

K N Marketing, Inc. under Northern Indiana Public Service Company's Power Sales Tariff, which was accepting for filing by the Commission and made effective by Order dated August 17, 1995 in Docket No. ER95-1222-000. Northern Indiana Public Service Company and K N Marketing, Inc. request waiver of the Commission's sixty-day notice requirement to permit an effective date of May 1, 1996.

Copies of this filing have been sent to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

*Comment date:* May 28, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 13. Northern Indiana Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER96-1716-000]

Take notice that on May 1, 1996, Northern Indiana Public Service Company, tendered for filing an executed Service Agreement between Northern Indiana Public Service Company and Valero Power Services Company.

Under the Service Agreement, Northern Indiana Public Service Company agrees to provide services to Valero Power Services Company under Northern Indiana Public Service Company's Power Sales Tariff, which was accepting for filing by the Commission and made effective by Order dated August 17, 1995 in Docket No. ER95-1222-000. Northern Indiana Public Service Company and Valero Power Services Company request waiver of the Commission's sixty-day notice requirement to permit an effective date of May 1, 1996.

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### 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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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-297-000]

#### Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Security Loop II Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

May 14, 1996.

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 by the Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) for its Security Loop II 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 necessary and whether to approve the project.

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Great Lakes wants to complete the looping of its entire mainline system which is fully subscribed with firm service, to provide greater reliability and operating flexibility for its shippers.<sup>2</sup> Great Lakes seeks authority to construct and operate three segments of 36-inch-diameter pipeline loop in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan:

- Loop Segment 1 would be about 2.4-miles-long, wholly within Delta County, Michigan. It would begin at milepost (MP) 560.3 along Great Lakes' existing mainline and end at Great Lakes' existing Rapid River Compressor Station at MP 562.7.

<sup>1</sup> Great Lakes' application was filed with the Commission on April 4, 1996 under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

<sup>2</sup> The only portions of Great Lakes' existing 968-mile-long 36-inch-diameter mainline which have not been looped are the three segments, totalling 24.5 miles, addressed in this proposal. A loop is a segment of pipeline which is usually installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it at both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through that segment of the pipeline system.

- Loop Segment 2 would be about 12.5-miles-long, also within Delta County, Michigan, extending from MP 562.7 to MP 575.2.

- Loop Segment 3 would be about 9.6-miles-long, in Mackinac County, Michigan. It would begin at Great Lakes' existing Naubinway Compressor Station at MP 640.1 and end at MP 649.7.

As part of this project, Great Lakes would modify existing piping and install additional above-ground facilities at its Rapid River and Naubinway Compressor Stations, and Rapid River Meter Station.<sup>3</sup> The proposed loop construction would also necessitate the abandonment and removal of the existing tie-ins at the beginning of Loop Segment 1, the end of Loop Segment 2, and the end of Loop Segment 3.

The general location of the proposed project facilities are shown in appendix 1.<sup>4</sup>

#### 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. Federal agencies can request to be cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA.

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.

<sup>3</sup> The proposed above-ground facilities would consist of a pig launcher and receiver at the Rapid River Compressor Station, a launcher at the Naubinway Compressor Station, and a valve at the Rapid River Meter Station.

<sup>4</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.

- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Cultural resources.
- Land use.

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 several issues that we think deserve attention in the EA based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and information provided by Great Lakes. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list.

- Loop Segment 1 would cross lands managed by the Escanaba River State Forest. Loop Segments 1 and 2 would cross lands managed by the Hiawatha National Forest. Loop Segment 3 would cross lands managed by the Lake Superior State Forest.
- Loop Segment 2 would cross the Bay de Noc—Grand Island recreational trail and the Nahma snowmobile trail.
- The three loop segments combined would cross about 12.2 miles of forested land, and about 1.1 mile of agricultural land.
- One residence is located within 50 feet of the proposed construction right-of-way for Loop Segment 1.
- Loop Segment 2 would cross the Whitefish River, which is federally listed as a Wild and Scenic River. The three loops combined would cross 17 other perennial streams, 13 of which have been classified as cold water fisheries.
- The three loops combined would cross 32 wetlands, totalling about 10.6 miles.
- A total of 12 cultural resource sites have been identified along all three loops segments combined, of which 9 have been recommended for additional investigation.

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

#### Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing 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 specific 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. CP96-297-000;
- Send a *copy* of your letter to: Paul Friedman, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, OPR/DEER/ERCI—PR11.1, 888 First St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before June 17, 1996.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Paul Friedman, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-1108. If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Mr. Friedman 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 the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for later intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5508-1]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request; Pre-Certification and Testing Exemptions Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Engines

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)), this notice announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Pre-Certification and Testing Exemptions Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for motor vehicles and motor vehicle engines (OMB Control No. 2060-0007, approved through 5/31/96). The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 19, 1996.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL:

Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 95.0.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

*Title:* Pre-Certification and Testing Exemptions Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, OMB No. 2060-0007, Expiration date 5/31/96. This ICR is requesting a revision of a currently approved collection activity.

*Abstract:* Manufacturers of new motor vehicles or engines, manufacturers of vehicle or engine parts, fuel refiners, manufacturers in the business of importing, modifying, or testing uncertified vehicles for resale, and Independent Commercial Importers (ICIs) will report and keep records of applications for pre-certification and testing exemptions. Upon EPA request, they will submit this information to EPA. EPA will use this information to ensure that uncertified vehicles or engines from the pre-certification program and testing exemption program are introduced into commerce only on a temporary basis for legitimate purposes.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed