Tariff, which was accepting for filing by the Commission and made effective by Order dated August 17, 1995 in Docket No. ER95–1222–000. Northern Indiana Public Service Company and JPower, Inc. request a waiver of the Commission's sixty-day notice requirement to permit an effective date of November 15, 1996.

Copies of this filing have been sent to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

Comment date: December 9, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Northern Indiana Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER97–479–000]

Take notice that on November 14, 1996, Northern Indiana Public Service Company, tendered for filing an executed Service Agreement between Northern Indiana Public Service Company and VTEC Energy.

Under the Service Agreement, Northern Indiana Public Service Company agrees to provide services to VTEC Energy under Northern Indiana Public Service Company's Power Sales Tariff, which was accepted for filing by the Commission and made effective by Order dated August 17, 1995 in Docket No. ER95–1222–000. Northern Indiana Public Service Company and VTEC Energy request a waiver of the Commission's sixty-day notice requirement to permit an effective date of November 15, 1996.

Copies of this filing have been sent to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

Comment date: December 9, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Northern Indiana Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER97–480–000]

Take notice that on November 14, 1996, Northern Indiana Public Service Company, tendered for filing an executed Service Agreement between Northern Indiana Public Service Company and Williams Energy Services Company.

Under the Service Agreement, Northern Indiana Public Service Company agrees to provide services to Williams Energy Services Company under Northern Indiana Public Service Company's Power Sales Tariff, which was accepting for filing by the Commission and made effective by Order dated August 17, 1995 in Docket No. ER95–1222–000. Northern Indiana Public Service Company and Williams Energy Services Company request a waiver of the Commission's sixty-day notice requirement to permit an effective date of November 15, 1996.

Copies of this filing have been sent to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

Comment date: December 9, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. UtiliCorp United Inc.

[Docket No. ES97–11–000]

Take notice that on November 19, 1996, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp) filed an application, under § 204 of the Federal Power Act, seeking authorization to implement shareholder Rights Plan. Under such Plan, the Board of Directors of UtiliCorp has authorized and declared a dividend of one Right for each share of Common Stock, of UtiliCorp outstanding at close of business on December 31, 1996. Each Right will initially represent the right to purchase one one-thousandth (1/1000) of a share of Series A Participating Cumulative Preference Stock, no par value, of UtiliCorp.

UtiliCorp also requests an exemption from the Commission's competitive bidding and negotiated placement requirements.

Comment date: December 18, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: November 22, 1996 61 FR 59433.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: November 26, 1996 10:00 a.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: The following Docket Numbers and companies have been added to the Agenda scheduled for the November 26, 1996 meeting.

Item No.—Docket No. and Company

CAE–10—OA97–23–000, Edison Sault Electric Company

CAG–9—RP95–197–000, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97–92–000, et al.]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, et al.; Natural Gas Certificate Filings

November 22, 1996.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation

[Docket No. CP97–92–000]

Take notice that on November 12, 1996, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), P. O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in Docket No. CP97–92–000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing an extension and expansion of Transco's Mobile Bay Lateral including (i) authorization to construct and operate approximately 76.8 miles of 30-inch diameter pipeline extending from a proposed new platform in Main Pass Area, Block 260 to its existing Compressor Station No. 82 in Mobile County, Alabama; approximately 17.5 miles of 36-inch diameter onshore pipeline loop located immediately downstream of Station No. 82 in southern Mobile County, Alabama; a new 30,000 horsepower compressor Station No. 83 located in northern Mobile County, Alabama; and a 26,000 horsepower compression addition at Transco's existing Station No. 82; all of which facilities will provide a total of the dekatherm equivalent of 600 MMcf per day of additional service offshore [1]

[1] In referring to the ''offshore extension'' of its Mobile Bay Lateral, Transco states that approximately 73.0 miles of the extension will be located offshore and approximately 4.0 miles will

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and 500 MMcf per day of additional service onshore [2], to become available in late 1998; (ii) approval of Transco's initial rates for such service to be Transco's then-current Rate schedule FT rate for Zone 4A, and (iii) approval of rolled-in rate treatment for costs associated with the Mobile Bay Lateral Extension and Expansion Project, to be made effective in Transco's first NGA Section 4 rate proceeding following the in-service date of the project, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

In order to create the firm transportation capacity under the project, Transco states that it will construct and operate the following facilities:

Offshore Facilities

- Approximately 76.8 miles of 30-inch diameter pipeline commencing at a proposed offshore platform in Main Pass Area, Block 260 to be constructed by a producer, to Transco's Station No. 82 in Mobile County, Alabama.

