

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 855.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed, therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Comment Date: August 9, 2004.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-335-000]

Portland General Electric Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

June 24, 2004.

Take notice that on June 17, 2004, Portland General Electric Company (Portland) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, First Revised Sheet No. 147, to be effective July 17, 2004.

Portland asserts that the purpose of the filing is to remove the Index of Customers from Portland's tariff pursuant to Section 154.111(a) of the Commission's regulations. 18 CFR 154.111(a) (2003).

Portland asserts that it is submitting its quarterly electronic Index of Customers to the Commission. In addition, Portland states that pursuant to Section 284.13(c), the Index of Customers has been posted on Portland's Web site. Therefore Portland asserts that it has modified First Revised Sheet No. 147 to delete the Index of Customers and to reserve the sheet for future use.

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, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions

or protests must be filed in accordance with 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing 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. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the e-Filing link.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2493-006]

Puget Sound Energy, Inc.; Notice Granting Late Intervention

June 25, 2004.

On October 20, 1992, the Commission issued a notice of Puget Sound Power & Light Company's¹ application for a new license for the Snoqualmie Falls Project No. 2493, located on the Snoqualmie River, in the city of Snoqualmie, King County, Washington. The notice established December 23, 1992, as the deadline for filing motions to intervene in the proceeding.

On May 26, 2004, American Whitewater Affiliation filed a motion for late intervention in the proceeding. Granting the late motion to intervene will not unduly delay or disrupt the proceeding or prejudice other parties to it. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 214,² the motion to intervene filed in this proceeding by American Whitewater Affiliation is granted, subject to the Commission's rules and regulations.

¹ Subsequently, on March 19, 1997, Puget Sound Power & Light Company advised the Commission that it had changed its name to Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

² 18 CFR 385.214 (2004).

This notice constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the issuance of this notice, pursuant to 18 CFR 385.713.

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Secretary.

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Price Discovery in Natural Gas and Electric Markets, Natural Gas Price Formation; Aquila, Inc., B-R Pipeline Company, Colorado Interstate Gas Company, Colorado Interstate Gas Company, et al., Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission LLC, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, North Baja Pipeline LLC, Northern Natural Gas Company, Northern Natural Gas Company, PG&E Gas Transmission, Northwest Corporation, Portland General Electric Company, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, PacifiCorp; Updated Agenda for the June 25, 2004, Conference on Market Liquidity, Energy Price Discovery, and Natural Gas and Electricity Price Indices

June 24, 2004.

Attached is an updated agenda reflecting certain changes in the panels for the Staff technical conference on Friday, June 25, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. e.s.t. (please note time change from the May 14 notice), at the Commission's headquarters, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, in the Commission's meeting room (Room 2C).

Other than the changes reflected on the attached updated agenda, all other information for the conference in prior notices remains the same. For additional information, please contact Ted Gerarden of the Office of Market Oversight & Investigations at 202-502-

6187 or by e-mail at
Ted.Gerarden@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

Updated Conference Agenda, June 25, 2004

Welcome and Opening Remarks, 9–9:30 a.m.

William Hederman, Director Office of Market Oversight & Investigations.
Stephen Harvey, Deputy Director, Market Oversight and Assessment.
Michael Gorham, Director, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Panel 1—Reaction to Staff Report and Recommendations for Indices Used in Pipeline or Utility Tariffs, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Panelists:

- Bruce Henning, Regulatory and Market Analysis, Energy and Environmental Analysis, Inc. (American Gas Association).
- Eugene V. Rozgony, Vice President and Chief Risk Officer, AGL Resources.
- Donald Santa, President, Interstate Natural Gas Association of America.
- Alexander Strawn, Proctor & Gamble Company and Chairman of the Process Gas Consumers.
- James Allison, Regional Risk Manager, ConocoPhillips.

Issues:

- Should the Commission adopt Staff's recommendation that any index used in a tariff provide volume and number of transactions for each reported price? Should other data be required?
- Are Staff's recommended volumes (25,000 MMBtu/day or 4000 MWh/day) or transactions (five for daily, eight for weekly, ten for monthly indices) sufficient to indicate adequate liquidity?
- Should the Commission require all pipelines and utilities to amend their tariffs by a date certain if indices currently used in tariffs do not meet adopted criteria?
- What conclusions can be drawn from the responses to the Commission's surveys on price reporting?
- How does trading on electronic platforms and price data collected from electronic trading, clearing, and settlement relate to index development and use of indices in jurisdictional tariffs?

