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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER08-1574-000]

ORNI 18, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

October 10, 2008.

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of ORNI 18, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD08-13-000]

Transmission Barriers to Entry; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

October 10, 2008.

On October 3, 2008, the Commission issued a Supplemental Notice of the technical conference in the above-captioned proceeding, with an agenda attached. The technical conference will be held on October 14, 2008, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (EST), in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The conference will be open for the public to attend and advance registration is not required. Members of the Commission may attend the conference.

An updated agenda for this conference is attached. In addition, this conference will be transcribed as described below.

Transcripts of the conference will be available immediately for a fee from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646). They will be available for free on the Commission's eLibrary system and on the Calendar of Events approximately one week after the conference.

A free webcast of this event is available through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Anyone with Internet access who desires to view this event can do so by navigating to the Calendar of Events at <http://www.ferc.gov> and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to its webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the free webcasts. It also offers access to this event via television in the Washington, DC area and via phone-bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit <http://www.CapitolConnection.org> or contact Danelle Springer or David Reininger at (703) 993-3100.

All interested persons may file written comments following the technical conference on or before November 13, 2008.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an e-mail to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free 1-866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-208-1659 (TTY), or send a FAX to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this conference, please contact: Katie Detweiler, 202-502-6424, katie.detweiler@ferc.gov or Sarah McKinley, 202-502-8368, sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

Attachment

Transmission Barriers to Entry Technical Conference; October 14, 2008

Agenda

The purpose of this conference is to hear from transmission developers, transmission owners, and others on the issues they encounter when trying to build transmission. In particular, the Commission is interested in hearing from persons involved with various forms of transmission including independent transmission, merchant transmission, joint ownership arrangements, and long-distance transmission projects crossing multiple corporate boundaries or that are regional in nature regarding the barriers to transmission entry due to the Commission's tariffs, policies, and regulations.

In response to the nation's growing transmission needs, the Commission not only supports more "traditional" forms of investment, such as that of investor-owned utilities, but also encourages the formation of "alternative" transmission models. In the June 2005 Policy Statement Regarding Evaluation of Independent Ownership and Operation of Transmission, the Commission clarified its willingness to accept proposals from independent transmission companies, including those that have market participants as passive minority equity owners, and stated its willingness to allow innovative rate treatments both to facilitate the creation of independent transmission companies and to stimulate investment in transmission infrastructure.¹ Furthermore, in recent years new entities have emerged to build transmission, such as merchant transmission companies. There is increased interest in joint (i.e., public-

private) transmission development. As more states have adopted renewable portfolio standards, proposals have arisen to move remote generation long distances to load.

In Order No. 890, the Commission stated its belief that there are benefits to joint ownership of transmission facilities, particularly large backbone facilities, both in terms of increasing opportunities for investment as well as ensuring nondiscriminatory access. Order No. 890 also required all transmission providers to submit processes for regional planning. However, questions have been raised as to incumbent and new entrant rights, whether merchant transmission projects should be required to coordinate with an Order No. 890 regional planning process and coordination across boundaries.

Since 2005, the Commission has acted on a number of requests regarding affiliated or independent transmission; merchant transmission; and joint ownership. Among other things, the Commission is interested in gaining a better understanding of the rights, obligations, and challenges afforded these entities as compared to traditional transmission investment and whether there are barriers to comparable treatment of these entities in the wholesale/interstate transmission market.

Panel Discussions:

While there may be common obstacles to the building of transmission, at the same time it appears that the challenges may differ in some respects regionally. Thus, the panels of this conference will be divided geographically. While the basic topics of discussion will be the same in both panels, the individual problems and solutions identified may vary by region, e.g., Eastern and Western Interconnection.

The Commission hopes to learn from each panel of the experiences parties have faced in trying to build transmission, with particular focus on regulatory and economic issues, and discuss how they differ by transmission business model. With regard to both problems and solutions, the focus should also be on matters that are within the Commission's control or ability to affect. The discussion should focus on specific areas of the Commission's regulations and policies that may present barriers to comparable treatment. Among the issues of interest to the Commission are:

- The impact on transmission providers regarding rights of first refusal to build and own transmission;
- Whether all transmission investment (e.g., upgrades, greenfield

lines) are treated comparably in the award of rights (e.g., financial or physical rights);

- Whether the Commission's policies regarding the provision of ancillary services are appropriate as applied to transmission-only entities;
- Whether there are specific processes in RTO/ISO rules and markets that present barriers to alternative transmission business models;
- Development opportunities for the different transmission business models;
- The benefits of and the peculiar challenges faced by alternative business models (e.g., merchant transmission doesn't have a rate base from which to obtain cost recovery); and
- Whether there should be different approaches to projects with differing scope, e.g., long-distance backbone projects with long lead lines vs. incremental upgrades to existing facilities.

