

accepting Transwestern's March 27, 2000 filing, subject to Transwestern's submitting within 15 days of such order, tariff sheets consistent with the requirements of Order No. 637; and (2) to clarify its tariff provisions to allow a releasing shipper to subject its prearranged deal at maximum rates or above maximum rates to further posting and bidding if it desires.

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

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web 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. RP96-129-011]

Trunkline Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

May 17, 2000.

Take notice that on May 11, 2000, Trunkline Gas Company (Trunkline) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following pro forma tariff sheets:

Pro Forma Sheet No. 79

Trunkline states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Opinion No. 441 and Order on Initial Decision, 90 FERC ¶ 61,017 (2000) in the above referenced proceeding. This filing reflects Trunkline's proposal to liberalize the current directional limitations on its TABS-1 transfer service.

Trunkline states that copies of this filing are being served on all affected

customers, applicable state regulatory agencies and parties to this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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[Project No. 935, Project No. 2071, Project No. 2111, and Project No. 2213]

PacifiCorp; Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County; Notice of Scoping Meetings and Tour of Projects Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment

May 17, 2000.

The Commission's regulations allow applicants the option of preparing their own Environmental Assessment (EA) for hydropower projects, and filing the EA with their application as part of an alternative licensing procedure.¹ On April 1, 1999, the Commission approved the use of an alternative licensing procedure in the preparation of a new license application for PacificCorp's Merwin, Yale, and Swift No. 1 Projects, and Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County's (Cowlitz PUD) Swift No. 2 Project; project numbers. 935, 2071, 2111, and 2213, respectively. The Commission has also accelerated the Merwin license expiration and is delaying action on the Yale application (filed May 5, 1999) so all four projects can be relicensed at the same time.

The alternative procedures include provisions for the distribution of an

initial information package (IIP), and for the cooperative scoping of environmental issues and needed studies. PacifiCorp and Cowlitz PUD (licensees) distributed the IIP on March, 8 2000. During the week of May 15, 1999, the licensees will distribute a Scoping Document (SD1).² Two public meetings will be held to discuss these documents.

Scoping Meetings

The licensees will hold public scoping meetings on June 21, 2000, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. At the scoping meetings, the licensees will: (1) Briefly summarize the material presented in the scoping document and the environmental issues tentatively identified in the scoping document for analysis in the EA; (s) outline any resources they believe would not require a detailed analysis; (3) identify reasonable alternatives to be addressed in the EA; (4) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantitative data, on the resources at issue; and (5) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

Although the licensees intent is to prepare an EA, there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

The times and locations of the scoping meetings are:

Daytime Scoping Meeting

June 21, 2000, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oak Tree Restaurant, Woodland, Washington.

Evening Scoping Meeting

June 21, 2000, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Oak Tree Restaurant, Woodland, Washington.

All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited and encouraged to attend any or all of the meetings to assist in identifying and clarifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

Project Tour

A public tour of the projects is scheduled for June 22, 2000. The tour will begin at the Merwin Project headquarters in Ariel, Washington. Those interested in the project tour

² Copies of these documents can be obtained by calling Frank Shrier of PacifiCorp at 503-813-6622 or Diana Macdonald of Cowlitz PUD at 360-577-7578.

¹ 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).