

its principal place of business in Zimmerman, Minnesota. Lighthouse is a privately owned corporation and is not a subsidiary or affiliate of any other corporation. Lighthouse operates as a marketer and a broker of electric power at wholesale and arranges services in related areas such as fuel supplies and transmission services. Lighthouse does not own or control any electric power generation or transmission facilities and does not have a franchised service area.

Lighthouse will purchase the power to be exported from electric utilities and federal power marketing agencies within the United States and arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Canada over the existing international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizen Utilities, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Company, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by Lighthouse, as more fully described in the application, has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the Lighthouse application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-256. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Rollie M. Hill, Lighthouse Energy Trading company, Inc., P.O. Box 81, Zimmerman, MN 55398.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the

reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy homepage at <http://www.fe.de.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy homepage, select "Regulatory" Programs," then "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice Extending the Public Comment Period for the Proposed Kentucky Pioneer Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Demonstration Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of comment period extension.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the extension of the public comment period to January 25, 2002, for the Proposed Kentucky Pioneer Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) Demonstration Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS), DOE/EIS-0318. On November 16, 2001, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a Notice of Availability (66 FR 57716) of the Proposed Kentucky Pioneer IGCC Project Draft EIS which began a planned 45-day public comment period. Subsequently, on November 27, 2001, DOE published its own Notice of Availability (66 FR 59237) of the Draft EIS and announced public hearings that were held on December 10, 2001, in Lexington, Kentucky and December 11, 2001, in Trapp, Kentucky. The original comment period was to expire on January 4, 2002. However, in response to public comments and to ensure that the public has ample opportunity to provide comments, DOE is extending the public comment period by 21 days.

DATES: DOE's public comment period on the proposed Kentucky Pioneer IGCC Demonstration Project Draft EIS is extended from January 4, 2002 to January 25, 2002. Comments should be

submitted by January 25, 2002 to ensure consideration (see **ADDRESSES** section for more details). DOE will consider comments submitted after January 25, 2002, to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by U.S. mail, fax, telephone, or electronic mail to: Mr. Roy Spears, NEPA Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880; Telephone: 304-285-5460; Fax: 304-285-4403 leave message at 1-800-276-9851; rspear@netl.doe.gov.

Requests for copies of the Kentucky Pioneer IGCC Demonstration Project Draft EIS or other information regarding this environmental analysis should also be addressed to Mr. Spears at the address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the proposed project or the Draft EIS, please contact Mr. Spears as directed above. For general information on DOE's NEPA process, please contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. Ms. Borgstrom may be contacted by calling 202-586-4600 or by leaving a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Prior to publication of this **Federal Register** Notice, notices were published in the local newspapers of Winchester and Lexington, Kentucky, to notify members of the local community about the extension of the comment period. Additionally, direct notifications have been made by electronic mail and U.S. mail to individuals who participated in the public meetings in Lexington and Trapp, Kentucky and to those individuals, parties, and Federal, state, and local government agencies that are listed on the project mailing list.

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