Transmission Barriers to Entry Technical Conference; October 14, 2008

Agenda

Opening Remarks

1 p.m.–1:15 p.m.

Panel I: Western Interconnect

1:15 p.m.–3 p.m.

Richard Hayslip, *Associate General Manager*, SALT RIVER PROJECT, representing the LARGE PUBLIC POWER COUNCIL

Tom Wray, *Project Manager*, SUNZIA TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Robert van Beers, *Chief Operating Officer*, TONBRIDGE POWER INC., representing Montana Alberta Tie Ltd.

Paul McCoy, *President*, TRANS-ELECT

Marc S. Lipschultz, *Member*, KOHLBERG KRAVIS ROBERTS & CO.

Karl "Fritz" Schlopy, *Managing Director*, MERRILL LYNCH & CO. GLOBAL ENERGY & POWER, representing Real Estate Investment Trusts

Roy Jones, *Vice President*, Transmission Development, LS POWER DEVELOPMENT

Break

3 p.m.–3:15 p.m.

Panel II: Eastern Interconnect

3:15 p.m.–5 p.m.

Sharon M. Reishus, *Chairman*, MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Roy Thilly, *President & CEO*, WISCONSIN PUBLIC POWER INC., representing the Transmission Access Policy Study Group

Susan Tomasky, *President—AEP Transmission*, AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER

¹ Policy Statement Regarding Evaluation of Independent Ownership and Operation of Transmission, 111 FERC ¶ 61,473 (2005).

Joseph L. Welch, *Chairman, President & CEO*, ITC HOLDINGS
 Raymond Hepper, *Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary*, ISO NEW ENGLAND INC.
 Edward M. Stern, *President & CEO*, NEPTUNE REGIONAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM & CEO, HUDSON TRANSMISSION PARTNERS
 Robert J. Patrylo, *CEO*, STRATEGIC TRANSMISSION LLC

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12585-001]

Golden Gate Energy Company; Notice of Preliminary Permit Applications Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comment, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

October 9, 2008.

On October 1, 2008, Golden Gate Energy Company filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the San Francisco Bay Tidal Project, to be located on the San Francisco Bay in San Francisco and Marin Counties, California.

The proposed San Francisco Bay Tidal Project consists of: (1) 5 to 40 proposed Tides Hydrokinetic generating units having a total installed capacity of 5 to 10 megawatts, (2) a proposed transmission line, and (3) appurtenant facilities. The Golden Gate Energy Company project would have an average annual generation of 8.7 gigawatt-hours and be sold to a local utility.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Mike Hoover, Golden Gate Energy Company, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 100, Washington, DC 20036, phone (202) 772-0099.

FERC Contact: Robert Bell, (202) 502-6062.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight

copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. More information about this project can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-12585) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-482-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 9, 2008.

Take notice that on September 30, 2008, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, filed in Docket No. CP08-482-000, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to increase the certificated Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) of Line Y-M57, located in Allegany County, New York, and to thereafter operate this line up to and including the higher MAOP, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Specifically, National Fuel proposes to uprate the MAOP of Line Y-M57 from the current MAOP of 1,000 psig to the requested MAOP of 1,260 psig. National Fuel states that the uprating of the MAOP will allow it to deliver gas to

Millennium Pipeline Company, L.L.C. National Fuel estimates the cost of construction to be \$25,000.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to David W. Reitz, Deputy General Counsel, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation, 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, at (716) 857-7949.

Any person may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. Any person filing to intervene or the Commission's staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205) file 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 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 NGA.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-481-000]

Petal Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 8, 2008.

Take notice that on September 29, 2008, Petal Gas Storage, LLC (Petal), 1100 Louisiana Street, Houston, TX 77002, filed in docket number CP08-481-000, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.214 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act, and Petal's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP95-14-000, for authorization to increase its maximum storage capacity in Cavern No. 8 of Petal's storage facility located in Forrest County, Mississippi. Petal proposes to increase the capacity of the cavern from 7.9 Bcf to 9.058 Bcf. The