

(Western) Rate Schedules P-SED-F6 and P-SED-FPG for firm power service and firm peaking power through September 30, 2003.

The rates in Rate Schedules P-SED-F6 and P-SED-FPG will be in effect pending the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) approval of these rates on a final basis, ending September 30, 2003.

*Comment Date:* June 23, 2003.

### 3. United States Department of Energy—Western Area Power Administration

[Docket No. EF03-5181-000]

Take notice that on May 16, 2003, the Secretary of the Department of Energy by Rate Order No. WAPA-103, did confirm and approve on an interim basis, to be effective on October 1, 2003, the Western Area Power Administration's (Western) Rate Schedule L-F4 for firm electric service through September 30, 2003.

The rate in Rate Schedule L-F4 will be in effect pending the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) approval of this rate on a final basis, ending September 30, 2003.

*Comment Date:* June 23, 2003.

### 4. Arizona Public Service Company, El Paso Electric Company, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Southern California Edison Company

[Docket No. ER03-889-000]

Take notice that on May 29, 2003, Arizona Public Service Company, El Paso Electric Company, Public Service Company of New Mexico, and Southern California Edison Company tendered for filing an Interconnection and Operating Agreement necessary to interconnect the Rudd Transmission Line to the ANPP High Voltage Switchyard between the Rudd Line Participants and the ANPP Switchyard Participants.

*Comment Date:* June 19, 2003.

### 5. Innovative Technical Services, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER03-890-000]

Take notice that on May 29, 2003, Innovative Technical Services, L.L.C. (InTech-LLC) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a letter requesting the Commission to amend the Western Systems Power Pool (WSPP) Agreement to include InTech-LLC as a participant. InTech-LLC respectfully requests that the Commission allow the amendment to the WSPP Agreement to become effective on May 29, 2003.

InTech-LLC states that a copy of this filing has been served upon the WSPP Executive Committee Chair, WSPP

Operating Committee Chair, WSPP General Counsel, and Arizona Public Service Company.

*Comment Date:* June 19, 2003.

### 6. Gulf States Energy Investments L.P.

[Docket No. ER03-891-000]

Take notice that on May 29, 2003, Gulf States Energy Investments L.P. (Gulf States Energy Investments L.P.) petitioned the Commission for acceptance of its Rate Schedule FERC No. 1; the granting of certain blanket approvals, including the authority to sell electricity at market-based rates; and the waiver of certain Commission regulations.

Gulf States Energy Investments L.P. states that it intends to engage in wholesale electric power and energy purchases and sales as a marketer. Gulf States Energy Investments L.P. states that it is not in the business of generating or transmitting electric power. Gulf States Energy Investments L.P. asserts that it is a Texas Limited Partnership with its principal place of business and office in Dallas, Texas. Gulf States Energy Investments L.P. further states that it is involved in consulting of electricity and marketing of wholesale power. Gulf States Energy Investments L.P. explains that it is not associated with any utilities, investor owned or otherwise and is privately owned by Gulf States Energy, Inc., which is the General Partner, and several individuals from Fort Worth Texas, which act as the Limited Partners.

*Comment Date:* June 19, 2003.

### Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file 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). 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 motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "FERRIS" link. 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659. 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. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP03-131-000]

### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed North Lansing Storage Field Abandonment and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

June 3, 2003.

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 proposed North Lansing Storage Field Abandonment Project proposed by Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) in Harrison County, Texas.<sup>1</sup> The facilities to be abandoned include an inactive injection/withdrawal well, about 2,380 feet of 8-inch-diameter lateral pipeline, and the associated 6-inch meter facilities. 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.

### Summary of the Proposed Project

The proposed abandonment is responsive to a Commission Order issued December 24, 2002, in FERC Docket No. CP02-391-000, involving the expansion of Natural's North Lansing storage field. An environmental condition of the Order required Natural to identify any currently unused aboveground facilities and pipelines on the property of S.J. Keasler, a landowner on the North Lansing storage field, and provide a timetable for filing an abandonment application with the

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

Commission for removal of these facilities.

