

American Electric Power Service Corporation.

UtiliCorp requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations to permit the Service Agreement to become effective in accordance with its terms.

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 March 10, 1998. 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.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

[FR Doc. 98-5362 Filed 3-2-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-1841-000]

UtiliCorp United Inc.; Notice of Filing

February 24, 1998.

Take notice that on February 12, 1998, UtiliCorp United Inc., tendered for filing on behalf of its operating division, Missouri Public Service, a Service Agreement under its Power Sales Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 10, with American Electric Power Service Corporation. The Service Agreement provides for the sale of capacity and energy by Missouri Public Service to American Electric Power Service Corporation pursuant to the tariff.

UtiliCorp also has tendered for filing a Certificate of Concurrence by American Electric Power Service Corporation.

UtiliCorp requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations to permit the Service Agreement to become effective in accordance with its terms.

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 Rule 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 March 10, 1998. 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.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

[FR Doc. 98-5363 Filed 3-2-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-6-000]

Wenert Trich; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

February 25, 1998.

Take notice that on February 17, 1998, Wenert Trich (Trich), filed a petition for adjustment under section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA),¹ requesting:

(1) To be relieved of the obligation to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds to Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle), with respect to his interest in six Kansas leases and the corresponding (but unspecified) wells; and

(2) To be relieved of any obligation to make such refunds on behalf of the other interest owners in those leases, otherwise required of the operator by the Commission's September 10, 1997 order in Docket Nos. GP97-3-000, GP97-4-000, GP97-5-000, and RP97-369-000.²

Trich's petition is on file with the Commission and open to the public inspection.

The Commission's September 10 order on remand from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals³ directed first sellers under the NGPA to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988. The

¹ 15 U.S.C. 3142(c) (1982).

² See 80 FERC ¶ 61,264 (1997); order denying reh'g issued January 28, 1998, 82 FERC ¶ 61,058 (1998).

³ *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*, 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. 1996), cert. denied, Nos. 96-954 and 96-1230 (65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754, May 12, 1997) (Public Service).

Commission's September 10 order also provided that first sellers could, with the Commission's prior approval, amortize their Kansas ad valorem tax refunds over a 5-year period, although interest would continue to accrue on any outstanding balance.

Trich states that he is a retired, former producer that has not operated oil and gas wells since 1989, and has not been engaged in gas sales since that time. Trich also states that the six Kansas leases were sold for salvage in 1987 and 1988. Trich adds that there are 85 other working, royalty, and overriding royalty interest owners in the subject leases. Trich states that his own interest in the subject leases amounts to \$2,473.40 of the principal identified by Panhandle, and \$5,181.25 of the interest. Trich states that he billed the individuals and companies that were interest owners in the subject leases, and has since received four checks totaling \$407.20. Trich states that he is sending those payments to Panhandle.

Trich asserts that he has made a good-faith effort to recover the refunds owned by the other working, royalty and overriding royalty interest owners, and requests to be relieved: (1) Of his obligation to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds to Panhandle; and (2) the obligation to make such refunds on behalf of the other working, royalty, and overriding royalty interest owners, on the basis that paying the refunds would cause him a special hardship.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 384.214, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

[FR Doc. 98-5374 Filed 3-2-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M