

j. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* This application is ready for environmental analysis at this time—see the following paragraphs about filing responsive documents.

k. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and comments:* February 16, 2001.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Comments and protests 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.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Please include the project number (P-11867-000) on any comments, protests, 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.

l. *Description of Project:* The project would consist of modifying the 12 existing pumps in the Wadsworth Plant to operate in a reverse turbine-generating mode. Energy currently dissipated in pressure control valves as water is released from the Lake into the Canal could then be captured. Each pump/generator would have an installed capacity of 3.3 megawatts (MW), for a total installed capacity of 39.6 MW. The average annual generation would be 30 gigawatt hours.

m. *Available Locations of Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address shown in item h above.

Development Application—Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent

allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified deadline date for the particular application. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

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 the public notice.

Protests or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

The Commission directs, pursuant to Section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 75 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMMENTS," or "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the

heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11730-000]

Alverno Hydroelectric Project; Notice of Teleconference

January 11, 2001.

A teleconference will be convened by staff of the Office of Energy Projects on January 23, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. EST to discuss measures to protect fish and wildlife resources made by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Michigan Department of Natural Resources under section 10(j) of the Federal Power Act. On October 20, 2000, a notice of availability of draft environmental assessment (DEA) was issued for the Alverno Hydroelectric Project.

In letters dated November 8, 2000, to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Commission's staff explained that the resource agency recommended measures to protect fish and wildlife resources were considered in the DEA, but did not recommend adopting all of them. We will discuss

the resource agency recommendations that staff did not recommended for adoption.

Anyone wishing to participate by teleconference should call 1-888-928-9122. They will need to give the operator the passcode "COSTELLO" and the leader "JOHN COSTELLO".

If you have any questions about the teleconference, please call John Costello at (202) 219-2914 or e-mail at john.costello@ferc.fed.us.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Third Interstate Natural Gas Facility-Planning Seminar

January 11, 2001.

The Office of Energy Projects will hold the third in a series of public meetings around the country for the purposes of exploring and enhancing strategies for constructive public participation in the earliest stages of natural gas facility planning. This seminar will be held in Tampa, Florida on Thursday, February 15, 2001. We are inviting interstate natural gas companies; Federal, state and local agencies; landowners and non-governmental organizations with an interest in developing new ways of doing business to join us in this effort. We will discuss the facility planning process, not the merits of any pending or planned pipeline projects.

The staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects will give a briefing on the results of our first two seminars in Albany, NY and Chicago, IL. We will discuss problems that were identified and potential solutions that were offered in the seminars.

Join us as we continue to explore new strategies being employed by the natural gas industry, agencies, and citizens to learn about each others' concerns and to engage the public and agencies in participatory project design. Interactive discussions will be held with panelists from various Federal and state agencies, representatives from natural gas companies, and private landowners or citizen representatives who have had relevant experiences. There will be substantial opportunity for the sharing of experiences and knowledge during both the panel discussions and in the interactive "brainstorming" session. So,

bring your ideas with you and prepare to share them.

The objectives of the meeting are:

- Build upon the discussions from the first two seminars in Albany, NY and Chicago, IL.
- Explore steps taken to identify the parties directly involved with and affected by natural gas facility siting and/or permitting, so they can work together and resolve issues.
- Explore the best avenues for involving people and agencies toward fostering settlements through creative issue resolution.
- To encourage the submission of filings with no or few contested issues in order to reduce the Commission's processing time.
- Discuss the potential benefits of an interstate natural gas pipeline project.

Note: One of our panels this time will focus on the potential benefits of pipelines from each parties' perspective.

We are building on what was learned at our prior meetings and continuing to work toward developing a toolbox of the best available techniques for increasing public involvement and developing solutions to issues during the pre-filing planning process. This will help to plan projects with less opposition that can achieve faster action from the Commission with less controversy and fewer conditions.

The meeting in Tampa, Florida will be held at the Holiday Inn City Centre, located in Tampa, Florida. The meeting is scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. and finish at 4 p.m. A preliminary agenda and directions to the Holiday Inn City Centre are enclosed. Also, see attachment 2 regarding the selection of locations of future meetings.

If you plan to attend, please email our team at: gasoutreach@ferc.fed.us by February 6, 2001. Or, you can respond via facsimile to Pennie Lewis-Partee at 202-208-0353. Please include in the response the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all attendees from your organization. We will send an acknowledgment of your request.

To help us enhance our panel discussions, please consider issues and/or questions you would like to have addressed at the meetings and email them to us. If you have any questions, you may contact any of the staff listed below:

Richard Hoffmann, 202/208-0066
Lauren O'Donnell, 202/208-0325
Jeff Shenot, 202/219-2178
Howard Wheeler, 202/208-2299

J. Mark Robinson,

Director, Division of Environmental & Engineering Review, Office of Energy Projects.
Attachments (2).

Agenda

3rd Interstate Natural Gas Facility Planning Seminar, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Holiday Inn City Centre, Tampa, Florida

February 15, 2001—9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

9:30 a.m.—Introductions

Welcome: Mark Robinson, Director, Division of Environmental & Engineering Review, Office of Energy Projects, FERC, Rich Hoffmann, Office of Energy Projects (OEP), FERC

9:45—The Pipeline Planning/Approval Process—Lauren O'Donnell, OEP, What's the role of FERC?

10:00—Summary of Comments from the Albany and Chicago Meetings—Rich Hoffmann

10:30—Panel 1. Perspectives on Project Announcement, Route Planning, and How To Work Together—Howard Wheeler, OEP, Moderator.

[Discussion of factors re: announcement of the project, planning of the route, types of surveys needed; extent of disturbance, and who to tell. What are the needs of the various stakeholders?]

Representative from Duke Energy
John Ryan, League of Environmental Organizations, Ken Huntington, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

[10-minute discussion by each panelist with interactive Q&A session with panelists and audience for remainder of Panel]

12:00—Lunch

1:00—Panel 2. What are the Benefits (real and potential) of a natural gas project and right-of-way?—Lauren O'Donnell, Moderator

[Discussion of the various types of benefits of a pipeline project to the company, the individual, local area, region and/or state. How to identify them, how to advertise them.]

Pal Mulieri, County Commissioner, Pasco County, FL, John Shafer, Enron, Citizen/NGO Representative

[10 minute discussion by each panelist with interactive Q&A session with panelists and audience for remainder of Panel]

2:00—Discussion by Kearns & West, Inc., on Stakeholder Involvement.—Ann Gunning

2:15—Brainstorming Session * * *