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[Project No. 2210-116]

Appalachian Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

January 10, 2006.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects' staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for Appalachian Power Company's application requesting Commission approval of a non-project use of project lands and waters for the Smith Mountain Pumped Storage Project, FERC No. 2210. This project is located on the Roanoke River, in Bedford, Pittsylvania, Franklin, and Campbell Counties, Virginia.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposal and concludes that approval of the proposal would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is attached to a Commission Order entitled "Order Modifying and Approving Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters" issued on January 5, 2006 (See 114 FERC ¶ 62,006) which is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, or it may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number (prefaced by P-) and excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

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Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Millennium Phase I Project, Columbia Line A-5 Replacement Project, Empire Connector Project, Algonquin Ramapo Expansion Project, and Iroquois MarketAccess Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 10, 2006.

In the matter of: Millennium Pipeline Company L.P., Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, Empire Pipeline, Inc., Algonquin Gas Transmission LLC, Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P., Docket Nos. CP98-150-006 and -007, CP05-19-000, CP06-5-000, PF06-5-000, PF06-6-000.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) that discusses the environmental impacts of Millennium Pipeline L.P.'s (Millennium) proposed Millennium Phase I Project (Phase I Project) which involves design and route changes to the pipeline facilities previously approved as part of the

Millennium Pipeline Project¹ and the related projects proposed by other pipeline companies. These related projects are: Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's (Columbia) Line A-5 Replacement Project, Empire Pipeline, Inc.'s (Empire) Empire Connector Project, Algonquin Gas Transmission's (Algonquin) Ramapo Expansion Project, and Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.'s MarketAccess Project. Together, these projects are referred to as the Northeast (NE)-07 Project.

The SEIS will incorporate by reference the analyses completed in the Final EIS for the Millennium Pipeline Project and the environmental assessment (EA) issued for the Brookfield Project. It will address the impacts of the facility modifications including route changes proposed by Millennium for the Phase I Project and Columbia for the Line A-5 Replacement Project and the new facilities proposed by Empire, Algonquin, and Iroquois.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping period that will be used to gather environmental information from the public and interested agencies on the NE-07 Project. Please note that the scoping period will close on February 10, 2006. Details on how to submit comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice.

This notice is being sent to potentially affected landowners along the NE-07 Project route and within a half mile of the new and modified compressor stations; Federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; and local libraries and newspapers.

With this notice, we² are asking Federal, state, and local agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the SEIS. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated the proposal relative to their responsibilities. Agencies which would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described later in this notice. We encourage government representatives to notify their constituents of this planned project and

¹ On September 19, 2002, the Commission issued an order approving construction of the Millennium Pipeline Project in Docket Nos. CP98-150 *et al.* On July 12, 2005, Millennium was granted approval of its request for an extension of time to file its implementation plan for the project and to complete construction since its amendment application was expected soon.

² "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects.