

## 3. Commission Determination

16. The Commission granted a blanket marketing certificate after a finding that the gas commodity market was sufficiently competitive to prevent certificate holders from manipulating prices. The Commission now has evidence that certain Enron Gas Marketers have apparently participated in practices that manipulate prices so as to charge unjust and unreasonable rates.

17. The Commission has discretion to implement remedies when it finds conduct that has violated its policies or regulations. The agency is at its zenith in fashioning such remedies.<sup>22</sup> Its discretion extends to denial of participation in a government program generally extended to business managers for the purpose of maintaining the fairness, equity, and efficiency of the program.<sup>23</sup> Given the Enron Gas Marketers' conduct and their adverse effects on gas prices, the Enron Gas Marketers are directed to show cause why it still serves the public convenience and necessity for the Enron Gas Marketers to have blanket marketing certificates and why the Commission should not terminate their blanket marketing certificates. The Commission will institute a proceeding pursuant to the Commission's authority under NGA Sections 5 and 7,<sup>24</sup> and direct the Enron Gas Marketers to show cause to the Commission in a paper hearing in that proceeding.

*The Commission orders:*

(A) The Enron Power Marketers are hereby directed, within 21 days of the date of this order, to show cause to the Commission in a paper hearing, in Docket No. EL03-77-000, why they should not be found to have violated Section 205(a) of the Federal Power Act and their market-based rate authorizations and why their market-based rate authority should not be revoked.

(B) The effective date in Docket No. EL03-77-000 will be 60 days following publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

(C) Pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Section 402(a) of the department of Energy Organization Act and the Federal Power Act, particularly Section

206 thereof, and pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and the regulations under the Federal Power Act (18 CFR chapter I), the Commission hereby institutes an investigation of the Enron Power Marketers' market-based rates, in Docket No. EL03-77-000, as discussed in the body of this order.

(D) The Enron Gas Marketers are hereby directed, within 21 days of the date of this order, to show cause to the Commission in a paper hearing, in Docket No. RP03-311-000, why the Commission should not terminate its blanket marketing certificate under 18 CFR 284.402 (2002), as discussed in the body of this order.

(E) Pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Section 402(a) of the Department of Energy Organization Act and the Natural Gas Act, particularly Sections 5 and 7 thereof, and pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and the regulations under the Federal Power Act (18 CFR chapter I), the Commission hereby institutes an investigation of the Enron Gas Marketers' blanket marketing certificates, in Docket No. RP03-311-000, as discussed in the body of this order.

(F) Any interested person desiring to be heard in these proceedings should file notices of intervention or motions to intervene with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) within 21 days of the date of this order.

(G) Responses to the show cause submissions filed pursuant to Ordering Paragraphs (A) and (D) above may be submitted within 15 days of the date of filing of the show cause submissions.

(H) The Secretary shall promptly publish a copy of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. RP00-411-008 and RP01-44-010]

**Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.; Notice of Compliance Filing**

March 25, 2003.

Take notice that on March 19, 2003, Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. (Iroquois) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to become effective November 1, 2002:

Sub. Seventh Revised Sheet No. 46

Sub. Ninth Revised Sheet No. 47

Iroquois asserts that the purpose of this filing is to insert inadvertently omitted language which should have been included when these sheets were submitted as part of the December 2, 2002, compliance filing.

Iroquois states that copies of its filing were served on all jurisdictional customers and interested state regulatory agencies and all parties to the proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. 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 proceedings. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Protest Date: March 31, 2003.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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<sup>22</sup> E.g., *Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. v. FPC*, 379 F.2d 153, 159 (DC Cir. 1967). See also *Connecticut Valley Electric Company, Inc. v. FERC*, 208 F.3d 1037, 1044 (DC Cir. 2000); *Louisiana Public Service Commission v. FERC*, 174 F.3d 218, 225 (DC Cir. 1999).

<sup>23</sup> *Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. v. FPC*, 379 F.2d 153, 159 (DC Cir. 1967).

<sup>24</sup> 15 U.S.C. 717d, 717f (2000).