Natural identified an injection/withdrawal well, lateral pipeline and meter facility, all located on S.J. Keasler's property. The facilities were constructed under the FERC Docket No. CP89-2081-000 to increase withdrawal capabilities at the North Lansing storage field. Natural states that the injection/withdrawal well was plugged in 1997 after a leak was detected in the production tubing and has since been inactive. The surface wellhead equipment was subsequently removed. The associated meter facilities and lateral pipeline have been inactive since the well was plugged and are not located in an area of the storage field conducive for future connections to other possible wells. Due to the potential for corrosion from condensate and water to occur and cause future problems at the North Lansing storage field, Natural proposes to abandon the injection/withdrawal well and lateral pipeline in place and remove the meter facilities.

*Natural seeks authority to:*

- Abandon in place the injection/withdrawal well (ODA3-W, Emma Keasler #103);
- Cut, fill, cap, and abandon in place approximately 2,380 feet of 8-inch-diameter lateral pipeline (G-7 lateral); and
- Abandon by removal all aboveground portions of the 6-inch meter facility; and the belowground portions to three feet below grade.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Abandonment of the proposed facilities would require disturbance of about 0.01 acre of land. Natural proposes that following abandonment, it would continue the existing easement agreement and retain ownership of the abandoned lateral pipeline. The 0.01 acre 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

<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 Web site at the "FERRIS" 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 FERRIS refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us<sup>3</sup> 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 requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will 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.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- Land use;
- Water resources;
- Cultural resources;
- Vegetation and wildlife;
- Air quality and noise;
- Endangered and threatened species;
- Public safety.

We will not discuss impacts to the following resource areas since they are not present in the project area, or would not be affected by the proposed abandonment.

- Fisheries and wetlands;
- Hazardous waste.

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.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section, beginning on page 5.

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

#### Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Natural. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Two federally listed endangered or threatened species may occur in the proposed project area.
- In comments submitted under Docket No. CP02-391-000, S.J. Keasler, an affected landowner, expressed desires to have Natural remove all aboveground facilities and the pipeline associated with the inactive injection/withdrawal well (ODA3-W, Emma Keasler #103). However, Natural proposes to abandon the well and lateral pipeline in place.
- An unnamed intermittent tributary of the Moccasin Creek is crossed by the G-7 lateral pipeline. If the G-7 lateral pipeline were removed, the tributary would be subject to disturbance.

#### 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 means of abandonment), 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 3.
- Reference Docket No. CP03-131-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 3, 2003.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, 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. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

We might mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (appendix 4). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you might 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 provide 14 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

This notice is being sent to individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. It is also being sent to all identified right-of-way grantors. By this notice we are also asking governmental agencies to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EA.

#### 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 FERRIS link. Click on the FERRIS link, 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 FERRIS, the FERRIS helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The FERRIS link on the FERC Internet Web site 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

#### Notice of Recreation Plan Amendment and Soliciting Motions to Intervene, Protests, and Comments

June 2, 2003.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application*: Recreation plan amendment.
- b. *Project No.*: P-2149-102 and 103.
- c. *Date filed*: December 30, 2002, and February 19, 2003, respectively.
- d. *Applicant*: Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County.
- e. *Name and Location of Project*: The project is located on the Columbia River, in Douglas, Chelan, and Okanogan Counties, Washington. This amendment will affect project lands contained within the previously proposed Chief Joseph State Park area.
- f. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)—825(r).

g. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Gordon Brett, Property Supervisor, Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA 98802.

h. *FERC Contact*: Elizabeth Jones (202) 502-8246.

i. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene*: June 30, 2003.

The Commission's rules of practice and procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

j. *Description of Amendment*: Licensee has submitted its recreation action plan 2002 update. Licensee has been contributing monies to a fund for the development of a park on land owned by the State and known as Chief Joseph State Park. Licensee indicates that because it has been determined that the development of the State park is not feasible at its present location, licensee proposes to purchase from the State the land that would have been developed as Chief Joseph State Park and also provide to the state the money that has been paid into a fund so that the State can purchase land elsewhere on the project. Licensee subsequently filed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) covering the sale of the State Park to the licensee.

k. 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 "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA 98802.

l. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of rules of practice and procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified

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