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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

March 13, 2006.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings

Docket Numbers: ER01-1305-011

Applicants: Westar Generating, Inc.

Description: Westar Generating, Inc submits corrections to two previously submitted informational filings and a refund report.

Filed Date: 03/07/2006.

Accession Number: 20060309-0018

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER03-775-004; ER00-136-003

Applicants: FortisOntario, Inc; FortisUS Energy Corporation.

Description: FortisOntario Inc & FortisUs Energy Corp submit a response to the informal request for information received by FERC Staff re the acquisition by Fortis Inc of Princeton Light & Power Co Limited.

Filed Date: 03/07/2006.

Accession Number: 20060309-0038

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER05-1475-004

Applicants: Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.
Description: Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator Inc submits a revised Attachment X—Large Generator Interconnection Procedures and Large Generator Interconnection Agreement of its OATT and EMT.

Filed Date: 03/08/2006.

Accession Number: 20060310-0193

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-189-001

Applicants: Electric Energy, Inc.
Description: Electric Energy, Inc submits an amended and restated copy of the Power Supply Agreement which incorporates all changes after September 1987 which remained in effect as of 1/1/03.

Filed Date: 03/08/2006.

Accession Number: 20060310-0188
Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-301-001

Applicants: Xcel Energy Services Inc.

Description: Xcel Energy Services, Inc on behalf of itself and the Xcel Energy Operating Companies responds to FERC's 2/6/06 letter re its Joint Operating Agreement.

Filed Date: 03/08/2006.

Accession Number: 20060310-0184

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-306-001

Applicants: Pennsylvania Electric Company; Jersey Central Power & Light Company; Metropolitan Edison Company.

Description: Jersey Central Power & Light Co, Metropolitan Edison Co and Pennsylvania Electric Co submit a compliance filing pursuant to FERC's 2/6/06 Order.

Filed Date: 03/08/2006.

Accession Number: 20060310-0189

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-486-001

Applicants: Central Illinois Public Service Company; Illinois Power Company; Union Electric Company.
Description: Ameren Services Co on behalf of Central Illinois Public Service Co et al submit revisions to the designation of the two modified Facility Use Agreements pursuant to FERC's 3/2/06 letter order.

Filed Date: 03/07/2006.

Accession Number: 20060309-0015

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-515-001

Applicants: Mirant Peaker, LLC.
Description: Mirant Peaker, LLC amends the Notice of Cancellation of its FERC Electric Tariff, First Revised Volume 1.

Filed Date: 03/07/2006.

Accession Number: 20060309-0017

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, March 17, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-700-000

Applicants: California Independent System Operator Corporation.
Description: California Independent System Operator Corp submits an amendment to their Simplified and Reorganized Tariff.

Filed Date: 03/07/2006.

Accession Number: 20060309-0032

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-706-000

Applicants: Entergy Services, Inc.
Description: Entergy Services, Inc on behalf of Entergy Arkansas, Inc submits

the 2006 Wholesale Formula Rate Update in accordance with the Power Coordination, Interchange and Transmission Service Agreements.

Filed Date: 03/08/2006.

Accession Number: 20060310-0192

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-707-000

Applicants: Entergy Services, Inc.
Description: Entergy Services, Inc on behalf of Entergy Arkansas, Inc submits the 2006 Wholesale Formula Rate update.

Filed Date: 03/08/2006.

Accession Number: 20060310-0191

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-708-000

Applicants: Midwest Independent Transmission System.

Description: Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc submits a Large Generator Interconnection Agreement with Northern States Power Co dba Xcel Energy-Generation Function et al.

Filed Date: 03/08/2006.

Accession Number: 20060310-0190

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER94-1188-039; ER99-1623-008; EL05-99-003; ER98-4540-008; ER98-1279-010

Applicants: LG&E Energy Marketing Inc.; Kentucky Utilities Company; Louisville Gas & Electric Company; Western Kentucky Energy Corporation.

Description: LG&E Marketing Inc, Louisville Gas & Electric Co et al submit a compliance filing pursuant to FERC's 2/15/06 Letter Order.

Filed Date: 03/08/2006.

