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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Federal Consistency Appeal by Millennium Pipeline Company From an Objection by the New York Department of State

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),  
Department of Commerce (Commerce).

**ACTION:** Supplemental notice of public  
hearing.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides  
additional scheduling information  
concerning a public hearing to be held  
by the National Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Administration in  
Tarrytown, New York. The hearing  
involves an administrative appeal filed  
with the Department of Commerce by  
the Millennium Pipeline Company  
(Consistency Appeal of Millennium  
Pipeline Company, L.P.).

**DATES:** The hearing is scheduled to  
begin at 10 a.m. on November 13, 2002.  
Speaker registration begins at 9 a.m. on  
the day of the hearing. Public comments  
on the appeal must be received by  
December 2, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The public hearing and  
speaker registration will be held at the  
Hilton Tarrytown Hotel, 455 South  
Broadway, Tarrytown, New York.  
Written comments may be submitted at  
the hearing. All e-mail comments on  
issues relevant to the Secretary's  
decision of this appeal may be  
submitted to

[Millennium.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:Millennium.comments@noaa.gov). Apart  
from the hearing, comments may also be  
sent by mail to the Office of the  
Assistant General Counsel for Ocean  
Services, National Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Administration, U.S.  
Department of Commerce, 1305 East-  
West Highway, Silver Spring, MD  
20910. Materials from the appeal record  
will be available at the Internet site  
<http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm> and  
at the Office of the Assistant General  
Counsel for Ocean Services.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karl  
Gleaves, Assistant General Counsel for  
Ocean Services, via email at  
[gcos.inquiries@noaa.gov](mailto:gcos.inquiries@noaa.gov), or at 301-713-  
2967, extension 186.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The  
Millennium Pipeline Company filed an  
administrative appeal with the  
Department of Commerce, pursuant to  
the Coastal Zone Management Act of  
1972, as amended, asking that the  
Secretary of Commerce override the  
State of New York's objection to  
Millennium's proposed natural gas  
pipeline. The pipeline would extend  
from the Canadian border in Lake Erie  
and cross the Hudson River, affecting  
the natural resources or land and water  
uses of New York's coastal zone.

On September 9, 2002, NOAA  
published a notice in the **Federal  
Register** announcing that it would hold  
a public hearing concerning the appeal.  
See 67 FR 57220. The notice provided  
information about the date and location  
of the hearing and indicated additional  
details would be forthcoming. This  
notice provides additional scheduling  
information for the hearing.

The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. at  
the Hilton Tarrytown Hotel, and  
continue throughout the day with  
afternoon and evening sessions.  
Intermissions are expected near noon  
and in the late afternoon (approximately  
4:30 p.m.). In addition, a temporary  
recess may be scheduled for periods  
when all registered speakers have had  
an opportunity to testify. Speakers must  
register on the day of the hearing, on  
site, at the hotel. Registration of  
speakers will begin at 9 a.m. Each  
organization that registers should expect  
to receive a total of five minutes for its  
representatives to present oral  
comments. Individuals from the general  
public who register will receive  
approximately three minutes to speak.  
Speakers will be recognized in the order  
in which they register (a first-come-first-  
serve basis), alternating between  
individuals from the general public and  
those representing organizations. A  
specific period is also expected to be  
designated during the morning and  
afternoon sessions for remarks by  
elected officials.

Written comments may be submitted  
to NOAA at the hearing by any person  
in attendance. For submissions at the  
hearing, we request, but do not require,  
that you provide three copies for  
inclusion into the administrative record.  
Apart from the hearing, written  
comments may be submitted by e-mail  
to [millennium.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:millennium.comments@noaa.gov) or  
forwarded via mail to the Office of the  
Assistant General Counsel for Ocean  
Services. Comments must be received  
by December 2, 2002. Comments will be  
made available to the parties; they are  
also expected to be posted on the  
Department of Commerce website at  
<http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm>.

This hearing is being held to obtain  
information on issues the Secretary will  
likely consider in deciding  
Millennium's appeal. A summary of  
relevant issues as well as additional  
background on the appeal appears in the  
September 9, 2002, **Federal Register**  
announcement referenced above, a copy  
of which can be found on the Internet  
at <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm>.

Questions concerning the hearing may  
be sent via email to  
[gcos.inquiries@noaa.gov](mailto:gcos.inquiries@noaa.gov) or made by  
telephone to 301 713-2967, extension  
186.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Draft Guidance for the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation

**AGENCY:** Office of Ocean and Coastal  
Resource Management, National Ocean  
Service, National Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of draft  
guidance for the Coastal and Estuarine  
Land Conservation Program.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the  
availability of Draft Guidance for the  
Coastal and Estuarine Land  
Conservation Program (CELCP), created  
by the FY 2002 appropriations for the  
Departments of Commerce, Justice, and  
State. The Appropriations Act directed  
the Secretary of Commerce to establish  
a Coastal and Estuarine Land  
Conservation Program "for the purpose  
of protecting important coastal and  
estuarine areas that have significant  
conservation, recreation, ecological,  
historical, or aesthetic values, or that are  
threatened by conversion from their  
natural or recreational state to other  
uses," giving priority to lands which  
can be effectively managed and  
protected and which have significant  
ecological value. The law further  
directed the Secretary to issue  
guidelines for this program delineating  
the criteria for grant awards and to  
distribute funds in consultation with the  
States' Coastal Zone Managers' or  
Governors' designated representatives  
based on demonstrated need and ability  
to successfully leverage funds. Draft