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docket number (*i.e.*, 036) where specified. User assistance is available for FERRIS and FERC's website, during normal business hours, from our Help line at (202) 502-8258 or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371. A copy of the application is also available for inspection and reproduction from the applicant at the address in item h. above.

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

o. Procedural schedule and final amendments: The application will be processed according to the following milestones, some of which may be combined to expedite processing:

Milestone activity	Date
Notice Application Ready For EA (REA) and Soliciting Comments And Recommendations .....	December 2002.
Notice Of The Availability Of The Draft NEPA document .....	April 2003.
Notice Of The Availability Of The Final NEPA document .....	July 2003.
Order issuing the Commission's Decision on the application .....	September 2003.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 45 days from the issuance date of the notice that the application is REA and soliciting comments and recommendations.

The Commission directs, pursuant to Section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (*see* Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in

accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Environmental Report Preparation and Post-Certificate Environmental Compliance Training Seminars

December 13, 2002.

The Office of Energy Projects (OEP) staff will conduct five sessions of its Environmental Report Preparation Seminar, as well as five sessions of the Post-Certificate Environmental Compliance Seminar, throughout 2003. The training seminars will be delivered by FERC staff and consultants with significant industry experience.

Details on the content of both seminars and the scheduled training locations are provided below. For more information for the courses visit the FERC Web site at [http://www.ferc.gov/gas/industry\\_seminars\\_home.htm](http://www.ferc.gov/gas/industry_seminars_home.htm) and to register for the courses, visit the Web site for these training sessions at <http://www.ferc-envtraining.com> or call (650) 712-6610. Registration for each course will be limited; so, although there is no charge for the course, all participants must register in advance.

#### Environmental Report Preparation (1-Day Seminar)

This one-day seminar will discuss the environmental documentation required for certificate applications prepared under Subpart A of 18 CFR 157 and Sections 7(a), 7(b), and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Subpart F

blanket projects and Section 2.55 replacements are covered in the manual but will not be discussed during the seminar. The seminar will assist each trainee in preparing the environmental report required for filing applications with FERC for project construction or abandonment. The presentation will address the information necessary to meet the FERC's minimum filing requirements and will cover the following topics:

1. General Project Description
2. Water Use and Quality
3. Fish, Wildlife, and Vegetation
4. Cultural Resources
5. Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice
6. Geological Resources
7. Soils
8. Land Use, Recreation, and Aesthetics
9. Air and Noise Quality
10. Alternatives

The seminar will also include a general background discussion of the FERC's environmental process as well as efforts to enhance landowner and other stakeholder involvement during the pre-filing process which potentially includes beginning the National Environmental Policy Act process during the development stage of a project. Participants will receive a certificate of attendance at the end of the session and an updated copy of the Guidance Manual for Environmental Report Preparation.

The Environmental Report Preparation Seminars will be held as shown on the attached table. More detailed information on these courses will be posted on the Web site referenced above.

#### Post-Certificate Environmental Compliance (2-Day Seminar)

This two-day seminar will cover the FERC's post-certificate regulatory process and construction and restoration requirements. The seminar

will provide each trainee with knowledge of the basic environmental requirements of most FERC certificates and the Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation, and Maintenance Plan (Plan) and the Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures (Procedures) and will address the following compliance topics:

- Preconstruction planning
- Post-certificate filings, including cultural resources requirements, implementation plan, threatened and endangered species
- Waterbody crossings
- Wetland construction
- Erosion control
- Residential construction
- Agricultural mitigation
- Variance procedures
- Right-of-way restoration and post-construction activities

In the morning before each day of the seminar begins, we will also offer an "early-bird" session on Pipeline Construction (Day 1) and Recent Changes to the FERC Plan and Procedures (Day 2) for those participants who feel they would benefit. Participants must register for these early-bird sessions when registering for the seminar. The Pipeline Construction session will be for those who are inexperienced in basic pipeline construction practices. The Recent Changes to the FERC Plan and Procedures session will be of special interest to those individuals who are familiar with the old versions of these documents which were dated December, 1994.

Registered participants will receive a certificate of attendance at the end of the session and an updated copy of the Natural Gas Pipeline Environmental Compliance Workbook.

The Post-Certificate Environmental Compliance Seminars will be held as shown on the attached table. More detailed information on these courses

will be posted on the Web site referenced above.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

#### **Schedule of Training Seminars (FY 2003)**

*Dates, Location, and Seminar (Day 1)  
(Days 2 & 3)*

January 28, 29–30, Houston, ER  
Preparation Compliance  
February 25, 26–27, Las Vegas, ER  
Preparation Compliance  
March 18, 19–20, Atlanta, ER  
Preparation Compliance  
April 22, 23–24, Pittsburgh, ER  
Preparation Compliance  
May 20, 21–22, Houston, ER Preparation  
Compliance

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

#### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Docket No. RM98–1–000]**

#### **Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice**

December 13, 2002.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file

associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications recently received in the Office of the Secretary. These filings are 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 last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For Assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

#### **EXEMPT**

Docket No.	Date filed	Presenter or requester
1. CP98–150–000 .....	12–9–02	MaryAlyce Daley.
2. RP00–241–000 .....	12–9–02	Dr. Jan Meshkoff.
3. RP00–241–00 .....	12–9–02	Lauri Rose.
4. Project No. 1827–000 .....	12–10–02	Nancy Kochan.
5. RP00–241–000 .....	12–10–02	William T. Bostcock, et al. *.
6. CP02–396–000 .....	12–12–02	Edgar F. Scales.
7. CP02–204–000 .....	12–13–02	Bryan Kelly.

\* One of a group of 88 "Citizen Letters" (form letters) filed in this docket.