

Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

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. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

Comment Date: May 15, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL00-95-045 and EL00-98-042]

San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Complainant, v. Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services Into Markets Operated by the California Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange, Respondents: Investigation of Practices of the California Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange; Notice of Technical Conference

April 24, 2003.

As directed by the Commission Order issued on March 26, 2003, in Docket No. EL00-95-045 and EL00-98-042, 102 FERC ¶ 61,317 (2003), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Staff is convening a technical conference to address issues concerning the information that will be submitted with generators' fuel cost allowance claims. Staff will issue an agenda the week of May 12, 2003. The conference will be held at FERC headquarters, 888 First

Street, NE. Washington, DC, on May 22, 2003, beginning at 9 a.m.

For additional information concerning the conference, interested persons may contact Leonard Tao at Leonard.Tao@ferc.gov or Rahim Amerkhail at Rahim.Amerkhail@ferc.gov. No telephone communication bridge will be provided at this technical conference.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP03-79-000, CP03-33-000, CP03-34-000 and CP03-35-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Wyckoff Gas Storage Company, LLC; Supplemental Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation Line Z-67 Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

April 24, 2003.

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 National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) Line Z-67 Project in Steuben County, New York.¹ This project is related to Wyckoff Gas Storage Company, LLC's (Wyckoff) proposed Wyckoff Gas Storage Project in Docket Nos. CP03-33-000, CP03-34-000 and CP03-35-000, involving construction and operation of natural gas storage facilities in Steuben County, New York. We² issued a notice of intent to prepare an EA for Wyckoff's project on February 10, 2003. The EA being prepared for the Wyckoff project will be expanded to include National Fuel's Line Z-67 Project. The facilities National Fuel proposes to abandon include about 6.8 miles of 8-inch-diameter pipeline (Line Z-67), one block valve, and two bridle valve connections. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine

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

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

whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

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 Wyckoff 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

Summary of the Proposed Project

National Fuel states that it would abandon its facilities only if the Wyckoff Storage Project is developed. After completion of abandonment activities, Wyckoff would exercise its option to acquire National Fuel's right-of-way under the right-of-way agreements, subject to a reservation allowing National Fuel to use the right-of-way for a single pipeline. This would be consistent with the terms and conditions of the applicable right-of-way agreements. National Fuel's facilities that would be abandoned would consist of:

- 35,670 feet of 8-inch-diameter pipeline Line Z-67, would be abandoned in place near the Towns of Troupsburg and Jasper, Steuben County, New York. Landowners request that the pipeline be removed. If pipeline sections are removed at the request of landowners, that work would be performed by Wyckoff. One block valve and two bridle valve connections would be abandoned by removal along Line Z-67.
- One 100-horsepower nonjurisdictional skid mounted field compressor would also be retired by removal.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.³

Land Requirements for Construction

Abandonment of the proposed facilities would require less than 0.1 acre of land, and the work would be performed on National Fuel's existing right-of-way. At milepost (MP) 0.0, an approximate 5-foot by 15-foot bell hole would be dug over the existing trench line on the edge of an agricultural field in order to cut and remove the

³ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available on the Commission's Web site at the "FERRIS" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to FERRIS refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

aboveground block valve. At MPs 3.14 and 6.76, three bell holes would be dug at each site. Each bell hole would be about 5-foot by 5-foot over the existing trench line in order to cut and remove the bridle connection aboveground facilities. Additional land would be disturbed in areas where landowners want the old pipeline removed.

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 us 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:

- soils
- land use
- cultural resources
- vegetation and wildlife
- endangered and threatened species
- polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB)

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 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 Wyckoff. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- National Fuel's Line Z-67 would be abandoned in place unless requested to be removed by the landowners. Additional land would be disturbed where any landowners want the pipeline removed.

- Excavations would occur on the existing Line Z-67 pipeline right-of-way at MPs 0.0, 3.14, and 6.76 to allow workmen to access, cut, test for PCBs, and cap the existing pipeline.

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 2 Branch.
- Reference Docket No. CP03-79-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before May 27, 2003.

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 strongly 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."

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on

our mailing list, please return the Information Request (appendix 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

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.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) 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 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The FERRIS link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the

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

Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

April 24, 2003.

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

a. *Applicant Type:* Amendment of License to Change Project Boundary.

b. *Project Nos.:* 2497-006 and 2771-006.

c. *Date Filed:* April 17, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* Harris Energy and Realty Corporation.

e. *Name of Projects:* Mt. Tom Mill Project and Nonotuck Mill Project.

f. *Location:* The Mt. Tom Mill Project is located on the Holyoke Canal, in Hampden County, Massachusetts. The Nonotuck Mill is located on the Second Level Canal of the Holyoke Canal system off of the Connecticut River, in Hampden County, Massachusetts.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825 (r) and 799 and 801.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Ira Belsky, President, Harris Energy and Realty Corporation, 20 Water Street, Holyoke, Mass. 01040, (413) 536-6410. June Broadstone, Esq., Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, 1440 New York Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20005, (202) 371-7772.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Etta Foster at (202) 502-8769, or e-mail address: etta.foster@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and/or motions:* May 12, 2003.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing a document with the Commission

to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project(s). Further, if an intervenor 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 documents on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Proposed Action:* The licensee proposes to donate and convey certain land and property not needed to operate, or maintain the projects to the New England Adolescent Research Institute, a Massachusetts not-for-profit corporation.

P-2497 consists of: (1) a gated intake with submerged trashracks located on the Second Level Canal, (2) a 230-foot-long, 8-foot-diameter steel penstock; (3) a single runner, Francis turbine directly coupled to a 500-kilowatt (kW) Westinghouse generator; (4) a 205-foot-long, 9-foot-wide by 6-foot-high arched, brick-lined tailrace tunnel; (5) a concrete gated outlet structure where the tailwater empties into a channel that leads to the Connecticut River; (6) a 0.6-kilovolt (kV), 240-foot-long transmission line, and a 13.8-kV, 90-foot-long transmission line and (7) appurtenant facilities.

P-2771 consists of: (1) a gated intake with submerged trashracks located on the second level canal; (2) a 10.5-foot-diameter penstock 225 feet long; (3) a 500-kW generating unit located in Nonotuck Mill building; (4) a two parallel 9-foot-wide by 9-foot-high arched brick-lined tailrace tunnel 190 feet long extending from the draft tube to an existing concrete outlet structure; (5) a concrete gated outlet structure where the tailwater empties into a channel that leads to the Connecticut River; (6) a 13.8-kV transmission line and (7) appurtenant facilities.

1. *Location of the Application:* The filings are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the addresses in item (h).

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. 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.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents-*Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. 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. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *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.

q. *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 at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-filing" link.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities OMB Responses

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notices.

SUMMARY: This document announces the Office of Management and Budget's