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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1494-232—Oklahoma]

Grand River Dam Authority; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

October 8, 2002.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations (18 CFR part 380), Commission staff have reviewed an application for non-project use of project lands and waters at the Pensacola Project (FERC No. 1494), and have prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application. The project is located on the Grand (Neosho) River in Craig, Delaware, Mayes, and Ottawa Counties, Oklahoma.

Specifically, the project licensee (Grand River Dam Authority) has requested Commission approval to permit Joe Harwood d/b/a Arrowhead Investment & Development Company to expand and modernize an existing marina located on the Duck Creek arm of Grand Lake, the project reservoir. In the draft EA, Commission staff have analyzed the probable environmental effects of the proposed marina improvements and have concluded that approval of the proposal, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the draft EA are available for review in Public Reference Room 2-A of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC. The draft EA also may be viewed on the Commission's Internet Web site (www.ferc.gov) using the "FERRIS" link. Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 502-8004 or on the Commission's Web site using the FERRIS link. Click on the FERRIS link, enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance with FERRIS, the FERRIS helpline can

be reached at (202) 502-8222, TTY (202) 502-8659. The FERRIS link on the FERC's Internet website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

This notice, which was previously issued on September 19, 2002, is being reissued with a new 30-day comment period to allow for its publication in local area newspapers. Any comments on the draft EA should be filed within 30 days of the date of this notice and should be addressed to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please reference "Pensacola Project, FERC Project No. 1494-232" on all comments. Comments 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 under the "e-Filing" link.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-37-000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Amended Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Grasslands Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

October 8, 2002.

As previously noticed on February 5, 2002, and amended herein, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Grasslands Project, as amended, involving construction, operation, and abandonment of facilities by Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (WBI).¹ WBI proposes to construct new pipeline and appurtenant facilities in Wyoming, Montana, and North Dakota to transport 80,000 (rather than the originally proposed 120,000) thousand cubic feet per day (Mcf/d) of natural gas from the Powder River Basin to its storage facilities in Montana and to the

Northern Border Pipeline Company's system in North Dakota. This EIS will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

The FERC will be the lead Federal agency for the preparation of the EIS. The Miles City Field Office of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Medora Ranger District of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service (FS), and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MTDEQ) will be cooperating with us in the preparation of the EIS. Meetings with the MTDEQ, BLM, and FS were held January 14, 15, and 16, 2002, respectively, to discuss procedural and potential environmental issues for this project.² Other Federal, state, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues may also request cooperating agency status.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice WBI provided to landowners. 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).

This notice is being sent to landowners of property crossed by and adjacent to both WBI's originally proposed route and their currently proposed route, as filed in WBI's September 27, 2002 Amendment filing (the EIS will evaluate both routes); tenants and lessees on affected public land; Federal, state, and local agencies; elected officials; Indian tribes that might attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the

¹ WBI's application was filed with the Commission under sections 7(b) and (c) of the Natural Gas Act on November 30, 2001, and amended on September 27, 2002.

² Summaries of these meetings have been placed in the public file in this docket.