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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4656-020]

#### Boise-Kuna Irrigation District, Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District, New York; Irrigation District, Wilder Irrigation District, and Big Bend Irrigation District; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

May 9, 2008.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA was prepared for an application filed by Boise-Kuna Irrigation District, *et al.* (licensee) on August 1, 2007, requesting Commission approval of: (1) An extension of time for the commencement of project construction to December 13, 2009, pursuant to Public Law 109-383; (2) changes to dates or time periods specified in license articles relating to actions that would be affected by an amendment; and (3) amendments to project design. The licensee proposes to install two 7.5-megawatt (MW) generating units with a total installed capacity of 15 MW, instead of two, 30-MW generating units with a total installed capacity of 60 MW, as authorized in the March 27, 1989 Order Issuing License. The licensee also proposes to decrease the length of the licensed project's transmission line. Finally, the licensee requests deletion or revision of certain license articles that are related to the proposed design changes. The project would be located at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) existing Arrowrock Dam on the Boise River, in Elmore and Ada Counties, Idaho. Parts of the project would occupy lands managed by Reclamation, the U.S. Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Forest Service within Boise National Forest.

The EA concludes that the proposed amendment, with staff-recommended mitigation measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First

Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of the EA 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 e-Library link. Enter the docket number "P-4656" in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or (202) 502-8659 (for TTY).

For further information regarding this notice, please contact B. Peter Yarrington at (202) 502-6129.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-32-000]

#### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Herscher-Galesville Expansion Project

May 9, 2008.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed project. Natural proposes to add new and modify existing natural gas storage field facilities, and add compression to Compressor Station 201, at its existing Herscher-Galesville Gas Storage Field in Kankakee County, just south of the Town of Herscher, Illinois. Specifically, the project would include:

- Construction of 15 new water withdrawal wells with pumps;
- Construction of 11 new water disposal wells;
- Construction of three booster pumps at existing water disposal wells;
- Up to four lateral recompletions at existing water disposal wells;

- Construction of workover/ extensions on five existing gas withdrawal/injection wells;

- Construction of a new 8,180 horsepower (hp) gas-fired engine compressor unit within Compressor Station 201; and

- Replacement, looping or extension of 12 waterlines with 8- to 13-inch-diameter plastic pipelines.

The purpose of this project is to increase the Herscher-Galesville Gas Storage Field's working gas capacity by 10 billion cubic feet and increase the peak day withdrawal capacity. Natural would achieve this increased capacity by constructing facilities to remove water from the field. Reworking of five existing gas withdrawal/injection wells, and construction of the new compressor unit within its existing adjacent Compressor Station 201, would enable Natural to increase peak day withdrawal capacity.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below.

Please note that the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 Code of Federal Regulations 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to "Documents and Filings" and "eFiling." eFiling is a file attachment process and requires that you prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper, and save it to a file on your hard drive. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "Sign up" or "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing." In addition, there is a "Quick Comment" option available, which is an easy method for interested persons to submit text only comments on a project. The Quick-Comment User Guide can be viewed at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/quick-comment-guide.pdf>.