

[Project Nos. 2318, 2482, 2616, 2539, 2554, 2385]

Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., et al.;
Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

March 31, 1995.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has received applications for new licenses (relicenses) for the existing projects operated by the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NiMo), Moreau Manufacturing Corporation, and Finch Pruyn, Incorporated in the Hudson River Basin in New York. The projects include eight developments. The projects and developments are: School Street Project No. 2539; Hoosic Project No. 2616 (Schaghticoke and Johnsonville developments); Hudson River Project No. 2482 (Sherman Island and Spier Falls developments); Glens Falls Project No. 2385; Feeder Dam Project No. 2554; and E.J. West Project No. 2318.

Upon review of the applications, supplemental filings, agency comments and intervenor submittals, the Commission staff concluded that, given the location and interaction of the projects, we will proceed with scoping for a Multiple Project Environmental Impact Statement (MEIS) on the Hudson River. If determined appropriate after scoping, we will prepare separate Environmental Assessments (Eas) for the School Street and the Hoosic (Schaghticoke and Johnsonville developments) projects and a MEIS for the remaining E.J. West, Hudson River (Sherman Island and Spier Falls developments), Glens Falls, and Feeder Dam projects, that describe and evaluate the probable impacts of the applicant's proposals and alternative for the projects.

One element of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process is scoping. Scoping activities are initiated early to:

- Identify reasonable alternative operational procedures and environmental enhancement measures that should be evaluated in the documents;
- Identify significant environmental issues related to the operation of the existing projects;
- Determine the depth of analysis for issues that will be discussed in the documents; and
- Identify resource issues that are of lesser importance and, consequently, do not require detailed analysis.

Scoping Meetings

Commission staff will conduct four public meetings for the Hudson River

Multiple Project EIS (MEIS). All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend either or all of the planned meetings and help staff identify the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the NEPA documents.

The first scoping meeting, primarily for agencies and covering all projects, will be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 25, 1995, at the William K. Sanford Town Library, 629 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville, New York.

The first evening scoping meeting, primarily for the public and directed at the School Street Project, will be conducted at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 25, 1995, at Cohoes High School, Tiger Circle, Cohoes, New York.

The second evening meeting, directed at the Hoosic Project, will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 26, 1995, at Mechanicville High School, Kniskern Avenue, Mechanicville, New York.

The third evening meeting, directed at the Glens Falls, Feeder Dam, Hudson, and E.J. West projects, will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 27, 1995, at Glens Falls Senior High School, 10 Quade Street, Glens Falls, New York.

Procedures

The meetings, which will be recorded by a stenographer, will become part of the formal record of the Commission's proceeding on the MEIS. Individuals presenting statements at the meeting need to sign in before the meeting starts and to identify themselves for the record.

Concerned parties are encouraged to speak during the public meetings. Speaking time allowed for individuals will be determined before the meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session, but all speakers will be provided at least five minutes to present their views.

Scoping Meeting Objectives

At each scoping meeting, the staff will:

- Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the documents;
- Identify resource issues that the staff believes are of lesser importance and, therefore, do not require detailed analysis;
- Solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, concerning significant local resources; and
- Encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the NEPA documents.

Information Requested

Federal and state resource agencies, local government officials, interested groups, area residents, and concerned individuals are requested to provide any information they believe will assist the Commission staff to analyze the environmental impacts associated with relicensing the projects. The types of information sought include the following:

- Data, reports, and resource plans that characterize the baseline physical, biological, or social environments in the vicinity of the projects.
- Information and data that helps staff identify or evaluate significant environmental issues.

Scoping information and associated comments should be submitted to the Commission no later than 60 days after the date of this notice. Written comments should be provided at the scoping meeting or mailed to the Commission, as follows: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

All filings sent to the Secretary of the Commission should contain an original and 8 copies. Failure to file an original and 8 copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefit of your comments in a timely manner. See 18 CFR 4.34(h).

All correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page:

FERC No. 2318, 2482, 2554, 2385, 2616, and 2539
Hudson River Multiple Project EIS and Eas

Intervenors and interceders (as defined in 18 CFR 385.2010) who file documents with the Commission are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure requiring them to serve a copy of all documents filed with the Commission on each person whose name is listed on the official service list for this proceeding.

For further information, please contact Edward R. Meyer at (202) 208-7998.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP95-215-000]

Texas Gas Transmission Corporation;
Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 31, 1995.

