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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9948-000]

Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington, and City of Tacoma, Washington; Notice of Intent To Prepare An Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Public Scoping Meetings

March 28, 1995.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has received an application for license to construct the proposed Elkhorn Hydroelectric Project No. 9948. The project would be located in the Olympic National Forest on the Dosewallips River approximately 6 miles west of the City of Brinnon, Jefferson County, Washington.

The Commission's staff has determined that licensing this project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the staff intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Elkhorn Hydroelectric Project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

The EIS will objectively consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts of the project and reasonable alternatives, and will include an economic, financial and engineering analysis.

A draft EIS will be issued and circulated for review to all the interested parties. All comments filed on the draft EIS will be analyzed by the staff and considered in a final EIS. The staff's conclusions and recommendations will then be presented for the consideration of the Commission in reaching its final licensing decision.

Scoping Meetings

Two scoping meetings will be conducted. A scoping meeting oriented toward the public will be conducted on May 3, 1995, from 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the Brinnon Elementary School, 46 Schoolhouse Road, Brinnon, Washington. The school is located just off the Dosewallips River Road near U.S. Highway 101. A scoping meeting oriented toward the resource agencies

will be conducted on May 4, 1995, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Willaby Room, 1835 Black Lake Boulevard, at the Olympia National Forest Headquarters, Olympia, Washington. The headquarters building is located just off U.S. Highway 101 at the Black Lake Boulevard exit.

Interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend either or both meetings and assist the staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS.

To help focus discussion at the meetings, scoping document 1 outlining subject areas to be addressed in the EIS will be mailed to agencies and interested individuals on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the scoping document will also be available at the scoping meetings.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS; (2) determine the relative depth of analysis for issues to be addressed in the EIS; (3) identify resource issues that are not important and do not require detailed analysis; (4) solicit all available information from the meeting participants, especially quantified data on site-specific and cumulative impacts on the resources at issue; and (5) listen to statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS.

Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a court reporter and all statements (oral and written) thereby become a part of the formal record of the Commission proceedings on the Elkhorn Hydroelectric Project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to clearly identify themselves for the record.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EIS.

Participants wishing to make oral comments at the public meetings are asked to keep them to five minutes to allow everyone the opportunity to speak.

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on the issues or information relevant to the issues, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record at the meeting. In addition, written scoping comments may be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426, until June 5, 1995.

All written correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Elkhorn Hydroelectric Project No. 9948.

Intervenors—those on the Commission's service list for this proceeding (parties)—are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, requiring parties filing documents with the Commission, to serve a copy of the document on each person whose name appears on the official service list.

Further, if a party or interceder files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

If you have any questions please contact Thomas Dean at (202) 219-2778.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP95-265-000, et al.]

ANR Pipeline Company, et al.; Natural Gas Certificate Filings

March 24, 1995.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. ANR Pipeline Co.

[Docket No. CP95-265-000]

Take notice that on March 22, 1995, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed in Docket No. CP95-265-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212(a) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212(a)) for authorization to construct and operate an interconnection which will allow a bi-directional flow of natural gas between ANR and the Egan Hub Partners, L.P. (Egan), in Acadia Parish, Louisiana, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-480-000, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The interconnection ("Egan Interconnection") will be located in Section 37, T9S, R2W, Acadia Parish, Louisiana. The proposed Egan Interconnection will consist of two 12-inch hot taps into ANR's existing 26-inch mainlines; associated valves, controllers, and flanges; and

approximately ten feet of 12-inch pipeline to tie into Egan's proposed facilities. ANR states that the proposed interconnection will allow Egan to transport natural gas from Egan's proposed natural gas storage facilities located at or near the Evangeline Field, Jennings Salt Dome, Acadia Parish, Louisiana. ANR states that, on February 3, 1994, Egan notified the Commission of its intention to construct facilities, relating to its proposed storage facility, pursuant to Section 311(a)(2) of the Natural Gas Policy Act.

The proposed interconnection will have a maximum capacity of 300 Mmcf/d. ANR states that it has been fully reimbursed for the costs of the facilities at approximately \$144,000. ANR asserts that the addition of the interconnection will have no adverse impact on the peak day and annual entitlements of any of ANR's existing customers.

Comment date: May 8, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

2. Koch Gateway Pipeline Co.

[Docket No. CP95-269-000]

Take notice that on March 17, 1995, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch), P.O. Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251-1478, filed in Docket No. CP95-269-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to modify an existing meter station located in Anderson County, Texas, to permit the delivery of natural gas instead of receipt, under Koch's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-430-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Koch proposes to reverse the flow at the meter station in order to serve Four Square Gas Company (Four Square) on behalf of DeSoto Pipeline Company (DeSoto). It is stated that Koch is authorized to provide a transportation service for DeSoto under the terms of an interruptible transportation agreement dated October 1, 1994, and pursuant to Koch's Rate Schedule ITS. It is asserted that the deliveries made at the revised delivery point would be within DeSoto's certificated entitlement from Koch. It is further asserted that the deliveries would have no impact on Koch's curtailment plan. Koch states that it has sufficient capacity to render the proposed service without detriment or disadvantage to its other existing customers and that its tariff does not prohibit the proposed modification of

facilities. The cost of the modification is estimated at \$5,200.

Comment date: May 8, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

3. Northern Natural Gas Co.

[Docket No. CP95-270-000]

Take notice that on March 17, 1995, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in Docket No. CP95-270-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for permission and approval to abandon certain compression, dehydration, and pipeline facilities, all located within Reeves, Pecos, and Ward Counties, Texas by sale to Mobil Producing Texas & New Mexico Inc. (Mobil), all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern proposes to sell approximately 39 miles of pipeline with diameters ranging between 8 inches and 24 inches, 3 lateral compressor stations, and 2 dehydration plants to Mobil, for \$675,000. This sale would be made in accordance with the provisions of an Asset Purchase Agreement with Mobil dated January 31, 1995. Northern mentions that these facilities were constructed as gas supply facilities under authority granted in Docket Nos. CP67-10, CP68-122, CP74-24, CP76-477, CP81-33-001, CP81-509, and CP82-401.

