

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) by Western Resources, Inc. The purpose of the filing is to recognize the change in name of Western Resources, Inc., to Westar Energy, Inc., adopted effective June 19, 2002. Westar Energy states in its Notice that no change in ownership or operation of jurisdictional facilities occurred as a result of the name change.

Westar Energy notes in its filing that its Notice of Succession was inadvertently filed out-of-time. Westar Energy requests waiver of the 30-day filing requirement and for a limited waiver of Order No. 614. Westar Energy submits that since this filing involves only name change with no change in ownership or operation of jurisdictional facilities, that no party has been harmed or prejudice by the short delay in filing.

Comment Date: August 21, 2002.

Standard Paragraph

E. 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 "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 10855-002, Michigan; Project No. 2589-024, Michigan]

Upper Peninsula Power Company; Marquette Board of Light and Power; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

August 5, 2002.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (18 CFR part 380 [FERC Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897]), the Office of Energy Projects Staff (Staff) has reviewed the application for an initial license for the Dead River Project and a new license for the Marquette Project, both located on the Dead River in Marquette County, Michigan, and has prepared a final environmental assessment (FEA) for the projects. In this FEA, the Staff has analyzed the potential environmental effects of the existing projects and has concluded that licensing the projects, with staff's recommended measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. This FEA may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link; select "Docket#" and follow the instructions. Please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-387-000]

Petal Gas Storage, L.L.C.; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Natural Gas Storage Cavern Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

August 6, 2002.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an

environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Petal Gas Storage, L.L.C.'s (Petal) proposed natural gas storage cavern expansion project in Forrest County, Mississippi.¹ This 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 Petal 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, Petal 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?" should have been attached to the project notice Petal 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 website (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

This Notice of Intent (NOI) is being sent to landowners along Petal's proposed pipeline route; Federal, state, and local government agencies; national elected officials; regional environmental and public interest groups; Indian tribes that might attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the area of potential effects; local libraries and newspapers; and the Commission's list of parties to the proceeding.

Government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern. Additionally, with this NOI we² are asking Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated Petal's proposal relative to their agencies' responsibilities. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should

¹ Petal's application was filed under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations on June 18, 2002.

² "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.