Onshore Facilities

- Approximately 17.5 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline loop located immediately downstream of Station No. 82 in Mobile County, Alabama, from Mobile Bay Lateral MP 105.19 to MP 122.68;
- A new 30,000 horsepower compressor Station No. 83 located in Mobile County, Alabama at Mobile Bay Lateral MP 71.57; and
- A 26,000 horsepower compression addition at Transco's existing Station No. 82 in Mobile County, Alabama.

Third Party/Non-Jurisdictional Facilities

- A third party will construct, own and operate a 600 MMcf per day separation plant, including a slug catcher, immediately upstream of Compressor Station No. 82. The plant will be designed to remove liquids from the pipeline and deliver pipeline quality natural gas to the suction side of Compressor Station No. 82. The plant is estimated to require thirty acres of land and is planned to be located immediately to the west and adjacent to Compressor Station No. 82.

Transco states that the proposed in-service date for the project is December 1, 1998. Transco estimates that the proposed facilities will cost, in the aggregate, $171.5 million.

According to Transco, the project will create firm transportation capacity of the dekatherm equivalent of 600 MMcf per day from Main Pass Block 260 to Transco's Station No. 82 and 500 MMcf per day from Station No. 82 to Station No. 85, where Transco's Mobile Bay Lateral interconnects with its mainline in Choctaw County, Alabama. Transco states that it will make the capacity under the project available to all shippers by means of an ''open season'' planned to be held commencing November 15, 1996. It is stated that the open season will extend until December 16, 1996. Concurrent with the open season, Transco states that it intends to solicit interest in the relinquishment of firm capacity currently held by shippers on the Mobile Bay Lateral, in order to assure that the project facilities are properly sized. Transco states that it will notify the Commission of the commitments received from customers as soon as practicable after the end of the open season period, and Transco will seek to enter into firm transportation precedent agreements which reflect a minimum 15 year term. Transco states that it expects to file these executed precedent agreements within thirty days of the end of the open season period. Transco states that the firm transportation service to be rendered through this new capacity will be performed under its Rate Schedule FT and Part 284(G) of the Commission's regulations. Transco states that it will charge the project shippers the then-current Zone 4A rate under Rate Schedule FT in effect when the facilities are placed in service, plus any applicable surcharges.

Transco avers that the project shippers will have primary firm transportation rights to all delivery points located in Transco's Rate Zone 4A, enabling them to access various market points on the interstate pipeline grid, including markets at the pooling points located at Transco's Station No. 85 and the existing upstream and downstream interconnections with other pipelines on Transco's system.

Transco requests that the Commission grant rolled-in rate treatment for the costs associated with the project in Transco's first Section 4 rate proceeding to become effective after the in-service date of this project. Transco states that the presumption to roll-in the project costs applies because the rate impact on its existing customers under each firm rate schedule is less than five percent, which is the level set forth in the Commission's Statement of Policy for a presumption of rolled-in rate treatment on the pricing of new pipeline construction. Transco also states that the facilities constructed as part of the project will produce significant system-wide operational and financial benefits and will be operated on an integrated basis with its existing facilities.

To meet the proposed in-service date for the project, Transco requests that the Commission issue a preliminary determination approving all aspects of the proposal other than environmental matters by July 1, 1997, with a final determination and all appropriate certificate authorizations by February 1, 1998.

The Commission staff cannot schedule a completion date for the environmental analysis of this project, because Transco has not begun certain critical processes. Transco has not yet filed applications with the Minerals Management Service (MMS) or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), nor has it requested a determination of consistency with the Coastal Zone Management Plan (Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM)). The staff wants to coordinate its environmental analysis with the MMS, ADEM, and the COE.

Other missing material that will delay the completion of the environmental analysis include surveys for threatened or endangered species and consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and completion of surveys for cultural resources and consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office. These resources are of particular interest because they were of concern with respect to the construction of the original Mobile Bay Lateral.