Northern states that Mobil will be filing a petition for a declaratory order seeking a determination that the conveyed facilities are gathering facilities not subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to NGA Section 1(b).

Comment date: April 14, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

4. Mobil Natural Gas Inc.

[Docket No. CP95-272-000]

Take notice that on March 17, 1995, Mobil Natural Gas Inc. (MNGI), 12450 Greenspoint Drive, Houston, Texas 77060-1991, filed a petition for a declaratory order in Docket No. CP95-272-000, requesting that the Commission declare that the facilities to be acquired from Northern Natural Gas Company are gathering facilities exempt from Commission jurisdiction under Section 1 (b) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

MNGI states that it will purchase compression, purification, and pipeline

facilities located in Reeves, Pecos, and Ward Counties, Texas. MNGI mentions that these facilities include approximately 39 miles of 8-inch to 24-inch pipeline and appurtenances.

In support of its claim that the primary function of the proposed facilities is gathering, MNGI states the following: (1) all of the facilities are located behind Mobil Corporation's Waha and Coyanosa gas processing plants, (2) these facilities will be used to improve the delivery of locally produced gas to these plants, (3) none of the gas that would flow through these facilities would have been treated or processed, (4) these pipelines are currently being operated at field gathering pressures of 235 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) or less and would be operated below 500 psig at maximum flow rate, (5) the 17 miles of 24-inch Reeves pipeline could be deemed gathering because it is a lateral line constructed solely to connect a gathering system to a mainline.

Comment date: April 14, 1995, in accordance with the first paragraph of Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

5. Texas Gas Transmission Corp.

[Docket No. CP95-275-000]

Take notice that on March 20, 1995, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas), 3800 Frederica Street, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301, filed in Docket No. CP95-275-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon by transfer approximately 45,361 feet of pipeline and associated appurtenances located in Panola County, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Texas Gas proposes to abandon approximately 144 feet of 8⁵/₈-inch pipeline and approximately 45,217 feet of 20-inch pipeline, along with associated appurtenances, originating at the Union Pacific Resources Company (UPRC) operated Carthage Compressor Station and extending to the UPRC operated East Texas Plant, located in Panola County, Texas (20-Inch Pipeline).

Texas Gas states that as a result of changes occurring in Texas Gas's supply arrangements, Texas Gas entered into a lease arrangement in 1972 with Champlin Petroleum Company (Champlin), UPRC's predecessor in interest, whereby Champlin, and ultimately UPRC, used the subject line to move gas received from various producers between UPRC's East Texas Plant and its Carthage Compressor

Station for processing and redelivery to various purchasers.

Texas Gas states that recently, Texas Gas and UPRC have negotiated an agreement to terminate the above-described lease arrangement and, upon receipt of regulatory approval, transfer ownership of the 20-Inch Pipeline from Texas Gas to the UPRC operated East Texas Gas Systems (the Carthage Hub) located at the tailgate of the UPRC East Texas Plant, contingent upon the Carthage Hub receiving a declaratory order from the Commission that such facilities, upon transfer, will constitute nonjurisdictional gathering facilities. Texas Gas states that an application requesting such a declaratory order is to be filed in the near future by the Carthage Hub, a Texas general partnership and an intrastate pipeline.

Comment date: April 14, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

6. Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.

[Docket No. CP95-277-000]

Take notice that on March 22, 1994, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., Charleston, West Virginia 25314-1599, filed in Docket No. CP95-277-000, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate eight new delivery points in West Virginia for its firm transportation customer, Mountaineer Gas Company (MGC), under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia proposes to construct and operate the new delivery points in Jackson County, Clay County, Kanawha County, Wayne County, and Lincoln County, West Virginia. Columbia states the facilities will be located on Columbia's existing right-of-way which will interconnect with meters MGC will install on the right-of-way to provide service to eight residential customers. Columbia states the firm transportation will be in accordance with Part 284 of the Commission's regulations and Columbia's Rate Schedules FTS and SST.

Columbia estimates the design day quantity will be 12.0 Dth, and the annual quantity will be 1,200 Dth. Columbia states that the quantities to be provided through the new delivery points will be within Columbia authorized level of service, and

therefore, there will be no impact on Columbia's existing design day and annual obligations to its customers as a result of this request. Columbia estimates that the cost to install the new taps will be approximately \$150 per tap which will be treated as an O&M Expense.

Columbia says it will comply with all of the environmental requirements of Section 157.206(d) of the Commission's regulations prior to the construction of any facilities. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Comment date: May 8, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before the comment date, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this

application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate and/or permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. EL95-36-000]

Jersey Central Power & Light Company; Notice of Filing

March 28, 1995.

Take notice that on March 23, 1995, Jersey Central Power & Light Company (Jersey Central), filed a Petition for Declaratory Order requesting that the Commission declare invalid the New Jersey PURPA procedure pursuant to which Jersey Central contracted to purchase capacity and energy from the Freehold Cogeneration Associates, L.P. (Freehold) project and, further, declare that the contract is unlawful and void. The project is proposed as a 100 MW gas-fired cogeneration facility to be located in Freehold Township, New Jersey. The Nestle Beverage Company would be the steam host.

Copies of the Petition have been served on Freehold, on C.E. Freehold I, Inc., a general partner, on the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, and on