

Abstract: This study consists of a literature review and a survey of a sample of 100 Title VII grantees having 10 or more LEP secondary school students in grades 9–12. The survey will consist of a mail survey and a follow up telephone interview to verify, correct or add information available in the grantee applications monitoring reports and evaluation reports. This effort will help in future policy developments and demographic knowledge.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5276–029 New York]

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and Northern Electric Power Company, LP; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

November 13, 1995.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA is for an application for a temporary suspension of the minimum flow requirement for a period of 5 to 10 years at the Hudson Falls Project. The EA finds that approval of the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Hudson Falls project is located on the Hudson River, in Washington County, New York.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be viewed at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, 888 First Street NE., Washington, D.C. 20426.

For further information, please contact the project manager, Mr. Sean Murphy, at (202) 219–2964.

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Acting Secretary.

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Transwestern Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed San Juan Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

November 13, 1995.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or

Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the San Juan Expansion Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether to approve the project.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern) proposes to:

- construct a 10,000-horsepower (hp) electric driven Bisti Compressor Station (C.S.) in San Juan County, New Mexico;
- add a 7,000-hp electric driven compressor to the existing Bloomfield C.S. in San Juan County, New Mexico;
- operate an existing 4,132-hp gas compressor at the Bloomfield C.S. originally certificated as a back-up compressor;
- adjust its capacity on its mainline and San Juan Lateral facilities on a flexible basis in response to market demands for San Juan gas. This would require changing the pressure in its mainline facilities from the current level of 950 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) to as low as 800 psig, to the extent required to meet reduced market demand for firm transportation capacity to California, but high demand for San Juan gas in Arizona, California and Transwestern's eastern markets; and
- purchase from Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) a 77.7 percent ownership interest in Northwest's south end mainline extension facilities extending from the Ignacio C.S. near Ignacio, Colorado to the Blanco Hub near Bloomfield, New Mexico.

The location of the facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

Transwestern would bring electrical power to the compressor stations to operate the electrical driven compressors.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the new Bisti C.S. would require about 3.5 acres of land. Transwestern would fence about 2.1 acres for the compressor site facilities. No additional land would be required for the proposed facilities at the existing Bloomfield C.S.

¹ Transwestern Pipeline Company's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the Federal Register. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street NW., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208–1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- land use
- water resources, fisheries, and wetlands³
- cultural resources
- public safety
- air quality and noise
- endangered and threatened species

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified one issue that we think deserves attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Transwestern:

³ According to the applicant, the project will not affect any waters of the United States. We will report any potential impacts, or their absence, under this heading.