security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Westcoast's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is September 29, 2000.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet at http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm (call 202-208-2222 for assistnace).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-515-000]

Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC **Gas Tariff**

September 6, 2000.

Take notice that on August 31, 2000, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to become effective as indicated:

To Be Effective on March 27, 2000

First Revised Sheet No. 246

First Revised Sheet No. 250

First Revised Sheet No. 253

First Revised Sheet No. 254

First Revised Sheet No. 258

First Revised Sheet No. 259

To Be Effective on September 1, 2000 First Revised Sheet No. 227

Maritimes states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the requirements of Order No. 637 regarding the waiver of the rate ceiling for short term capacity release transactions and the prospective limitations on the availability of the Right-of-First-Refusal.

Maritimes states that copies of the filing were mailed to all affected

customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/ rims.htm (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To **Intervene and Protests**

September 6, 2000.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Application: New Major License.
 - b. Project No.: 2047-004.
 - c. Date filed: June 23, 1998.
- d. Applicant: Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.
- e. Name of Project: Stewarts Bridge Hydroelectric Project.
- f. Location: On the Sacandaga River, about 3 miles upstream from the confluence with the Hudson River, in the town of Hadley, Saratoga County, New York. The project would not utilize federal funds.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. Applicant Contact: Jerry L. Sabattis, Hydro Licensing Coordinator, 225 Greenfield Parkway, Suite 201, Liverpool, New York 13088, (315) 413-2787.

- i. FERC Contact: Lee Emery, E-mail address, Lee. Emery@ferc.fed.us, 202-219-2779.
- j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protest: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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.

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 on 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.

k. The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 1,860-foot-long dam consisting of: (a) a 1,646-foot-long rolled, compacted earth-fill structure 112 feet high at its highest point (crest elevation of 714.0 feet) with a base that varies from 120 feet to 680 feet in width; (b) a reinforced concrete Taintor gate spillway measuring 151 feet long, 49.7 feet wide, and 34 feet high, containing five 27-foot-long by 14.5-foot-high steel Taintor gates; (c) a 63-foot-long reinforced concrete intake structure equipped with two 25-foot-high by 22foot-wide steel gates with 35/8-inch clear spaced steel bar trashracks located directly in front of the gates; and (d) a 29-foot-wide roadway along the crest of the dam; (2) a reservoir (Stewart's Bridge Reservoir) with a surface area of 480 acres at a normal water surface elevation of 705.0 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum; (3) a 10-foot-diameter, plugged diversion conduit used to pass river flows during project construction; (4) an 850-foot-long plastic concrete seepage barrier constructed through the impervious dam core; (5) a 216-footlong, 22-foot inside diameter steel penstock; (6) an 88-foot-long by 78-footwide brick-faced structural steel framed powerhouse with one vertical Francis turbine/generator unit; (7) a tailrace which extends 450 feet downstream from the powerhouse; (8) an outdoor transformer, switching station, and 400foot-long transmission line; and (9) appurtenant facilities. There is no bypassed reach. The project has an installed capacity of 30.0 megawatts and an annual average energy production of 118,678 megawatt hours.

The project currently operates as a peaking facility in tandem with the upstream E.J. West Project (P-2318), generating 12 hours a day (typically