

In the notice inviting applications for new awards, add the following paragraph to the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

The Department may fund two cycles of awards from these competitions. Applications funded in the first cycle will be awarded in June 1996 from FY 1996 funds. A second cycle of additional applications from this competition may be funded early in FY 1997, pending availability of FY 1997 funds, if the Secretary decides that there are applications of sufficiently high quality to merit funding.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

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grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6031(c)(2)(B).

Dated: December 5, 1995.

Sharon P. Robinson,
Assistant Secretary for Educational Research
and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL96-15-000, et al.]

Jersey Central Power & Light Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

December 4, 1995.

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

1. Jersey Central Power & Light
Company

[Docket No. EL96-15-000]

Take notice that on November 13, 1995, Jersey Central Power & Light Company tendered for filing a request for waiver of the Commission's Regulations to allow JCP&L to pass back to its wholesale customers certain refunds, including interest.

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

2. MidAmerican Energy Company

[Docket No. EL96-18-000]

Take notice that on November 21, 1995, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), filed an Application for Approval of Depreciation Rates pursuant to Section 302 of the Federal Power Act and Rule 204 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

MidAmerican is the surviving corporation and utility of the July 1, 1995 merger of Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company with Midwest Power Systems, Inc. and its exempt holding company parent, Midwest Resources, Inc. MidAmerican states that since July 1, 1995, the effective date of the merger, MidAmerican has used the depreciation rates used by its predecessors immediately prior to the merger. This practice has resulted in the application of two different depreciation rates to depreciable property held in the same account. MidAmerican requests authorization to use a single set of electric depreciation rates for

accounting and final reporting purposes effective of January 1, 1996.

Copies of the filing were served on the Iowa Utilities Board, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

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

3. Louisiana Public Service Commission, Mississippi Public Service Commission, State of Mississippi, Arkansas Public Service Commission and the City of New Orleans v. Systems Energy Resources, Inc. and Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. EL96-19-000]

Take notice that on November 22, 1995, the Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Arkansas Public Service Commission, the Mississippi Public Service Commission, the City of New Orleans and the State of Mississippi filed a Complaint under Sections 205 and 206 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 824d and 824e against System Energy Resources, Inc. and Entergy Services, Inc. The Complaint seeks to lower the allowed return on equity under the Entergy Unit Power Sales Agreement upon allegations under current circumstances, it is unjust and unreasonable. The Complaint contains a motion to consolidate this proceeding with an ongoing FERC proceeding entitled, System Energy Resources, Inc., Docket No. ER95-1042-000.

Comment date: January 3, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. Answers to the complain shall be due on or before January 3, 1996.

4. PacifiCorp

[Docket No. ER95-1838-000]

Take notice that on November 8, 1995 and November 14, 1995 Black Hills Power & Light Company tendered for filing amendments in the above-referenced docket.

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

5. Appalachian Power Company

[Docket No. ER95-1797-000]

Take notice that on November 14, 1995, the American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC), on behalf of Appalachian Power Company (APCO), tendered for filing an amendment to its filing in the above-referenced docket.

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

6. Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin)

[Docket No. ER96-372-000]

Take notice that on November 16, 1995, Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin) (NSPW) tendered for filing its Amended and Restated Power and Energy Supply Agreement with the Village of Trempealeau, Wisconsin, dated November 6, 1995. NSPW states that the Agreement supersedes the Power and Energy Supply Agreement between the parties dated March 5, 1992, as amended on July 5, 1994.

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

7. MP Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. ER96-373-000]

Take notice that on November 16, 1995, MP Energy, Inc. (MP Energy) tendered for filing a petition for waivers and blanket approvals under various regulations of the Commission and for an order accepting its FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1.

MP Energy intends to engage in electric power and energy transactions as a marketer and a broker. In transactions where MP Energy sells electric energy it proposes to make such sales on rates, terms, and conditions to be mutually agreed to with the purchasing party. MP Energy is not in the business of generating, transmitting, or distributing electric power.

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

8. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER96-374-000]

Take notice that on November 16, 1995, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) filed the Contract for Purchases and Sales of Power and Energy between FPL and Heartland Energy Services, Inc. FPL requests an effective date of November 20, 1995.

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

9. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER96-375-000]

Take notice that on November 16, 1995, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) filed the Contract for Purchases and Sales of Power and Energy between FPL and Electric Clearinghouse, Inc. FPL requests an effective date of November 20, 1995.

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

10. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER96-376-000]

Take notice that on November 16, 1995, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) filed the Contract for Purchases and Sales of Power and Energy between FPL and Catex-Vitol Electric, L.L.C. FPL requests an effective date of November 20, 1995.

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

11. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER96-377-000]

Take notice that on November 16, 1995, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) filed the Contract for Purchases and Sales of Power and Energy between FPL and Louis Dreyfus Electric Power, Inc. FPL requests an effective date of November 20, 1995.

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

12. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER96-378-000]

Take notice that on November 16, 1995, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) filed the Contract for Purchases and Sales of Power and Energy between FPL and Citizens Lehman Power Sales. FPL requests an effective date of November 20, 1995.

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

13. Entergy Power, Inc.

[Docket No. ER96-379-000]

Take notice that Entergy Power, Inc. (EPI) on November 16, 1995, tendered for filing a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Citizens Lehman Power Sales.

EPI requests an effective date for the Agreement that is one (1) day after the date of filing and respectfully requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements.

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

14. Paragon Gas Marketing

[Docket No. ER96-380-000]

Take notice that on November 16, 1995, Paragon Gas Marketing (Paragon), a division of Eastex Energy, Inc. tendered for filing a petition for waivers and blanket approvals under various regulations of the Commission and for an order accepting its FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1 to be effective no later than sixty (60) days from the date of its filing.

Paragon intends to engage in electric power and energy transactions as a marketer and a broker. In transactions where Paragon sells electric energy, it proposes to make such sales on rates, terms, and conditions to be mutually agreed to with the purchasing party. Neither Paragon nor any of its affiliates are in the business of generating, transmitting, or distributing electric power.

Rate Schedule No. 1 provides for the sale of energy and capacity at agreed prices. Rate Schedule No. 1 also provides that sales may be made to any affiliate having a FERC rate schedule permitting sales for resale by such affiliate at rates established by agreement between the purchaser and the affiliate.

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

15. Southern Company Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER96-382-000]

Take notice that on November 17, 1995, Southern Company Services, Inc. ("SCS"), acting on behalf of Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Gulf Power Company, Mississippi Power Company, and Savannah Electric and Power Company (collectively referred to as "Southern Companies") filed two (2) service agreements between SCS, as agent of the Southern Companies, and (i) Gulf Stream Entergy and (ii) Louis Dreyfus Electric Power Inc. for non-firm transmission service under the Point-to-Point Transmission Service Tariff of Southern Companies.

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

16. Kentucky Utilities Company

[Docket No. ER96-383-000]

Take notice that on November 14, 1995, Kentucky Utilities Company (KU) filed to withdraw the Letter Agreement (FERC Rate Schedule 215) providing for coordination sales between itself and Electric Clearinghouse, Inc. (ECI).

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

17. PECO Energy Company

[Docket No. ER96-387-000]

Take notice that on November 17, 1995, PECO Energy Company (PECO) filed a Service Agreement dated October 26, 1995, with Commonwealth Electric Company (CECO) under PECO's Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 1 (Tariff). The Service Agreement adds CECO as a customer under the Tariff.

PECO requests an effective date of October 26, 1995, for the Service Agreement.

PECO states that copies of this filing have been supplied to CECO and the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission.

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

18. PECO Energy Company

[Docket No. ER96-388-000]

Take notice that on November 17, 1995, PECO Energy Company (PECO) filed a Service Agreement dated October 26, 1995, with Cambridge Electric Light Company (CELCO) under PECO's Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 1 (Tariff). The Service Agreement adds CELCO as a customer under the Tariff.

PECO requests an effective date of October 26, 1995, for the Service Agreement.

PECO states that copies of this filing have been supplied to CELCO and the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission.

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

19. Washington Water Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-389-000]

Take notice that on November 17, 1995, the Washington Water Power Company (WWP) tendered for filing two signed service agreements under FERC Electric Tariff Volume No. 4 with Heartland Energy Services, Inc. and Public Utility District No. 1 of Grays Harbor County previously approved as unsigned service agreements. A Certificate of Concurrence with respect to exchanges is included for Heartland Energy Services, Inc.

