

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Comment Period Extension and Additional Public Scoping Meetings for an Environmental Impact Statement for the Alignment, Construction, and Operation of a Rail Line to a Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, NV****AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.**ACTION:** Notice of comment period extension and additional public meetings.

SUMMARY: On April 8, 2004, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a Notice of Intent (69 FR 18565) announcing its intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act for the alignment, construction, and operation of a rail line for shipments of spent nuclear fuel, high-level radioactive waste, and other materials from a site near Caliente, Lincoln County, Nevada, to a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada, and announced three public scoping meetings during a 45-day public comment period ending May 24, 2004. In response to a request from the State of Nevada, DOE is now announcing two additional public meetings, one in Las Vegas, Nevada, and one in Reno, Nevada, and extending the comment period to June 1, 2004.

DATES: The additional public meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

- Las Vegas, Nevada. Las Vegas Yucca Mountain Information Center, 4101 B Meadows Lane, May 10, 2004, from 4–8 p.m.
- Reno, Nevada. University of Nevada-Reno, Lawlor Event Center-Silver and Blue Room, 15th & North Virginia, May 12, 2004, from 4–8 p.m.

The comment period on the Notice of Intent is being extended to June 1, 2004. DOE will consider comments on the proposed scope of the Rail Alignment EIS received after June 1, 2004, to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of this Rail Alignment EIS, questions concerning the proposed action and alternatives, requests for maps that illustrate the Caliente corridor and alternatives, or requests for additional information on the Rail Alignment EIS or transportation planning in general should be directed to: Ms. Robin Sweeney, EIS Document Manager, Office of National Transportation, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, U.S. Department of Energy, 1551 Hillshire Drive, M/S 011, Las Vegas, NV 89134,

telephone 1–800–967–3477, or via the Internet at <http://www.ocrwm.doe.gov> under “What’s New.”

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Margaret S. Y. Chu,

Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. RP00–331–006 and RP01–23–008 and RP03–176–004]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

April 16, 2004.

Take notice that on April 12, 2004, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed in Appendices A and B of the filing to be effective on September 1, 2003 and April 1, 2004, respectively.

Algonquin states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission’s March 30, 2004 “Order on Rehearing and Compliance Filing” issued in Algonquin’s Order No. 637 proceeding in the captioned dockets.

Algonquin states that copies of its filing have been served on all affected customers and interested state commissions, as well as to all parties on the official service lists compiled by the Secretary of the Commission in these proceedings.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with § 385.211 of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with § 154.210 of the Commission’s Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. This filing is 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 eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or TTY, contact

(202) 502–8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission’s Web site under the e-Filing link.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP04–105–000]

CMS Gas Transmission Company and Bluewater Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Application

April 16, 2004.

Take notice that on April 8, 2004, CMS Gas Transmission Company (CMSGT), and Bluewater Gas Storage, LLC (Bluewater) filed in the above-referenced docket an application pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), Part 153 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) regulations (18 CFR part 153), Executive Order Nos. 10485 and 12038 and the Secretary of Energy’s Delegation Order No. 0204–112, requesting permission to transfer the NGA Section 3 authorization and Presidential Permit currently issued by the Commission to CMSGT in Docket Nos. CP95–331–000 and CP95–332–000, authorizing it to operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities located at the U.S./Canadian international border in St. Clair County, Michigan, to Bluewater, so that Bluewater can operate the same facilities under the same terms and conditions. CMSGT and Bluewater state that the requests are made in order to facilitate the sale of CMSGT’s leasehold interest in the border crossing facilities to Bluewater. Both parties request that the Commission expeditiously review the filing and issue an order in this proceeding by July 1, 2004. This filing is 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 “e-Library” link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to