

**15. Northeast Utilities Service Company**

[Docket No. ER95-952-000]

Take notice that Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO), on April 26, 1995, tendered for filing, a Service Agreement and a Certificate of Concurrence with Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA) under the NU System Companies' System Power Sales/Exchange Tariff No. 6.

NUSCO states that a copy of this filing has been mailed to VPPSA.

NUSCO requests that the Service Agreement become effective on May 1, 1995.

*Comment date:* May 18, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**16. Maine Public Service Company**

[Docket No. ER95-954-000]

Take notice that on April 26, 1995, Maine Public Service Company (Maine Public), tendered for filing an agreement providing for short-term interim transmission for Central Maine Power Company.

*Comment date:* May 18, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**17. Robert Mehrabian**

[Docket No. ID-2878-000]

Take notice that on April 24, 1995, Robert Mehrabian (Applicant) tendered for filing an application under Section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act to hold the following positions:

Outside Director: Duquesne Light Company

Outside Director: Mellon Bank Corporation

Outside Director: Mellon Bank, N.A.

*Comment date:* May 19, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**18. Air Products Hycal Company, L.P.**

[Docket No. QF95-260-000]

On April 25, 1995, Air Products Hycal Company, L.P., (Applicant), of 7201 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18195-1501, submitted for filing an application for certification of a 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 bottoming-cycle cogeneration facility will be located adjacent to Ultramar Inc.'s Wilmington Refinery, in Wilmington, California, and will consist of a steam-methane hydrogen reformer, heat recovery boilers, a double-extraction/condensing steam turbine

generator, and a substation. Heat captured from the hydrogen production process will be used for power production. The maximum net electric power production capacity will be 20.9 MW. The facility is expected to begin commercial operation in January of 1996.

*Comment date:* June 12, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**19. Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation**

[Docket No. ER95-945-000]

Take notice that Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation (Central Hudson) on April 24, 1995, tendered for filing its development of actual costs for 1994 related to substation service provided to Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) in accordance with the provisions of its Rate Schedule FERC No. 43.

Central Hudson indicates that the actual cost amounted to \$253,028 for 1994 and will be the basis on which estimated charges for 1995 will be billed.

Central Hudson requests waiver of the notice requirements to permit charges to become effective January 1, 1995 as agreed by the parties.

Central Hudson states that a copy of its filing was served on Con Edison and the State of New York Public Service Commission.

*Comment date:* May 18, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**Standard Paragraphs**

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, 825 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 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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[Docket No. CP95-228-000]

**Mississippi River Transmission Corp.; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Main Line System 1995 and 1996 Modernization Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

May 8, 1995.

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 in the Main Line System 1995 and 1996 Modernization 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**

Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) proposes to modernize and improve the reliability of its Main Line System under a 16-year plan. The 16-year plan would address safety, system reliability, and rising operating cost. MRT is not seeking authority to implement its entire 16-year modernization plan. MRT seeks authority to implement only changes it proposes for 1995 and 1996. MRT indicates that its proposal would not affect the capacity of its Main Line System and service to any of its existing customers.

MRT's Main Line System consists of three pipelines which run roughly parallel from Perryville, Louisiana to the vicinity of St. Louis, Missouri. Main Line No. 1 is the oldest of the three lines. MRT proposes to abandon in place 93 miles of its Main Line No. 1, and as a consequence, MRT also proposes to make certain changes on its Main Line System. MRT requests Commission authorization in Docket No. CP95-228-000, for the following:

- Abandon in place about 93 miles of its Main Line No. 1 from milepost 214 in Jackson County, Arkansas to milepost 307 in Butler County, Missouri.
- Cut and cap existing Main Line No. 1 within the Poplar Bluff Compressor Station yard at milepost 307 in Butler County, Missouri.
- Retire one 1,000-horsepower (hp) compressor unit and replace it with a 5,850-hp compressor unit at the Biggers

<sup>1</sup> Mississippi River Transmission Corporation's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

Compressor Station at milepost 267 in Randolph County, Arkansas.

- Retire two 625-hp compressor units and replace them with a 5,850-hp compressor unit at the Tuckerman Compressor Station at milepost 220 in Jackson County, Arkansas.

- Cut and cap existing Main Line No. 1 within the existing Diaz Compressor Station yard and remove the block gate assembly, at milepost 214 in Jackson County, Arkansas.

- Relocate 13 delivery point laterals by extending the laterals across MRT's right-of-way from points (taps) of interconnection with Main Line No. 1 to Main Line No. 2 and/or Main Line No. 3, in Butler County, Missouri and Clay, Randolph, Lawrence, and Jackson Counties, Arkansas.

