

Oswego River in northern New York, in or near Oswego. The project includes three developments: Fulton, Minetto and Varick.

Upon review of the application, supplemental filings and intervenor submittals, the Commission staff has concluded that, given the location and interaction of the project, staff will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) that describes and evaluates the probable impacts of the applicant's proposals and alternatives for the project.

One element of the EA process is scoping. Scoping activities are initiated early to:

- identify reasonable alternative operational procedures and environmental enhancement measures that should be evaluated in the EA;
- 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 EA; and
- identify resource issues that are of lesser importance and, consequently, do not require detailed analysis in the EA.

Scoping Meeting and Site Visit

Commission staff will conduct two public meetings for the Oswego River Project. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend either or both of the planned meetings and help staff identify the scope of environmental issues that should and should not be analyzed in the Oswego River EA.

The evening scoping meeting for the Oswego River Project, primarily for the public, will be conducted at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 6, 1995, at 103 Lanigan Hall on the SUNY-Oswego campus in Oswego, New York. A second meeting, primarily for agencies, will be held on March 7, 1995, at 213 Hewitt Union starting at 9:00 AM.

A site visit to the facilities of each development is tentatively scheduled for March 7 in the afternoon. The purpose of this visit is for interested persons to observe existing area resources and site conditions, learn the locations of proposed new facilities, and discuss project operational procedures with representative of Niagara Mohawk and the Commission. Details concerning the site visit will be available at the scoping meetings.

Procedures

The meeting, which will be recorded by a stenographer, will become part of the formal record of the Commission's proceeding on the Oswego River Project. Individuals presenting statements at the

meeting will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to identify themselves for the record.

Concerned parties are encouraged to offer us verbal guidance during the public meeting. 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 the scoping meeting, the staff will:

- summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA;
- identify resource issues that 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 EA.

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 project. 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 April 6, 1995. 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, N.E., 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. 2474: Oswego River

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. See 18 CFR 4.34(b).

For further information, please contact John McEachern at (202) 219-3056.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Northern Natural Gas Company; Site Visit

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On January 31 and February 1 and 2, 1995, the OPR staff, accompanied by representatives of Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), will inspect the proposed location of Northern's facilities in the Eastleg Expansion Project. The proposed facilities are in Hardin, Blackhawk, Delaware, and Dubuque Counties, Iowa; Jo Daviess County, Illinois; and Green, Walworth and Rock Counties, Wisconsin.

Parties to the proceeding may attend. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation. For further information, call Jeff Gerber, (202) 208-1121.

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Secretary.

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Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Proposed Change in FERC Gas Tariff

January 26, 1995.

Take notice that on January 23, 1995, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets with a proposed effective date of November 6, 1994:

Second Substitute Original Sheet No. 232-A
Second Substitute Original Sheet No. 232-B

Northwest states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with a Commission order issued on January 18, 1995 in Docket No. RP95-6-001. This order directs Northwest to make three revisions to Northwest's December 5,