Concerns over erosion and sedimentation plans must also be resolved as part of our environmental analysis.

Comment date: December 13, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

2. Colorado Interstate Gas Company

[Docket No. CP97–94–000]

Take notice that on November 12, 1996, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in Docket No. CP97–94–000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to lease to Vessels Hydrocarbons, Inc. (Vessels) almost 2.22 miles of 8-inch diameter pipe located in Adams County, Colorado, under CIG's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83–21–000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas

be located onshore upstream of and connecting with Station No. 82, which is the existing terminus of the Mobile Bay Lateral.

[2] Transco states that it is sizing its onshore expansion facilities smaller than its offshore facilities based on informal indications that it will receive 100 MMcf of capacity turnback on the Mobile Bay Lateral.

Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

CIG states it has been advised by Vessels that Vessels plans to consolidate its processing activities by closing its Third Creek plant and constructing a line to move raw gas from the tailgate of the Third Creek plant to its Wattenberg plant which is almost 18.5 miles away. CIG also states the abandonment by lease to Vessels of CIG's Third Creek Lateral will prevent the construction of almost 2.22 miles of pipe and avoid the associated environmental disruption. Vessels has advised CIG that Shippers using the Wattenberg plant will have access to CIG's transmission after processing.

CIG further states that the subject facilities were certificated and operated pursuant to the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued in Docket No. CP79–284.

Comment date: January 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

3. Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation

[Docket No. CP97–95–000]

Take notice that on November 13, 1996, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, SE., Charleston, West Virginia 25314–1599, filed in Docket No. CP97–95–000, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, and Section 157.7 and 157.18 of the Commission's Regulations thereunder, an abbreviated application requesting permission and approval to abandon certain natural gas compression facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission.

Columbia requests NGA Section 7(b) authorization for the abandonment of seven 500 horsepower horizontal type engine compressor units, located within the York Compressor Station, located in Medina County, Ohio.

Columbia states that in addition to the abandonment of the compressor units for which Columbia is seeking authorization, Columbia would also remove any associated equipment, appurtenances and buildings associated with these units.

Columbia further states that the York Compressor Station has been in service since 1914 to compress local field production gas and relay transmission volumes into Columbia's Line L. Columbia states that although authorization to abandon the horizontal units, originally installed between 1914 and 1928, was received in Docket No. CP80–14–000 (*Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation*, 11 FERC Paragraph 61,047 (1980); *order amending certificate*, 11 FERC Paragraph 61,214 (1980)), an increase in actual over estimated local production in the area prompted Columbia to retract its abandonment authorization.

Columbia states that in a letter dated January 21, 1982 to the Commission, Columbia advised that the horizontal units would be retained in service. It is stated that since that time, the decline in location production along with other facility upgrades in the York Production field rendered the horizontal units inactive by 1989. Columbia now requests approval to proceed with the abandonment granted by the Commission in 1980. Columbia states that the horizontal units are no longer needed and have become obsolete and their abandonment will not result in any termination of service. Therefore, Columbia submits that the proposed abandonment is required by the present and future public convenience and necessity.

Columbia states that the cost of retiring the seven horizontal compressor units is approximately $264,000, with an estimated net debit to accumulated provision for depreciation of $835,305.

Comment date: December 13, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

4. National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation

[Docket No. CP97–101–000]

Take notice that on November 18, 1996, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed in Docket No. CP97–101–000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate a residential sales tap under National's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83–4–000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, National proposes to construct and operate a sales tap for delivery of approximately 150 Mcf annually of gas to National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (Distribution) at an estimated cost of $1,500, for which National would be reimbursed by Distribution.

Comment date: January 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

5. ANR Pipeline Company

[Docket No. CP97–103–000]

Take notice that on November 18, 1996, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243–1902, filed in Docket No. CP97–103–000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to operate an existing interconnection constructed under the authorization of Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 and to construct and operate additional facilities for the delivery of natural gas to Alcan Ingot, a division of Alcan Aluminum Corporation (Alcan) in Webster County, Kentucky, under ANR's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82–480–000, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

ANR proposes to operate the existing facilities, which consist of a 4-inch tap and associated piping, valves and fittings, and to construct and operate electronic measurement equipment in order to provide a transportation service for Alcan pursuant to a firm transportation rate schedule. It is stated that the existing facilities were installed in 1984 to deliver gas to Alcan on behalf of Orbit Gas Company (Orbit). It is explained that Orbit deactivated its interconnection with Alcan and that Alcan purchased the facilities downstream of ANR from Orbit.