Break, 10:30–10:40 a.m.

Panel 2—Price Reporting, Confidence in Indices, and Options for Future Commission Action, 10:40 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Panelists:

- Scott Nauman, Manager, Americas Gas Marketing, ExxonMobil Gas & Power Marketing Company (Natural Gas Supply Association).
- Nathan L. Wilson, Vice President, Conectiv Energy (Electric Power Supply Association).
- Michael Novak, Assistant General Manager, Federal Regulatory Affairs, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (American Gas Association).

- Alonzo Weaver, Vice President Operations, Memphis Light Gas & Water (American Public Gas Association).
- Jeff Walker, Senior Vice President and Chief Risk Officer, ACES Power Marketing (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association).
- Al Musur, Director, Energy and Utility Programs, Abbott Laboratories and Chairman of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America.
- Alexander Strawn, Proctor & Gamble Company and Chairman of the Process Gas Consumers.

Issues:

- What incentives will encourage companies to begin or increase price reporting?
- Are process improvements by reporting companies (public code of conduct, independent source, audit of processes) adequate or are there further improvements that can increase the accuracy of price indices?
- Has industry confidence in prices reported in indices increased to a satisfactory level?
- What steps can be taken to improve transparency of price indices? What further information should price indices provide to market participants?
- Has sufficient progress been made under the Policy Statement?
- Should the Commission adopt further requirements for price reporters and/or index developers? If so, what requirements are appropriate?
- Should some form of mandatory reporting be required? If so, what is the desirable scope of such reporting? (Who should be required to report? Should reporting be to existing index developers, to an intermediary or depository, or to the Commission? What data should be required to be reported?)
- Would mandatory reporting materially improve the quality of price data available to market participants?

Lunch Break, 12:15–1:15 p.m.

Panel 3—Index Developers' Response to Industry Views and Staff Report, 1:15–2:45 p.m.

Panelists:

- C. Miles Weigel, Senior Vice President, Argus Media, Inc.
- Brad Johnson, Global Energy Business Manager, Bloomberg.
- Ernest Onukogo, Manager Newswire Indexes, DowJones.
- Richard Sansom, Markets Editor, Io Energy LLC.
- Bobette Riner, President, Powerdex.
- Tom Haywood, Editor, Energy Intelligence Group.
- Dexter Steis, Executive Publisher, Intelligence Press.
- Chuck Vice, Chief Operating Officer, IntercontinentalExchange.
- Larry Foster, Global Editorial Director, Power, Platts.

Issues:

- What improvements in data collection and price reporting have index developers seen since issuance of the Policy Statement?
- How have index developers responded to the call for greater transparency of indices?

- What plans do price index developers have to provide more information and more transparency to energy market participants?
- Do price index developers meet the standards of the Policy Statement? Did the Staff report accurately depict the extent to which index developers have adopted Policy Statement standards?
- Do price index developers support the criteria proposed by Staff for use of indices in jurisdictional tariffs?
- How can price index developers facilitate tariff compliance by pipelines and utilities?
- Will price index developers provide FERC with access to data in the event of an investigation of suspected false reporting or price manipulation?

Break, 2:45–2:55 p.m.

Panel 4—Market Liquidity, 2:55–4:15 p.m.

Panelists:

- Martin Marz, Compliance Manager, North American Gas and Power, BP America, Inc.
- Christopher Edmonds, Senior Vice President, ICAP Energy LLC (Energy Brokers Association).
- Pankaj Sahay, Partner, Energy Risk Management, PriceWaterhouseCoopers.
- Tom Jepperson, Division Counsel, Questar Market Resources, Inc.
- Vince Kaminski, Managing Director, Sempra Energy Trading.

Issues:

- Is there adequate trading activity at enough locations to develop reliable price signals for market participants?
- What are the characteristics that make for a good trading hub?
- What steps can the Commission take to encourage the development of active trading hubs?
- What role can electronic trading, confirmation/settlement, and clearing play in improving market liquidity?
- Can improvements in price indices restore confidence in price formation given the present levels of trading?
- Are there standard procedures that can play a role in improving price indices and industry confidence in price formation?

Audience Questions and Comments, 4:15–4:45 p.m.

Concluding Remarks, 4:45–5 p.m.

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