

(Transmission Customer), under the terms of PNM's Open Access Transmission Tariff. The agreement is for 27 MW of reserved transmission capacity (and certain ancillary services) from the San Juan Generating Station 345kV Switchyard to the Luna 345kV Switching Station and represents the Transmission Customer's exercise of its Right of First Refusal to extend service under a predecessor (now expired) agreement for one year (through calendar year 2003). PNM requests January 1, 2003, as the effective date for each agreement. PNM's filing is available for public inspection at its offices in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

PNM states that copies of the filing have been sent to PNM International Business Development, PNM Transmission Development and Contracts, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission and the New Mexico Attorney General.

Comment Date: February 13, 2003.

14. Public Service Company of New Mexico

[Docket No. ER03-444-000]

Take notice that on January 23, 2003, Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) submitted for filing two executed service agreements for firm point-to-point transmission service with Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNMP), under the terms of PNM's Open Access Transmission Tariff. The agreements are for 5 MW and 15 MW (respectively) of reserved transmission capacity from the Four Corners 345kV Switchyard to the Hidalgo 345kV Switching Station during calendar year 2003. PNM requests January 1, 2003, as the effective date for each agreement. PNM's filing is available for public inspection at its offices in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

PNM states that copies of the filing have been sent to TNMP, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission and the New Mexico Attorney General.

Comment Date: February 13, 2003.

15. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

[Docket No. ER03-445-000]

Take notice that on January 23, 2003, pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and Section 35.12 of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 35.12 the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) submitted for filing an Interconnection and Operating Agreement among Dakota I Power Partners, the Midwest ISO and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

Midwest ISO states a copy of this filing was sent to the Dakota I Power

Partners and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

Comment Date: February 13, 2003.

16. Calpine Philadelphia, Inc.

[Docket No. ER03-446-000]

Take notice that on January 23, 2003, Calpine Philadelphia, Inc., (CPI), filed a Notice of Succession to adopt O'Brien (Philadelphia) Cogeneration, Inc.'s market-based rate authorizations.

Comment Date: February 13, 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 field 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. CP03-31-000]

Paiute Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Carson Lateral Replacement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 27, 2003.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Paiute Pipeline Company's (Paiute) proposed Carson Lateral Replacement Project in Lyon, Douglas, Carson City, and Washoe Counties, Nevada.¹ Paiute seeks to construct about 14 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline; abandon about 8 miles of existing 10-inch-diameter pipeline; and modify 4 existing regulation stations. The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a Paiute representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, Paiute could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Paiute provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

This Notice of Intent (NOI) is being sent to landowners along Paiute's proposed pipeline route; Federal, state, and local government agencies; national and local elected officials; regional environmental and public interest

¹ Paiute's application was filed on December 19, 2002, under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.