

to transport an additional 236,383 dekatherms per day of natural gas to accommodate firm transportation service.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Hydro Group;
- Reference Docket No. CP00-165-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before March 16, 2001.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentator a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-0004 or on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Declaration of Intention and Soliciting Comments Motions To Intervene, and Protests

February 26, 2001.

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Petition for Declaration of Intention.

b. *Docket No:* DI01-6-000.

c. *Date Filed:* February 8, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Northern Illinois Hydropower.

e. *Name of Project:* Brandon Road Hydropower Plant.

f. *Location:* The Brandon Road Hydropower Plant is located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Brandon Road Lock and Dam on the Illinois Waterway, in Will County, near Joliet, Illinois. The project does not occupy additional federal or Tribal land.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 817(b).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Dennis Cohil, 801 Oakland Avenue, Joliet, IL 60435, telephone (815) 723-6314, Fax number: (815) 725-5687 E-Mail damonzdunich@aol

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Henry Ecton at (202) 219-2678, or E-mail address: henry.ecton@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and/or motions:* March 26, 2001.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. Comments and protests 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 at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>

Please include the docket number (DI01-6-000) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed project will consist of: (1) A 61-foot-long by 90-foot-wide powerhouse; (2) three 3,000 mm tubulat turbines, with a rated capacity of 9.9 MW; and (3) appurtenant facilities. The power produced will be sold into an interstate grid.

When a Declaration of Intention is filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Power Act requires the Commission to investigate and determine if the interests of interstate or foreign commerce would be affected by the project. The Commission also determines whether or not the project: (1) Would be located on a navigable waterway; (2) would occupy or affect public lands or reservations of the United States; (3) would utilize surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) if applicable, has involved or would involve any construction subsequent to 1935 that may have increased or would increase the project's head or generating capacity, or have otherwise significantly modified the project's pre-1935 design or operation.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room located at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h. above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Protests or Motions to Intervene—* Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—* Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "Comments", "Recommendations for Terms and

Conditions”, “Protest”, or “Motion to Intervene”, as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant Specified in the particular application.

p. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency’s comments must also be sent to the Applicant’s representatives.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP00–477–000, RP01–18–000 and RP01–81–000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Settlement and Technical Conferences

February 26, 2001.

Take notice that a settlement conference to discuss the various issues raised by Tennessee’s Order No. 637 filing in Docket No. RP00–477–000, *et al.* will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2001, at 9:00 am, in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

All interested parties are permitted to attend the settlement conference.

Upon conclusion of the settlement conference, take notice that a technical conference to discuss the various issues raised by Tennessee’s Order No. 637 filing in Docket No. RP00–477–000, *et al.* will be held in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

All interested persons and Staff are permitted to attend the technical conference.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER–FRL–6615–9]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564–7167 www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa
Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements.

Filed February 19, 2001, through

February 23, 2001.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 010054, DRAFT EIS, BLM, NV, Phoenix Project, Expansion of Current Mining Operations and Processing Activities, Battle Mountain, Plan of Operations, Lander County, NV, Due: May 04, 2001, Contact: Pam Jarnecke (775) 635–4144.

EIS No. 010055, DRAFT EIS, FAA, KY, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, Construction and Operation of a New 8,000-foot Runway 17/35 (Future 18R/36L); 2,000-foot Extension of Runway 9/27, Funding and Airport Layout Plan, (ALP) Boone County, KY, Due: May 01, 2001, Contact: Peggy S. Kelly (901) 544–3495.

EIS No. 010056, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, COE, KY, Lower Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers Navigation Improvements, Kentucky Lock Addition, Implementation, Nashville District, Marshall and Livingston Counties, KY, Due: April 16, 2001, Contact: Tim Higgs (615) 736–7863.

EIS No. 010057, FINAL EIS, TVA, TN, Future Water Supply Needs in the Upper Duck River Basin, NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Bedford, Marshall, Maury and Williamson Counties, TN, Due: April 02, 2001, Contact: Linda B. Oxendine (865) 632–3440.

EIS No. 010058, FINAL EIS, BLM, NV, Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (RRCNCA), General Management Plan (GMP), Amendment to the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan, Las Vegas, NV, Due: April 02, 2001, Contact: Gene Arnesen (702) 647–5068.

EIS No. 010059, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, FTA, CA, Los Angeles Eastside Corridor Transit Improvements, Updated Information on the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Build Alternative and Three Transition Options, Extending from Union Station to Beverly and Atlantic Boulevards in East Los Angeles, via Alameda St., 1st. Street, Indiana St., 3rd Street, and Beverly Boulevard, Due: April 17, 2001, Contact: Erv Poka (213) 202–3952.

Dated: February 27, 2001.

Joseph C. Montgomery,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER–FRL–6616–0]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564–7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 14, 2000 (65 FR 20157).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D–AFS–F61020–WI Rating EC2, Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Fuel Treatment, Implementation, Superior National Forest, Cook County, WI.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns over the use of fire retardants for control of prescribed burns and wildfire, air quality, and the threat to noxious weed invasion in the wake of burns and fire control activities. *ERP No. D–AFS–F65028–MI Rating LO*, Plantation Lakes Vegetation Management Project, Implementation, Ottawa National Forest, Kenton and Ontonagon Ranger Districts, Houghton County, MI.

Summary: EPA has not identified any potential environmental impacts requiring substantive changes to the proposed action.

ERP No. D–FAA–E51048–CA Rating EC2, Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport, Construction and Operation of the 9,000-Foot Fifth Runway and Associated Projects, Approval of Airport Layout Plan (ALP), City of Atlanta, Fulton and Clayton Counties, GA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the proposed fifth runway regarding noise, air quality and environmental justice and their mitigation. EPA also encouraged the continuance of the ongoing noise mitigation program.

ERP No. D–USN–E65055–FL Rating EC2, Renewal of Authorization to Use Pinecastle Range, Continue Use of the Range for a 20-Year Period, Special Use