

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. 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. Please include the project number (P-12234-000) on any comments or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

j. *Description of Project:* The proposed run-of-river project would consist of: (1) An existing 3,600-foot-long, 47-foot-high concrete dam, (2) an impoundment, Lake Anacoco, with a surface area of 2,600 acres and a storage capacity of 24,000 acre-feet at normal maximum water surface elevation of 200 feet, (3) a proposed powerhouse with a total installed capacity of 1.2 megawatts, (4) a proposed 100-foot-long, 7-foot-diameter penstock, (5) a proposed 1-mile-long, 15 kv transmission line, and (6) appurtenant facilities. The project would operate in a run-of-river mode and would have an average annual generation of 10.5 GWh.

k. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item g above.

l. Preliminary Permit—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (*see* 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

m. Preliminary Permit—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

n. Notice of Intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

o. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

p. 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.

q. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular

application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

r. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-391-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed North Lansing Storage Field NSS Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

July 30, 2002.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the North Lansing Storage Field NSS Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (NGPL) in Harrison County, Texas.¹ These facilities would consist of one additional 6,000 horsepower compressor at an existing compressor station, drill 17 additional injection/withdrawal wells, and about 4,255 feet of connecting well pipelines and appurtenant facilities. The project

¹ NGPL's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

would create an additional 10.7 billion cubic feet of gas storage service capability beginning in 2003. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

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. Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (NGPL) 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 website (www.ferc.gov).

Summary of the Proposed Project

NGPL seeks authority to:

- Install one 6,000 horsepower electric-motor-driven compressor at existing Compressor Station 388 in Harrison County; Texas;
- Drill 17 additional injection/withdrawal wells in Harrison County, Texas; well installation would require development of 8 well drilling pads (1 to 3 wells would be drilled at each pad). Each new well would be offset from existing or new well by about 100 feet. Each well pad would disturb an area of about 600 feet by 600 feet;
- Construct a total of 4,255 feet of 10-inch-diameter laterals that would connect the new wells to pipelines; and
- Expand an electrical substation at Compressor Station 388.

The general location of the facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

² The appendices referenced in this notice are being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available on the Commission's website at the "RIMS" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. For instructions on connecting to RIMS refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 51.9 acres of land. Following construction, about 20.3 acres would be maintained as permanent right-of-way. The remaining 31.6 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us³ to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- Water resources, fisheries,
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Endangered and threatened
- Air quality and noise
- Land use
- Cultural resources and wetlands
- Hazardous waste
- Public safety species

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make

³ "We", "us", "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by National Fuel. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- The project has a potential to impact cultural resources.
- Four intermittent streams may be impacted.
- The project may have noise impacts on nearby residences.
- Threatened and endangered species may be impacted

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations/routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of (Gas Branch 2).
- Reference Docket No. CP02-391-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before August 28, 2002.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-

Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (*see* appendix 2).⁴ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Environmental Mailing List

This notice is being sent to individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. It is also being sent to all identified potential right-of-way grantors. By this notice we are also asking governmental agencies, especially those in appendix 3, to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EA.

Additional Information

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-FERC (direct line) or you can call the FERC operator at 1-800-847-8885 and ask for External Affairs. Information is also available on the FERC Web site (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) 208-2222.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1984-083]

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources v. Wisconsin River Power Company; Notice of Complaint

July 30, 2002.

Take notice that on July 8, 2002, the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) filed a complaint pursuant to Rule 206 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206 (2002), and Part I of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791, *et seq.*, against Wisconsin River Power Company (WRPC), licensee of the Petenwell and Castle Rock Project No. 1984, located on the Wisconsin River in Wood, Juneau, and Adams Counties, Wisconsin. WDNR alleges that WRPC has violated Articles 410 and 411 of its project license by marketing and selling licensee-owned lands. On July 18, 2002, the licensee filed an answer to WDNR's complaint. Copies of the complaint are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Commission's Public Reference Room. The complaint may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file comments, a motion to intervene, or a 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). The licensee's answer to the complaint and all comments, motions, or protests must be filed on or before August 19, 2002. Any entity wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. The answer to the complaint, comments, motions to intervene, and protests may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. *See* 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(ii), and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

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Deputy Secretary.

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. EC98-40-000, et al.]

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

July 26, 2002.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

1. American Electric Power Company

[Docket Nos. EC98-40-000, ER98-2777-000 and ER98-2786-000]

Take notice that on July 23, 2002, Charles River Associates Incorporated filed Market Monitoring of American Electric Power: Eighth Quarterly Report and a request for privileged treatment of the portions of certain documents.

Comment Date: August 13, 2002.

2. Nevada Power Company

[Docket Nos. ER01-2754-005, ER01-2755-004, ER01-2758-004, and ER01-2759-004 (Not Consolidated)]

Take notice that on July 23, 2002, Nevada Power Company (Nevada Power) filed, pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and the Commission's Order dated June 12, 2002, in the above-referenced proceedings, an executed version of Service Agreement No. 100, which is a transmission service agreement (TSA) with Pinnacle West Energy Corporation (Pinnacle West). An unexecuted version of the TSA was included in Nevada Power's compliance filing of July 12, 2002. Since that time, Pinnacle West has executed the TSA and Nevada Power is now filing it in executed form. No changes were made to the TSA filed on July 12 other than its execution by the parties.

⁴ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. *See* the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.