations

The full text of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is available through the Commission's eLibrary under Docket No. RM05-1. The proposed regulations first set forth the purpose and applicability of the proposed rules and certain definitions. That purpose is to prescribe rules for the conduct of any open season on any Alaska natural gas transportation project. Any applicant for a proposed Alaska natural gas transportation project must include a showing in its application to construct a project that it has conducted an open season for capacity allocation that fully complies with the requirements of the rules.

The proposed rule requires that a public notice of an open season be issued by the project sponsor at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the open season through methods including postings on Internet Web sites, press releases, direct mail solicitations, and other advertising. Next, the proposed rule lists the information about a proposed project that any notice of open season for an Alaska natural gas transportation project must contain. The proposed rule states that an open season for an Alaska natural gas transportation project must remain open for a period of at least 90 days. Finally, the proposed rule requires that capacity allocated as a result of any open season shall be awarded without undue discrimination or preference of any kind.

### Technical Conference Agenda

The Agenda for the technical conference is attached. In order to more efficiently use the limited time available, there will only be oral presentations at this conference; no power point presentations or use of other visual aids are being considered. Speakers should limit their prepared remarks to 10 minutes or less and be prepared to discuss the issues listed below with the Commission and their fellow panelists.

<sup>4</sup> Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.