Take notice that on March 29, 1995, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation

(Texas Gas), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, with a proposed effective date of April 30, 1995:

Original Sheet No. 226J
Original Sheet No. 226K
Original Sheet No. 226L
Original Sheet No. 226M
Original Sheet No. 226N
Original Sheet No. 226O

Texas Gas states that the tariff sheets are being filed as a limited Section 4(e) filing to effectuate direct billing of Texas Gas's Account No. 191 balance pursuant to § 33.2 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1. The filing reflects activity affecting Texas Gas's pre-November 1, 1993, unrecovered purchased gas costs, which were actually paid between the period August 1, 1994, through March 31, 1995, resulting in a balance of approximately \$6.5 million. Texas Gas requests that the tariff sheets become effective April 30, 1995.

Texas Gas states that the copies of the revised tariff sheets are being mailed to Texas Gas's affected former jurisdictional sales 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, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with §§ 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such petitions or protests should be filed on or before April 7, 1995. 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 proceeding. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget

March 29, 1995.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

approval for the following public information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. 96-511. For further information contact Shoko B. Hair, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-1379.

Federal Communications Commission

OMB Control No.: 3060-0395.

Expiration Date: 03/31/98.

Title: Automated Reporting and Management Information Systems (ARMIS)—Sections 43.21 and 43.22.

FCC Form No.: FCC Report 43-02.

Estimated Annual Burden: 48,000 total annual hours; 899 hours per response.

Description: ARMIS is needed to administer the Commission's accounting, jurisdictional separations, access charges, and joint cost rules and rules to analyze revenue requirements, and rate of return, service quality and infrastructure development. It collects financial and operational data from all Tier 1, Class A local exchange carriers with annual revenues over \$100 million and carriers who elect incentive regulation. The Common Carrier Bureau, under delegated authority, released an Order on February 2, 1995 that modified FCC Report 43-02. FCC Report 43-02 provides the annual financial operating results of the carriers' activities for every account in Part 32, Uniform System of Accounts for Telecommunications Companies. The Common Carrier Bureau, under delegated authority, released an Order on February 2, 1995 that modified FCC Report 43-02. FCC Report 43-02 is revised to: increase the number of rows for reporting data for certain accounts in Table 1-7, Donations or Payments for Services Rendered by Persons Other than Employees; (2) add three new tax accounts to Table B-1, Balance Sheet Accounts; and (3) make a number of additional content and format revisions. Copies of the revised report are available upon request.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0513.

Expiration Date: 03/31/98.

Title: ARMIS Joint Cost Report.

Form No.: FCC Report 43-03.

Estimated Annual Burden: 30,000 total annual hours; 200 hours per response.

Description: FCC Report 43-03 contains financial and operating data. The Commission uses it to monitor the local exchange carrier industry and to perform routine analyses of costs and revenues. The Common Carrier Bureau, under delegated authority, revised the FCC Report 43-03 on February 2, 1995 to delete the "N/A" in all columns for

Account 5230, Directory revenues, to allow carriers to report nonregulated revenues. Copies of the revised report are available upon request.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0536.

Expiration Date: 02/29/96.

Title: Rules and Requirements for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) Interstate Cost Recovery.

FCC Form No.: FCC 431.

Description: FCC Form 431 is used in implementing the shared-funding program for the recovery of interstate telecommunications relay services (TRS) costs. All common carriers must contribute to the TRS Fund and complete FCC 431 form. The information is used to administer the program. The 1995 edition of the form is being printed. A Public Notice will be issued when the form is available for public use.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0411.

Expiration Date: 03/31/98.

Title: Formal Complaints Against Common Carriers—Sections 1.720-1.735.

Estimated Annual Burden: 7,600 total annual hours; 10 hours per response.

Description: Section 208 of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. Section 208, provides that any person may file a complaint with the FCC regarding acts or omissions of common carriers subject to the Communications Act. Information filed pursuant to 47 CFR 1.720 et. seq. is provided either with or in response to a formal complaint. The information is used to resolve a complaint and determine whether a violation of the Communications Act or the Commission's rules has occurred. Affected respondents are complainants and defendant common carriers.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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Public Information Collection Requirements Being Reviewed By The Federal Communications Commission For Extension Under Delegated Authority 5 CFR 1320.9

March 30, 1995.

The Federal Communications Commission is reviewing the following information collection requirement for possible 3-year extension under delegated authority 5 CFR 1320.9, authority delegated to the Commission by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on October 6, 1994. This collection was previously approved by