

Tribal nations, state and local governments, and private citizens.

The Draft Study does not:

- Serve as a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document or its functional equivalent;
- Identify or address site-specific issues, except as examples in the context of presenting national issues; or
- Address issues specific to nuclear stockpile stewardship, other activities related to national security, or the Central Internet Database required by the settlement agreement.

Study Development Process

The terms of the settlement agreement stipulate that DOE follow the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) procedures for public scoping, 40 CFR 1501.7(a)(1)–(2) for this study, even though it is not a NEPA document or its functional equivalent. Therefore, DOE conducted a scoping process during October 1999–February 2000 to gather comments on the scope of the Draft Study. The scoping period was initially intended to run from October 1999 to January 2000, but was extended by request to February 2000. The scoping process provided DOE with input about the topics and issues that should be included in the Draft Study, within the general parameters established by the settlement agreement. DOE developed the overall scope and issues that are addressed in the Draft Study based on comments received through the scoping process, ongoing work on long-term stewardship being conducted by DOE and non-DOE organizations, and requirements of the settlement agreement. DOE is soliciting comments on the Draft Study during a public comment period that begins on the date of publication of this notice and ends on December 15, 2000. Similarly, a public hearing will be held to receive oral and written comments from the public on the Draft Study. Comments received during the public comment period will be used by DOE to complete the final study. DOE's responses to comments received during the public comment period will be presented in a public comment summary document to be issued as part of the final study.

Availability of the Draft Study and Related Information

DOE released a background document, From Cleanup to Stewardship, a Companion Report to "Paths to Closure" and Background Information to Support the Scoping Process Required for the 1998 PEIS Settlement Study in October 1999. In producing the background document and the Draft Study, DOE used the same

data set used to develop the 1998 Accelerating Cleanup: Paths to Closure report. DOE used this information to identify sites where contaminated facilities, water, soil, and/or engineered units would likely remain after cleanup is complete to estimate the scope of long-term stewardship activities. Both the Draft Study on long-term stewardship and the background document are the best available information sources to date on the issue of DOE's long-term stewardship responsibilities. Copies of the Draft Study and the background document or other related information can be obtained by contacting:

- The Internet Web Site at www.em.doe.gov/lts, which contains information on long-term stewardship related issues produced by DOE and outside sources.
- The Center for Environmental Management Information, 955 L'Enfant Plaza, North, SW, Suite 8200, Washington, D.C. 20024, 1-800-736-3282 ("1-800-7EM-DATA").
- DOE Reading Rooms (for locations of the DOE Reading Rooms or other public information repositories containing background information, please contact the Center for Environmental Management Information at the above address and telephone).

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Office of Environmental Management.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-17-00]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 25, 2000.

Take notice that on October 18, 2000 Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed in Docket No. CP01-17-000, a request pursuant to § 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 175.211). Algonquin requests authorization to install, own, operate and maintain a new point of delivery and short spur lateral along its existing 6-inch and 12-inch laterals in New

London County, Connecticut, to make natural gas deliveries to Phelps Dodge Copper Products Company (Phelps Dodge), an industrial end user near Norwich, Connecticut.

Algonquin requests this authorization pursuant to its blanket facilities certificate of public convenience and necessity, as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This application may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). The name, address, and telephone number of the applicant's representative, to whom correspondence and communications concerning this application should be addressed is: Steven E. Tillman, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company, P.O. Box 1642 Houston, Texas 77251-1642, (713) 627-5113 (Phone) or (713) 627-5947 (Fax).

Algonquin proposes to construct and install dual 6-inch tap valves, 6-inch check valves and 6-inch insulating flanges near Mile Post 17.0 of its existing E-1L 12-inch Lateral and the E-1 6-inch Lateral in New London County, including all piping between such tap valves, check valves and insulating flanges or above ground riser piping. The short spur lateral from the above delivery tap to the Phelps Dodge plant would be located between the Yantic River and Otrobando Avenue and will consist of about 1,565 feet of buried 6-inch pipe and an electric gas measurement meter station at the plant. Algonquin says that Phelps Dodge will reimburse Algonquin for 100% of the projects cost, about \$1,450,000.

Algonquin says that the related transportation service for Phelps Dodge of up to 3,800 Dth per day will be rendered pursuant to Algonquin's open access rate schedules. Further, Algonquin says that the transportation service for Phelps Dodge will be performed using existing capacity on Algonquin submits that its proposal will be accomplished without detriment or disadvantage to its other customers.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the this notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and, pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a

protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed filing a protest, this request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act. Beginning November 1, 2000, 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; <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-372-001]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

October 25, 2000.

Take notice that on October 19, 2000, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing in compliance with the Commission's order dated September 29, 2000 at Docket No. RP00-372-000, a revised allocation of interest costs.

On June 30, 2000 ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) filed an Interest Recovery Plan to direct bill certain shippers for interest charges paid by ANR to Great Lakes Gas Transmission L.P. (Great Lakes). The order required ANR to allocate, but not direct bill, costs to all discount shippers, unless such discount shippers are subject to additional charges.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before November 1, 2000. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Beginning November 1, 2000, 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>.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-59-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

October 25, 2000.

Take notice that on October 20, 2000, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1-A, Third Revised Sheet No. 293, with an effective date of November 20, 2000.

El Paso states that it is also filing a revised Statement on Standards of Conduct. El Paso states that this filing updates El Paso's Standards of Conduct and related tariff sheet.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Beginning November 1, 2000, 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>.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER00-3068-000 and ER00-3068-001]

FPL Energy Cape, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

October 25, 2000.

FPL Energy Cape, LLC (FPL Energy Cape) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which FPL Energy Cape will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates. FPL Energy Cape also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, FPL Energy Cape requested that the Commission grant blankets approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by FPL Energy Cape.

On October 18, 2000, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Corporate Applications, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by FPL Energy Cape should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, FPL Energy Cape is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of FPL Energy Cape's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests as set forth above, is November 17, 2000.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E.,