

The purpose of the Guardian Pipeline Project is to transport up to 750,000 decatherms per day of natural gas from the Chicago Hub to markets in northern Illinois and Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC) also proposes to construct about 35 miles of 30-, 24-, and 16-inch diameter pipeline (WGC Lateral Line Project) extending eastward from the northern terminus of the Guardian Pipeline in Wisconsin. WGC's Lateral Line Project is under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW). Although these facilities are not under the jurisdiction of the FERC, they are analyzed in this final EIS. The PSCW is participating in the EIS process as a cooperating agency, as is the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

This final EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the final EIS have been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, individuals who have requested the final EIS, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding. In addition, a limited number of copies are available from the Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch identified above.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1008 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.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

January 5, 2001.

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

- a. *Application Type:* Transfer of License.
- b. *Project No.:* 11351-008.
- c. *Date Filed:* September 26, 2000, as supplemented December 7, 2000.
- d. *Applicants:* Debra Whitehead and William S. Woods.
- e. *Name of Project:* Old Columbia Dam.

f. *Location:* On the Duck River in Columbia County, Tennessee. The project does not utilize federal or tribal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* William S. Woods, 505 Riverside Drive, Columbia, TN 38401, (931) 388-3292.

i. *FERC Contact:* Regina Saizan, (202) 219-2673.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* January 31, 2001.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., 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 Project Number (11351-008) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Transfer:* The applicants seek Commission approval to transfer the license for the project, which was the subject of bankruptcy proceedings, to Mr. Woods. Mr. Woods purchased the project's generating equipment at an auction sale.

l. *Location 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, NE., 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.

Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, 214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments 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 comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

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.

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 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

Part A (Office of the Secretary), Chapter AE (Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (OASPE), of the Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegation of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (most recently amended at 63 FR 48 on March 12, 1998) is amended as follows:

I. Chapter AE, paragraph C. "The Office of Health Policy," delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

C. The Office of Health Policy—The Office of Health Policy is responsible for policy development and coordination—including policy and long-range planning; policy, economic, program, and budget analyses; review of regulations and formulation of budget and legislation—and for the conduct and coordination of research, evaluation, and information dissemination on issues relating to health policy. In these matters, the office works closely with the Public Health Service components and the Health Care Financing Administration.

1. The Division of Health Financing Policy is responsible for functions related to the Department's health financing programs, primarily Medicare, SCHIP, and Medicaid and policies affecting health care financing and health care costs. Formulate and analyze alternative legislative and regulatory proposals; conduct short-term policy analyses and evaluations on the efficacy of existing and potential policies and programs in terms of cost, effectiveness and other variables; and synthesize technical analyses performed outside of the Government in a manner that is relevant to policy formulation.

2. The Division of Public Health Systems is responsible for functions related to public health programs and policies. Relevant topic areas include disease control; health promotion and disease prevention; health care resources development; health care and services delivery; alcohol, drug abuse and mental health services; as well as biomedical research and food and drug safety, to the extent these issues pertain to the application of public health practices. Conduct and prepare studies on the design and effectiveness of health promotion, disease prevention, and disease control activities undertaken by both the public and private sectors. Conduct policy research and evaluation studies characterizing the relationship between the medical services delivery system and population-based public health services, as well as examining the interaction of public health entities at all levels of government, to explore the structure, function, capacity, and practices of the public health system.

3. The Division of Health Delivery Systems is responsible for functions related to health services, health organizations and health delivery systems. Topics include consumer issues such as quality and consumer protections; private insurance; health care organization and financial issues. Analyze trends in the private health

care sector; prepare and conduct studies on the interactions of the private and public health care sectors in terms of cost effectiveness, service levels and effects on consumers; analyze alternative legislative and regulatory proposals; prepare short-term policy analyses and evaluations of existing and potential policies and programs, particularly those that cut across the Department's program areas. The Division also coordinates work and plays a liaison role across the Department and with other Departments (including Treasury, Justice and Labor).

4. The Division of Health Policy Research and Planning is responsible for all functions related to the development of a comprehensive research, information, and analytical program to gain basic information in the areas of health services and financing focusing on health policy issues. Plan and implement health services and financing research to respond to OS analytic needs, including information sharing and coordination across Federal agencies and OPDIV's, and collaborations or partnerships with the health services research community. As part of this function the Division coordinates closely with other ASPE and OPDIV offices on health data and health information policy issues. The Division also works closely with the ASPE Division of Data Policy and OPDIV offices on the identification and coordination of cross-cutting health data information policy issues, and brings such issues to the HHS Data Council for consideration and resolution. The Division also directs, manages, and conducts a cross-cutting analyses, research, evaluation, and legislative and budget activities for health services and financing policy initiatives focusing on health policy issues.

II. Chapter AE, paragraph F. "The Office of Science Policy," delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

F. The Office of Science Policy—The Office of Science Policy (OSP) is responsible for guiding and coordinating the development of science policy throughout the Department. As directed by the Secretary of the ASPE, OSP establishes and leads broadly representative, multi-office working groups to develop policy initiatives related to complex science and technology issues that cut across the missions of several entities within the Department. OSP generally leads these working groups in presentations to the Secretary, other senior DHHS staff, to members and/or staff of the Congress, and to others outside DHHS.

OSP is the OASPE lead on issues or initiatives that are heavily science-

based, including public health issues that involve complex and/or rapidly evolving science and technology. OSP is responsible for guiding and coordinating the incorporation of science-policy considerations within regulatory proposals, legislative proposals, Congressional testimony, press releases, and other public documents describing major Departmental initiatives. OSP provides critique and advice regarding the science-policy content of such documents, which typically originate from DHHS Operating Divisions or other units within the Office of the Secretary. In selected instances, OSP initiates and directs the development of such documents.

OSP is responsible for creating and maintaining effective communication with scientific and technical communities outside the Department regarding science-policy issues. This includes liaison with the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President. It also includes active participation in inter-agency science and technology activities (such as those sponsored by the National Science and Technology Council) and government/private-sector collaborations related to science policy (such as those sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences). These duties also include service as the Secretary's representative in meetings with leaders of research universities, scientific societies, professional associations, and industrial organizations involved in biomedical, behavioral, or social-science research or in the delivery of health and human services. In all of these areas, OSP staff coordinate their activities as appropriate with those of other components within OASPE; with other components and officials of the Office of the Secretary (including the Assistant Secretary for health in his/her role as the Secretary's senior advisor on public health and science); and with the Operating Divisions of the Department.

Dated: January 4, 2001.

John J. Callahan,

Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget.

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