It is stated that the facilities would be designed to deliver up to 417 Mcf of natural gas per hour. ANR estimates the cost of the facilities at $23,100, for which ANR would be fully reimbursed. It is explained that Alcan has informed ANR that it proposes to use capacity release transportation on ANR's system. It is stated that the proposal would have no adverse impact on ANR's peak day deliveries or on annual entitlements of ANR's existing customers. It is further stated that ANR has sufficient gas supply to make the deliveries and that the deliveries can be made without detriment or disadvantage to ANR's existing customers.

Comment date: January 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

6. Texas Gas Transmission Corporation

[Docket No. CP97–106–000]

Take notice that on November 19, 1996, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas), 3800 Frederica Street, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301, filed in Docket No. CP97–106–000 a

request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate a delivery point for Clarksdale Public Utilities (Clarksdale), in Coahoma County, Mississippi, under Texas Gas's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82–407–000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Texas Gas proposes to install, operate, maintain and own a dual, four-inch meter station with electronic flow measurement equipment and remote flow control equipment and related facilities on a site to be provided by Clarksdale. Texas Gas states that the proposed delivery point will be known as the Clarksdale P.U.C. Meter Station.

Texas Gas states that Clarksdale is requesting up to 16,800 MMBtu per day of interruptible natural gas transportation service for use at its Clarksdale facility for electric generation.

Texas Gas states that Clarksdale's natural gas requirements are presently supplied by Mississippi Valley Gas Company, a local distribution customer of Texas Gas, and that Clarksdale has requested that Texas Gas construct a new delivery point in Coahoma County, Mississippi to enable Clarksdale to receive natural gas transportation service directly from Texas Gas.

Texas Gas states that Clarksdale will reimburse Texas Gas in full for the cost of the facilities to be installed by Texas Gas, which cost is estimated to be $139,670.

Comment date: January 6, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said filing should on or before the comment date file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this filing if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for the applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 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 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Western Area Power Administration

Proposed Allocation of the Post-2000 Resource Pool—Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Eastern Division

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of clarification, response to comments and request for additional comments.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to clarify and respond to comments Western Area Power Administration (Western) received regarding the ''levelized'' method of calculating the proposed allocations for new Native American customers associated with the Post-2000 Resource Pool—Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Eastern Division (P–SMBP–ED). Western received numerous comments regarding the proposed allocation published August 30, 1996, in 61 FR 45957 (Method One) and is prepared to use an alternative method (Method Two). Western is, therefore, soliciting comments only on the use of Method One or Method Two and will base final allocations on those comments.

DATES: Written comments must be sent to the Upper Great Plains Regional Manager by certified or return receipt requested U.S. mail and received by close of business on January 6, 1997.

Western will hold a public meeting on the allocation method alternatives on December 17, 1996, in Rapid City, South Dakota at the following location: Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn, 505 North 5th Street, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Information forum—9 a.m. (not to exceed 2 hours)

Comment forum—immediately following the information forum

ADDRESSES: All comments regarding the methodology used to calculate the proposed allocations for new Native American customers from the Post-2000 Resource Pool should be directed to the following address: Mr. Gerald C. Wegner, Regional Manager, Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 35800, Billings, MT 59107–5800. All documentation developed or retained by Western for the purpose of developing the Proposed Allocation of the Post-2000 Resource Pool will be available for inspection and copying at the Upper Great Plains Customer Service Regional Office, 2900 Fourth Avenue North, Billings, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert J. Harris, Power Marketing Manager, Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 35800, Billings, MT 59107–5800, (406) 247–7394.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Western, a Federal power marketing agency of the Department of Energy, published on August 30, 1996, in the Federal Register (61 FR 45957), a notice of Proposed Allocation of its Post-2000 Resource Pool to fulfill the requirements of Subpart C—Power Marketing Initiative of the Energy Planning and Management Program Final Rule, 10 CFR 905. On October 8, 1996, Western published a notice to extend the time written comments could be submitted until October 21, 1996. The Post-2000