

The final EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

ANR

- About 72.3 miles of high pressure pipeline looping in three segments, consisting of about 42.4 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline, and about 29.9 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline;
- 15,000 horsepower (hp) of additional compression at one existing compressor station, and minor modifications to two existing stations; and
- Six new internal tool or "pig" launchers along the new pipeline loops.

Independence

- About 397.4 miles of 36-inch-diameter high pressure pipeline;
- 60,00 hp of compression at three new compressor stations;
- Three new meter stations;
- Six taps to local distribution companies; and
- 28 mainline valves along the pipeline.

National Fuel

- Abandon, primary by removal, various segments of three existing pipelines within about 39.3 miles of right-of-way; and
- Minor modifications to remaining facilities along that section of right-of-way to maintain service to existing customers.

Transco

- About 152.8 miles of high-pressure pipeline looping, consisting of our segments totaling 63.2 miles of 36- and 42-inch-diameter pipeline in Pennsylvania, six segments totaling 83.3 miles of 36- and 42-inch-diameter pipeline in New Jersey, and 6.3 miles of 36-inch-diameter replacement in New Jersey;

- 62,400 hp of additional compression at three existing compressor stations, and replaced impeller at one existing compressor station;

- Modifications to three regulator stations; and
- One new pig launcher.

The purpose of the proposed projects is to transport up to 1 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas, principally from ANR's existing system (in the Chicago, Illinois area) to markets in the eastern United States.

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The final EIS will be used in the regulatory decision-making process at

the FERC and may be presented as evidentiary material in formal hearings a the FERC. While the period for filing interventions in these cases have expired, motions to intervene out of time can be filed with the FERC in accordance with the Commission's Rules and Practice and Procedures, 18 Code of the Federal Regulations (CFR) 385.214(d). Further, anyone desiring to file a protest with the FERC should do so in accordance with 18 CFR 385.211.

A final EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

A limited number of copies are available from the Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch identified above. In addition, the final EIS have been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies; public interest groups; those individuals/groups who filed comments on the final EIS; affected landowners/individuals who requested a copy of the final EIS; libraries; newspaper; and parties to this proceeding.

Additional information about the proposed projects is available from Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222. Access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission with regard to this docket, such as orders and notices, is also available on the FERC website using the "CIPS" link. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 420-009 Alaska]

Ketchikan Public Utilities; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

November 12, 1999.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of

Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for a new license for the Lockhart Hydroelectric Project, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA). The project is located on Ketchikan Creek and Granite Basin Creek, near the City of Ketchikan, in Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Alaska. The project uses lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service in the Tongass National Forest. The DEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426. For further information, contact Charles Hall, Environmental Coordinator, at (202) 219-2853.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Surrender of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

November 12, 1999.

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

a. *Application Type:* Surrender of License.

b. *Project No:* 4474-065.

c. *Date Filed:* September 24, 1999.

d. *Applicants:* The Borough of Cheswick, Pennsylvania and the Allegheny Valley North Council of Governments.

e. *Name of Project:* Allegheny River Lock & Dam No. 3.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Allegheny River at Acmetonia, in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Allegheny River Lock and Dam No. 3.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(t).