

*Comment date:* March 21, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Public Service Electric and Gas Company

[Docket No. ER96-1194-000]

Take notice that on February 27, 1996, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) tendered for filing an initial rate schedule to provide fully interruptible transmission service to Louis Dreyfus Electric Power Inc., for delivery of non-firm wholesale electrical power and associated energy output utilizing the PSE&G bulk power transmission system.

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15. ANP Energy Direct Company

[Docket No. ER96-1195-000]

Take notice that on February 27, 1996, ANP Energy Direct Company (ANP) tendered for filing a petition seeking waivers and blanket approvals under various regulations of the Commission, and an order accepting its FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1, to be effective on the date of the Commission's order on such petition.

ANP intends to engage in electric power and energy transactions as a marketer and a broker. In transactions where ANP purchases power, including capacity and related services from electric utilities, qualifying facilities, and independent power producers, and resells such power to other purchasers, ANP will be functioning as a marketer. In ANP's marketing transactions, ANP proposes to charge rates mutually agreed upon by the parties. In transactions where ANP does not take title to the electric power and/or energy, ANP's role will be limited to that of a broker. ANP is not in the business of generating or transmitting electric power, and does not currently have or contemplate acquiring title to any electric power generation or transmission facilities.

FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1 provides for the sale of energy and capacity at agreed prices. Rate Schedule No. 1 also provides that no sales may be made to affiliates.

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16. Cherokee County Cogeneration Partners, L.P.

[Docket No. QF94-160-001]

On February 16, 1996, Cherokee County Cogeneration Partners, L.P. (Applicant), 30 Rockefeller Plaza, 38th

Floor, New York, New York 10112, submitted for filing an application for certification of a facility as a qualifying cogeneration facility pursuant to Section 292.207(b) of the Commission's Regulations. No determination has been made that the submittal constitutes a complete filing.

According to the applicant, the topping-cycle cogeneration facility will be located near the town of Gaffney in Cherokee County, South Carolina, and will consist of one combustion turbine generator, one unfired heat recovery boiler, and an extraction/condensing steam turbine generator. Steam recovered from the facility will be used in an ammonia refrigerant plant. Refrigerant will be used in an ice production plant and liquified natural gas production plant. The power output of the facility will be sold to Duke Power Company. The primary energy source will be natural gas. The maximum net electric power production capacity of the facility will be approximately 98.5 MW. Construction of the facility was scheduled to begin in February, 1996.

*Comment date:* Thirty days after the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Project No. 6842-060 Washington]

**Cities of Aberdeen and Tacoma, Washington; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

March 8, 1996.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA evaluates an application to amend the Wynoochee Hydroelectric Project. The project's description is being amended to include the Wynoochee Dam and Reservoir, a higher installed capacity, a revised transmission line, and other changes. The EA finds that approving the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Wynoochee Hydroelectric Project is located on the Wynoochee River, in Grays Harbor County, Washington.

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 Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP96-201-000]

**Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Middletown Lateral Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

March 8, 1996.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or the Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the Middletown Lateral Project.<sup>1</sup> This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is required and whether or not to approve the project.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) wants Commission authorization to construct and operate natural gas pipeline and related facilities to deliver up to 82,500

<sup>1</sup>Algonquin Gas Transmission Company's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

million British thermal units of gas per day to The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P). CL&P intends to use the gas as an alternate fuel for Unit Nos. 2 and 3 at its electric generating station in Middletown, Middlesex County, Connecticut (Middletown Plant). The Middletown Lateral would extend from Algonquin's existing mainline system in Glastonbury, Hartford County, Connecticut to the Middletown Plant.

Algonquin seeks authority to construct and operate:

- 8.4 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline;
- a meter station; and
- a tap valve site and appurtenant facilities.

CL&P would construct nonjurisdictional facilities consisting of approximately 1,500 feet of piping, a regulator station, and burner conversion equipment. All of CL&P's facilities would be constructed within its plant site.

The general location of the project facilities and specific locations for facilities on new sites are shown in appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

The project would require about 72 acres of land of which 47.9 acres would be new permanent right-of-way (ROW). The proposed pipeline would be built on or adjacent to existing electric transmission line or abandoned railroad ROWs for about 84 percent of its length. The construction ROW would typically be 75 feet wide consisting of a 50-foot-wide permanent ROW and a 25-foot-wide temporary ROW. Following construction, the disturbed area would be restored and the 25 feet of temporary ROW would be allowed to revert to its former land use. The project would require horizontal directional drilling of the Connecticut River for about 2,100 feet.

#### 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

<sup>2</sup>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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

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 taken into account 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:

- geology and soils
- water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- vegetation and wildlife
- land use
- cultural resources
- hazardous waste
- endangered and threatened species
- public safety

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 officials 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 several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Algonquin. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list:

- The Meshomasic State Forest would be crossed.
- Three streams would be crossed that are coldwater fisheries and support trout.
- Twenty-three wetlands would be crossed totalling about 4,495 feet.
- Federally and state-listed threatened or endangered species may be affected.
- The project may impact cultural resources.

The list of issues may be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our analysis.

Also, we have made a preliminary decision to not address the impacts of the nonjurisdictional facilities. We will briefly describe their location and status in the EA.

#### Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter with your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specified your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP96-201-000;
- Send a copy of your letter to: Mr. John Wisniewski, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., PR-11.2, Washington, D.C. 20426; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before April 15, 1996.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Mr. Wisniewski at the above address.

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a Motion to Intervene according to Rule 214 of their Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2). You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. John Wisniewski, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-1073.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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