

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 400-051-CO]

**Public Service Company of Colorado;
Notice of Availability of Draft
Environmental Assessment**

May 1, 2009.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new major license for the Ames Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 400), located on Lake Fork, Howards Fork, and South Fork of the San Miguel River, in San Miguel County, about 6 miles north of Telluride, Colorado. The Ames Project occupies 99 acres of the Uncompahgre National Forest administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

Staff prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) that analyzes the probable environmental effects of relicensing the project and concludes that relicensing the project, with appropriate staff-recommended environmental measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access documents. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Comments on the EA should be filed within 45 days from the issuance date of this notice, and should be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Ames Hydroelectric Project No. 400-051" to all comments. Comments may be filed electronically via Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages

electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "eFiling" link. For further information, contact David Turner at (202) 502-6091.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP09-83-000]

Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Dominion Hub II Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

May 1, 2009.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Dominion Hub II Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI) in Tompkins County, New York. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decisionmaking process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process we will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on June 1, 2009.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties in this proceeding; and local libraries and newspapers. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). 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 (www.ferc.gov).

Summary of the Proposed Project

DTI proposes to retire an existing 5,800-horsepower (hp) Dresser-Clark 990 turbine and replace it with a new 10,310-hp Solar Taurus 70 compressor unit at the Borger Compressor Station in Tompkins County, New York. The new unit would be installed in a new compressor building, to be constructed adjacent to the existing compressor building. The retired unit would be taken out of service and used for spare parts. In addition, DTI proposes to replace exhaust silencers on two existing turbines at the Borger Compressor Station to meet facility-wide noise requirements. The location of the Borger Compressor Station is shown in appendix 1.¹

The proposed facilities would provide a Maximum Daily Transportation Quantity of up to 20,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of new incremental firm transportation service for one customer. The service would have a primary receipt point at Leidy, Pennsylvania, and a primary delivery point at West Schenectady, New York.

Land Requirements for Construction

All land disturbed by construction of the proposed compressor unit would be contained entirely within the fenced 58.64-acre Borger Compressor Station. Construction of the unit would temporarily impact about 14.94 acres of land within the station's boundaries, and would include any necessary workspaces, a driveway, and parking areas. Approximately 3.3 acres would be used for operation of the proposed facilities, including a new compressor building and auxiliary facilities.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This

¹ The appendix referenced in this notice is not being published in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendix were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.