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David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER01-2156-001, et al.]

New England Power Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

November 14, 2001.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. New England Power Company

[Docket No. ER01-2156-001]

Take notice that on November 8, 2001, New England Power Company (NEP), as successor in interest to Montaup Electric Company (Montaup) submits for filing notices of cancellation of Montaup's FERC Electric Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1 (Montaup Tariff No. 1) and all service agreements and supplements thereunder. NEP is canceling Montaup Tariff No. 1 because service is no longer provided under the tariff. In addition, NEP submits for filing a revised tariff, redesignated as NEP tariff, to reflect the service that is currently being offered. The service agreements under Montaup Tariff No. 1 are being cancelled and redesignated to reflect that service is not provided under the revised NEP tariff.

NEP states that copies of the filing have been served upon all affected customers and state regulators in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Comment date: November 29, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Virginia Electric and Power Company

[Docket No. ER01-3032-001]

Take notice that on November 8, 2001, Virginia Electric and Power Company, doing business as Dominion Virginia Power, tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an executed Generator Interconnection and Operating Agreement (Interconnection Agreement) with Tenaska Virginia Partners, L.P. (Tenaska). The Interconnection Agreement sets for the terms and conditions governing the interconnection between Tenaska's yet to be built generating facility and Dominion Virginia Power's transmission system. The executed Interconnection Agreement replaces the unexecuted Interconnection Agreement that was filed in the above referenced docket on September 10, 2001.

Dominion Virginia Power respectfully requests that the Commission accept this filing to make the executed Interconnection Agreements effective as of January 8, 2001.

Copies of the filing were served upon Tenaska Virginia Partners, L.P. and the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

Comment date: November 29, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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 proceeding. 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. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions 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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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP01-4-000, CP01-5-000, and CP01-8-000]

Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C., Algonquin Gas Transmission Company and Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Phase III/Hubline Pipeline Project

November 15, 2001.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes), and Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) (collectively the Applicants) in the above-referenced docket.

The FEIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project with the appropriate mitigating measures as recommended would have limited adverse environmental impact. The FEIS also evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including major route alternatives and route variations.

The FEIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities:

- About 24.8 miles of new, primarily onshore, natural gas pipeline (23.8 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline and 1.0 mile of 24-inch-diameter pipeline) referred to as the Maritimes Phase III Pipeline;
- About 29.1 miles of new, primarily offshore, natural gas pipeline (24-inch-diameter pipeline) referred to as the HubLine Pipeline;
- About 5.4 miles of new, primarily offshore, natural gas pipeline (16-inch-diameter pipeline) referred to as the Deer Island Lateral; and
- Three new meter stations, four mainline valves, and related facilities.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to transport about 150,500 decatherms per day of natural gas to five

customers in Massachusetts and Connecticut. In addition, the project would provide leased capacity of 80,000 decatherms per day of natural gas for Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation.

Joint State and Federal Review

On September 14, 2001, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued a Certificate on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for these projects. The Secretary determined that the DEIR, prepared pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), "adequately and properly complies with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act and with its implementing regulations." (Citations omitted). It also indicated that:

As discussed below, I am satisfied that the proponent has presented enough information on alternatives and impacts to demonstrate that the preferred alternative is feasible and less environmentally damaging than other alternatives. The project can advance to the Final EIR stage. However, there are several important issues that must be addressed in the Final EIR, including analysis of local routing alternatives, analysis of construction alternatives, and more information of the impacts and mitigation associated with the preferred alternative.

To accomplish the goal of addressing the requirements of both the state and the Federal government in a single document, the Applicants intend to file the FEIS with the MEPA office along with supplemental materials (Supplement) that will respond to specific issues identified in the state Certificate that may not have been identified or specifically addressed in the FEIS. The Supplement will include an appendix containing comments received since the DEIR with indexed and narrative responses by the Applicants. The Supplement and the FEIS are collectively intended to comprise the Final EIR for purposes of review under MEPA.

FERC Process

The FEIS 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., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the FEIS have been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies; public interest groups; individuals who have requested the FEIS; newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

In accordance with Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)

regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, no agency decision on a proposed action may be made until 30 days after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes a notice of availability of an FEIS. However, the CEQ regulations provide an exception to this rule when an agency decision is subject to a formal internal appeal process that allows other agencies or the public to make their views known. In such cases, the agency decision may be made at the same time the notice of the FEIS is published, allowing both periods to run concurrently. The Commission decision for this proposed action is subject to a 30-day rehearing period.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC internet website (www.ferc.gov) 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 web site, 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 Post-Certificate Environmental Compliance and Environmental Report Preparation Training Seminars

November 15, 2001.

The Office of Energy Projects (OEP) staff will conduct the first of five sessions of its Post-Certificate Environmental Compliance Seminar on December 12 and 13, 2001 and the remaining four, as well as five sessions of the Environmental Report Preparation Seminar, throughout 2002. Last offered in 1998, these seminars have been updated to reflect recent regulatory changes and to open for discussion

state-of-the-industry advances in compliance management techniques. The format of both seminars has also been revised to include interactive training techniques and increased audience participation. The training seminars will be delivered by FERC staff and consultants with significant industry experience.

Details on the content of both seminars and the scheduled training locations are provided below. For more information for the courses visit the FERC website at http://www.ferc.gov/industry_seminars_home.htm and to register for the courses, visit the web site for these training sessions at www.ferc-envtraining.com or call (650) 712-6610. Registration for each course will be limited; so, although there is no charge for the course, all participants must register in advance.

Post-Certificate Environmental Compliance (2-Day Seminar)

This two-day seminar will cover the FERC's post-certificate regulatory process and construction and restoration requirements. The seminar will provide each trainee with knowledge of the basic environmental requirements of most FERC certificates and will address the following compliance topics:

- Preconstruction planning
- Post-certificate filings, including cultural resources requirements, implementation plan, threaten and endangered species
- Waterbody crossings
- Wetland construction
- Erosion control
- Residential construction
- Agricultural mitigation
- Variance procedures
- Right-of-way restoration and post-construction activities

Before each morning of the seminar, we will also offer an "early-bird" session on Pipeline Construction (Day 1) and Effective Communications (Day 2) for those participants who felt they would benefit. Participants must register for these early-bird sessions when registering for the seminar. The Pipeline Construction session will be for those who are inexperienced in basic pipeline construction practices. The Effective Communications session will discuss how the Environmental Inspector and project representatives may best keep themselves, agencies, and construction contractors informed of the status of the project and various regulatory requirements to avoid misunderstandings to the extent possible.

At the training seminar, we will present updates that are under