Entergy has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all resource agencies, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and others affected by the proposal, and that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case. Further, waiving the Commission's regulations will be automatic upon approval of the alternative procedures stipulated in Order No. 596.[1]

Entergy has developed a communications protocol that is supported by the interested entities.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on Entergy's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to Section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations. Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date.

The alternative procedures being requested here combine the prefiling consultation process with the environmental review process, allowing Entergy to complete and file an Environmental Assessment (EA) in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which an applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs during preparation of the application for the license and before filing it, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the prefiling consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

Alternative Procedures and Carpenter-Remmel Hydroelectric Project Schedule

Entergy has distributed an Initial Consultation Packet for the proposed project to state and federal resource agencies, local interests, and NGOs. Entergy has submitted a proposed schedule for the alternative procedures that leads to the filing of a license application by February 28, 2001.

Comments

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission any comments on Entergy's proposal to use the alternative procedures to file an application for the Carpenter-Remmel Hydroelectric Project.

Filing Requirements

The comments must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Dockets—Room 1A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

All filings must bear the heading ''Comments on the Alternative Procedures,'' and include the project name and number (Carpenter-Remmel Hydroelectric Project No. 271).

For further information on this process, please call Chris Metcalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 219–2810.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[1] Order No. 596, Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects, 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98–591–000]

Kern River Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

June 10, 1998.

Take notice that on June 3, 1998, Kern River Gas Transmission Company (Kern River), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, filed in Docket No. CP98–591–000 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 amend the approval previously received in Docket No. CP97–617–000 in order to reflect a revision in the ownership arrangements for the authorized Primm Meter Station under Kern River's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP89–2048–000 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.

Kern River states that pursuant to a superseding facilities agreement, it now proposes to own only the mainline tap and Southwest Gas will own the remainder of the Primm Meter Station which Kern River will construct as previously authorized. Kern River further states that, pursuant to an operating agreement with Southwest Gas, it will operate the meter facilities owned by Southwest Gas as part of Kern River's open-access transmission system.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after 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 therefor, 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. PR98–15–000]

Louisiana Resources Pipeline Company Limited Partnership; Notice of Application for Approval of Rates and Charges Under NGPA Section 311(a)(2)

June 10, 1998.

Take notice that on June 1, 1998, Louisiana Resources Pipeline Company Limited Partnership (LRP) tendered for filing an Application for Approval of Rates and Charges pursuant to Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA) and Section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations.

LRP seeks the Commission's approval to (a) continue its current maximum transportation rate of $0.2756 per MMBtu for interruptible transportation service to be provided by LRP as an intrastate pipeline pursuant to Section 311(a) of the NGPA; (b) establish a maximum firm transportation reservation charge of $8.4771 per MMBtu per month; (c) establish a maximum firm transportation usage of $0.0375 per MMBtu; and (d) establish a maximum rate for interruptible Part 'N Ride services of $0.2756 per MMBtu. LRP proposes to make all rates effective June 1, 1998.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding must file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888