

means for accepting electronic grant applications.

Exceptions to Mandatory Electronic Filing Requirement. We also announce a change in our policy and procedures for permitting applicants to submit paper applications in those competitions where the Department requires the electronic submission of applications through Grants.gov or e-Application. Under this new policy, when we require that applicants submit an application electronically through Grants.gov or e-Application, we will permit an exception to this requirement and will allow the submission of an application in paper format by mail or hand delivery *only* in two sets of circumstances. Specifically, an applicant will be permitted to submit an application in paper format by mail or hand delivery if the applicant—

(a) does not have access to the Internet; or

(b) does not have the capacity to upload large documents to the Department's e-Application system or the Grants.gov application system; and

(c) submits a written statement to the Department that the applicant qualifies for an exception under one of these grounds.

The written statement must be mailed or faxed to the program office (include the program name and CFDA number) no later than two weeks before the application deadline date (14 calendar days, or if the fourteenth calendar day falls on a Federal holiday, the next business day following the Federal holiday). A fax must be received by the Department on or before this date and an applicant should ensure that it retains a receipt of the faxed transmission. A mailed statement must be postmarked on or before this date and applicants should refer to the grant application notice for acceptable forms of proof of mailing. Unlike our prior policy, we will *not* accept requests for waiver of the electronic submission requirement up until the application deadline date.

If an applicant provides its statement on or before the two-week deadline, the Department will accept the statement and paper application and will not provide any response to the statement. If an applicant submits a paper application but fails to submit a statement or does not submit a statement in a timely manner, the Department will not accept the applicant's paper application. The Department will notify an applicant if it is not accepting the applicant's paper application.

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Dated: February 4, 2005.

Jack Martin,

Chief Financial Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP05-61-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

February 4, 2005.

Take notice that on January 28, 2005, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (Algonquin), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed in Docket No. CP05-61-000, an application pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations implementing the Natural Gas Act (NGA) as amended, for authorization to abandon certain facilities, and to construct and operate replacement facilities on its J-1 System pipeline in the cities of Medford and Everett, in Middlesex County, Massachusetts. Algonquin further explains that it seeks to comply with Department of Transportation safety regulations, under Algonquin's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP87-317-000 pursuant to section 7 of the NGA. Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Steven E. Tillman, General Manager, Regulatory Affairs, at (713) 627-5113.

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 "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the

last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERC OnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free at (866) 206-3676, or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. 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. The Commission strongly encourages intervenors to file electronically.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Comment Date: February 25, 2005.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Project No. 11810-007]

City of Augusta, GA; Notice Dismissing Request for Rehearing

February 3, 2005.

By letter of May 5, 2004, Commission staff informed the City of Augusta, Georgia (Augusta), that it would be required to obtain water quality certification under section 401(a) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a), from the State of South Carolina in connection with Augusta's application for an original license for the Augusta Canal Project No. 11810, located on the Savannah River in Georgia and South Carolina. Section 313 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 825l, establishes the right of a party aggrieved by a Commission order to seek rehearing of that order within 30 days of its issuance. Augusta did not seek