Accession Number: 20060310-0187

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in any of the above proceedings 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) on or before 5 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. It is not necessary to separately intervene again in a subdocket related to a compliance filing if you have previously intervened in the same docket. 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. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. In reference to filings initiating a new proceeding, interventions or protests submitted on or before the comment deadline need not be served on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St. NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceedings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also 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 or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF06-13-000]

Downeast LNG, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Downeast LNG Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues and Notice of a Joint Public Meeting

March 13, 2006.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard (Coast Guard) are in the process of evaluating the Downeast Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Project planned by Downeast LNG, Inc. (Downeast). The project would consist of an onshore LNG import and storage terminal, located on the south side of Mill Cove in the Town of Robbinston, near the confluence of Passamaquoddy Bay and the St. Croix

River, in Washington County, Maine; and an approximately 31-mile-long natural gas sendout pipeline, extending from the terminal to the existing Maritimes & Northeast (M&NE) pipeline system at the Baileyville, Maine, compressor station.

As a part of this evaluation, FERC staff will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will address the environmental impacts of the project and the Coast Guard will assess the maritime safety and security of the project. As described below, the FERC and the Coast Guard will hold a joint public meeting to allow the public to provide input to these assessments.

The Commission will use the EIS in its decision-making process to determine whether or not to authorize the project. This Notice of Intent (NOI) explains the scoping process we¹ will use to gather information on the project from the public and interested agencies and summarizes the process that the Coast Guard will use. Your input will help identify the issues that need to be evaluated in the EIS and in the Coast Guard's maritime safety and security assessment. Please note that scoping comments are requested by April 17, 2006.

Comments on the project may be submitted in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this NOI. In lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public scoping meeting scheduled as follows: Tuesday, March 28, 2006, 6:30 p.m. Robbinston Grade School, 904 U.S. Route 1, Robbinston, ME 04671. 207-454-3694.

The public scoping meeting listed above will be combined with the Coast Guard's public meeting regarding the maritime safety and security of the project. At the meeting, the Coast Guard will discuss: (1) The waterway safety assessment that it will conduct to determine whether or not the waterway can safely accommodate the LNG carrier traffic and operation of the planned LNG marine terminal; and (2) the security assessment it will conduct in accordance with the requirements of the Maritime Transportation Security Act. The Coast Guard will not be issuing a separate meeting notice for the maritime safety and security aspects of the project.

The Coast Guard is responsible for matters related to navigation safety, vessel engineering and safety standards, and all matters pertaining to the safety

of facilities or equipment located in or adjacent to navigable waters up to the last valve immediately before the receiving tanks. The Coast Guard also has authority for LNG facility security plan review, approval, and compliance verification as provided in Title 33 CFR part 105, and recommendation for siting as it pertains to the management of vessel traffic in and around the LNG facility.

Upon receipt of a letter of intent from an owner or operator intending to build a new LNG facility, the Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) conducts an analysis that results in a letter of recommendation issued to the owner or operator and to the state and local governments having jurisdiction, addressing the suitability of the waterway to accommodate LNG vessels. Specifically the letter of recommendation addresses the suitability of the waterway based on:

- The physical location and layout of the facility and its berthing and mooring arrangements.
- The LNG vessels' characteristics and the frequency of LNG shipments to the facility.
- Commercial, industrial, environmentally sensitive, and residential area in and adjacent to the waterway used by the LNG vessels en route to the facility.
- Density and character of the marine traffic on the waterway.
- Bridges or other manmade obstructions in the waterway.
- Depth of water.
- Tidal range.
- Natural hazards, including rocks and sandbars.
- Underwater pipelines and cables.
- Distance of berthed LNG vessels from the channel, and the width of the channel.

In addition, the Coast Guard will review and approve the facility's operations manual and emergency response plan (33 CFR 127.019), as well as the facility's security plan (33 CFR 105.410). The Coast Guard will also provide input to other Federal, state, and local government agencies reviewing the project.

In order to complete a thorough analysis and fulfill the regulatory mandates cited above, the COTP Sector Northern New England will be conducting a formal risk assessment evaluating the various safety and security aspects associated with the Downeast LNG proposed project. This risk assessment will be accomplished through a series of workshops focusing on the areas of waterways safety, port security, and consequence management, with involvement from a broad cross-

¹ "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.