- Abandon in place, cut, and cap a short pipeline segment (20 to 40 feet) between Main Line No. 1 and Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America's facility, at milepost 260 in Randolph County, Arkansas.

- Abandon in place five short (20 to 40 feet) segments of pipe which serve as crossovers between Main Line No. 1 and Main Line No. 2, in Lawrence, Jackson, and Randolph Counties, Arkansas.

- Abandon and remove valves and headers on the north and south sides of the Black River at milepost 261 in Randolph County, Arkansas.

- Abandon and remove an orifice fitting at milepost 243 in Lawrence County, Arkansas.

- Abandon and remove 10 block gate assemblies in Jackson, Lawrence, Randolph, and Clay Counties, Arkansas, and Ripley and Butler Counties, Missouri.

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

### Land Requirements

MRT indicates that no additional land would be required. All construction activities would occur within MRT's existing rights-of-way.

### 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.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the proposed abandonment under these general headings:

- Soils.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Cultural resources.
- Air and noise quality.
- 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 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 Issue

We have already identified three issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by MRT. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list. The list of issues may be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our analysis. Issues are:

- Residences are located within 50 feet of the proposed project.
- Replacement of compressor units at the Biggers and Tuckerman Compressor Stations may increase ambient noise levels.

- Federally listed or candidate plants may occur in the project area.

### 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 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, 825 North Capitol St., NE., Washington, DC 20426;

- Reference Docket No. CP95-228-000;

- Send a copy of your letter to: Mr. Herman K. Der, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., NE., Room 7312, Washington, DC 20426; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 12, 1995.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Mr. Herman K. Der 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 of timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now 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 late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr.

<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, Room 3104, 941 North Capitol 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.

Herman K. Der, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-0896.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP95-119-001]

**Steuben Gas Storage Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Thomas Corners Gas Storage Field Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

May 8, 1995.

On April 18, 1995, Steuben Gas Storage Company (Steuben) filed an amendment to its application which substantially changed the routing of its proposed 12-inch-diameter gathering header. The beginning and ending points and the approximate length of the gathering header, as well as all other aspects of Steuben's proposal remain unchanged by this amendment. This notice supplements the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) "Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Thomas Corners Gas Storage Field Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues" issued March 3, 1995 (March 3 Notice).

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 facilities proposed in the Thomas Corners Gas Storage Field 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 or not to approve the project.

**Summary of the Proposed Project**

Steuben requests Commission authorization to convert a depleted natural gas production field to storage use in Steuben County, New York. It proposes to construct and operate:

- 13 injection/withdrawal wells (11 new wells drilled from one central location and two converted from existing gas production wells);
- One observation well;
- 0.6 mile of 4-inch-diameter well laterals;
- 0.3 mile of 12-inch-diameter well laterals;

<sup>1</sup> Steuben's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Parts 157 and 284 of the Commission's regulations.

- A 3,284 horsepower compressor station;
- 6.5 miles of 12-inch-diameter gathering header including a pipeline drip and storage tank; and
- Dehydration facilities.

Steuben indicates that the proposed storage field, when fully developed, would have a working gas capacity of 5,300,000 thousand cubic feet of gas. Customers interested in using Steuben's storage service would have to arrange for their own transportation. Steuben's existing facilities are interconnected with the facilities of CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG) in the town of Woodhull, Steuben County, New York. The 6.5 miles of gathering header would connect the Thomas Corners Gas Storage Field to Steuben's existing facilities.

Steuben states that the storage facility would be developed in the nearly depleted Thomas Corners gas production reservoir. It lies about 3,530 feet below the surface. The aerial extent of the reservoir is about 430 acres.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

**Land Requirements for Construction**

Steuben proposes to use a nominal 70-foot-wide right-of-way for construction of the 6.5 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline. Following construction, a 50-foot-wide easement would be permanently maintained; the remaining 20 feet would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

Additional working right-of-way width would be needed in areas of steep side slopes and in agricultural areas where topsoil would be segregated. Additional working space would also be needed adjacent to road and stream crossings. About 60 acres would be required for construction of the 12-inch-diameter gathering header.

A total of 37 acres would be needed for construction of the Thomas Corners Gas Storage Field. All new injection/withdrawal wells would be directionally drilled from one central pad area covering approximately 31 acres. The wells would be drilled at 150-foot centers around the perimeter of the pad area. All of the 4- and 12-inch-diameter well laterals would be constructed within the central well pad area.

An additional 6-acre work space would be required adjacent to the pad

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area for drilling, completion, maintenance operations, and equipment staging. After construction is complete, this area would be used for the dehydration facilities.

The proposed compressor station would be located on Steuben's existing Adrian Compressor Station site.

**The EA Process**

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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.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Public safety.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Hazardous waste.
- Air and noise quality.

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.