

ManChief Power states that it is the owner of a generating plant located near Brush, Colorado that sells its output to Public Service Company of Colorado under a negotiated long-term power purchase agreement. The tariff had been shared by ManChief Power with Fulton Cogeneration Associates, L.P. with whom ManChief Power previously was, but is no longer, affiliated.

Comment Date: March 31, 2003.

6. New York State Electric & Gas Corporation

[Docket No. ER03-603-000]

Take notice that on March 10, 2003, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) tendered for filing revisions to its revised retail tariff leaves for retail transmission service relating to NYSEG's Retail Access Program and Economic Development Power service. NYSEG's tariff sheets for electric retail access were filed previously in Docket No. ER00-316-000.

NYSEG states that copies of the filing have been served on the parties listed on the Service List for ER00-316-000. The New York State Public Service Commission, New York Power Authority (NYPA) and NYPA Economic Development Power customers have also been served with copies of the filing.

Comment Date: March 31, 2003.

Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene 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. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission 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 filed to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659. Protests and interventions may be filed electronically

via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF03-1-000]

El Paso Corporation; Notice of Pre-Filing Environmental Review and Scoping for the Cheyenne Plains Pipeline Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

March 14, 2003.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) staff has begun a pre-filing environmental review for El Paso Corporation's (El Paso) planned Cheyenne Plains Pipeline Project.¹ El Paso is planning a 380-mile-long, 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline which would extend from northeastern Colorado into western Kansas. This project is currently in an early design stage. As a stakeholder in this process, we invite you to assist us in our review. Specifically, you can provide us with written comments which identify potential environmental impacts of constructing and operating the project.

The Commission staff is currently planning to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for El Paso's project². This EIS will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether or not the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are an affected property owner receiving this letter, you may be

¹ The El Paso Corporation would actually file with the Commission an application under a new subsidiary to construct the Cheyenne Plains Project. The Cheyenne Plains Gas Pipeline Company has recently been formed by its parent corporation, El Paso. El Paso has also indicated that the new facilities would be operated by Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), also a subsidiary of El Paso. After the certificate application is filed, we will refer to the proponent of the project as Cheyenne Plains Pipeline Company.

² El Paso's preliminary environmental information for this project is filed in Docket No. PF03-1-000. El Paso's certificate application would be given a "CP" docket number filing designation when it is filed with the Commission. This application should fall under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

contacted by an El Paso representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. You may have already been contacted by El Paso about the Cheyenne Plains Pipeline Project, or may have attended the Open Houses recently sponsored by El Paso in February 2003. El Paso would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is filed with the Commission and is ultimately approved, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A preliminary route has been established by El Paso, however, if minor reroutes or variations are required to avoid or minimize impacts to certain features on your property, this is your opportunity to assist us and El Paso in identifying those specific areas of concern on your property. Provided as Appendix 2 is a Fact Sheet for your information. It includes information on how to contact El Paso. It also further describes the Commission's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)-pre-filing process.

El Paso has initiated a Public Participation Plan to provide a means of communication for participating stakeholders and has established a toll-free telephone number for communicating with El Paso representatives (1-877-598-5263). See Appendix 2 for additional information on how to contact El Paso. If you have any further questions for El Paso regarding its planned project, we encourage you to contact their representatives to answer your questions and address your concerns.

This notice is being mailed to landowners whose properties are currently within the Cheyenne Plains Pipeline Project's 200-foot-wide corridor along the planned route; Federal, State, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; and local libraries and newspapers. We encourage government representatives to notify their constituents of this planned action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The Commission is the lead Federal agency for conducting the environmental review, pursuant to NEPA. The following State and Federal agencies and organizations have agreed to participate in this pre-filing process:

U.S. Forest Service, Pawnee National Grasslands;