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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL03-52-000]

Public Service Company of New Mexico Complainant, v. Arizona Public Service Company Respondent; Notice of Complaint

February 27, 2003.

Take notice that on February 26, 2003, Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM), 2401 Aztec Road, NE., Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87107, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission a complaint against Arizona Public Service Company (APS) regarding APS' rejection of PNM's attempts to exercise rights of first refusal related to two separate long-term point-to-point transmission service agreements on APS' transmission system.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). 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. The answer to the complaint and all comments, interventions or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. 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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7458-9]

Proposed Settlement Agreement, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement agreement; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended ("Act"), 42 U.S.C. 7413(g), notice is hereby given of a proposed settlement agreement to address a lawsuit filed by Juanita Stewart and the Louisiana Environmental Action Network, represented by the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic: *Stewart v. Whitman*, No. 02-1030-C-M1 (M.D. La.). On or about October 31, 2002, plaintiffs filed a complaint seeking to compel Christine Todd Whitman, in her official capacity as Administrator of the EPA, to respond to an administrative petition to object to a state operating permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("LDEQ"). Under the terms of the proposed settlement agreement, EPA will respond to the petition by May 9, 2003. Within thirty days of EPA's response to the petition, plaintiffs will file a motion for voluntary dismissal of the complaint, with prejudice to its refiling.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed settlement agreement must be received by April 4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Cecilia Kim, Air and Radiation Law Office (2344A), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from Phyllis J. Cochran, (202) 564-7606.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Clean Air Act affords EPA a 45-day period to review and object to, as appropriate, Title V operating permits proposed by state permitting authorities. Section 505(b)(2) of the Act authorizes any person to petition the EPA Administrator within 60 days after the expiration of this 45-day review period to object to state operating permits if EPA has not done so. Plaintiffs filed an administrative petition to object to a state operating permit issued by LDEQ to the Georgia-Pacific Corporation for a pulp and paper mill near Port Hudson, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The lawsuit alleges that EPA has a nondiscretionary duty to grant or deny the petition within 60 days, and seeks to compel EPA to respond to the petition.

The settlement agreement provides that, within ten days after execution by the parties, the parties will file a joint motion with the court requesting the lawsuit be stayed. Plaintiffs may request the court to lift the stay of the lawsuit, and establish a schedule for further proceedings if EPA fails to sign a response to the petition by May 9, 2003.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed settlement agreement from persons who were not named as parties or interveners to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed settlement agreement if the comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determine, based on any comment which may be submitted, that consent to the settlement agreement should be withdrawn, the terms of the agreement will be affirmed.

Dated: February 24, 2003.

Lisa K. Friedman,

Associate General Counsel, Air and Radiation Law Office, Office of General Counsel.

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