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

20. Washington Water Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-390-000]

Take notice that on November 17, 1995, the Washington Water Power Company (WWP) tendered for filing an Interconnection and Transmission Service Agreement between WWP and Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington. WWP requests waiver of the prior notice requirement and requests an effective time and date of 0001 hours, June 22, 1995.

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

21. Kansas City Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER96-391-000]

Take notice that on November 17, 1995, Kansas City Power & Light Company filed an amendment to its Flexible Point-to-Point Transmission Service Tariff and Network Integration Transmission Service Tariff in this docket.

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

22. Energy West Power Company, LLC

[Docket No. ER96-392-000]

Take notice that on November 17, 1995, Energy West Power Company, LLC (Energy West) tendered for filing a petition for waivers and blanket approvals under various regulations of the Commission and for an order accepting its FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1.

Energy West intends to engage in electric power and energy transactions as a marketer and a broker. In transactions where Energy West sells electric energy it proposes to make such sales on rates, terms, and conditions to be mutually agreed to with the purchasing party. Energy West is not in the business of generating, transmitting, or distributing electric power.

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

23. Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company

[Docket No. ER96-393-000]

Take notice that on November 17, 1995, GPU Service Corporation, on behalf of Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Metropolitan Edison Company and Pennsylvania Electric Company (jointly referred as to the GPU Operating Companies), filed an amendment to the GPU Power Pooling Agreement. The purpose of this amendment is to provide for the allocation of revenues received by the GPU Operating Companies under their Firm Transmission Service and Energy Transmission Service Tariffs between and among the Companies. GPU has served copies of the filing on regulatory agencies in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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

24. New England Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-394-000]

Take notice that on November 20, 1995, New England Power Company submitted for filing a letter agreement for transmission service to Rainbow Energy Marketing Corporation.

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

25. Green Mountain Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER96-395-000]

Take notice that on November 20, 1995, Green Mountain Power Corporation (GMP) tendered for filing Service Agreements for sales of capacity and energy under its FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 2 (Opportunity Transactions Tariff) to North American Energy Conservation, Inc, KCS Power Marketing, Virginia Power, and Pennsylvania Power & Light Company. GMP has requested waiver of the notice requirements of the Commission's Regulations in order to permit each of the Service Agreements to be made effective as of the date on which such Service Agreement was made.

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

26. New England Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-396-000]

Take notice that on November 20, 1995, New England Power Company (NEP) submitted for filing a service agreement and certificate of service with Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative under NEP's FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 6.

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

27. New England Power Service Company

[Docket No. ER96-397-000]

Take notice that on November 20, 1995, New England Power Service Company (NEPSCO) submitted for filing a supplement, dated December 5, 1995, to the Amended REMVEC Agreement.

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

28. Northern Indiana Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER96-399-000]

Take notice that on November 20, 1995, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (Northern Indiana), tendered for filing with the Commission its Point-to-Point Transmission Service Tariff and Network Integration Service Tariff.

Northern Indiana states that the Point-to-Point Transmission Service Tariff and Network Integration Service Tariff are initial rate schedules to implement open access electric transmission service on Northern Indiana's system.

Copies of the filing have been served on the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

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

29. Commonwealth Electric Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company

[Docket No. ER96-400-000]

Take notice that on November 20, 1995, Commonwealth Electric Company (Commonwealth) on behalf of itself and Cambridge Electric Light Company (Cambridge), collectively referred to as the "Companies", tendered for filing executed Service Agreements between the Companies and Bangor Hydro-Electric Company.

These Service Agreements specify that Bangor Hydro-Electric Company has signed on to and has agreed to the terms and conditions of the Companies' Power Sales and Exchanges Tariffs designated as Commonwealth's Power Sales and Exchanges Tariff (FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 3) and Cambridge's Power Sales and Exchanges Tariff (FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 5). These Tariffs, approved by FERC on April 1, 1995, and which have an effective date of March 20, 1995, will allow the Companies and Bangor Hydro-Electric Company to enter into separately scheduled transactions under which the Companies will sell to Bangor Hydro-Electric Company capacity and/or energy as the parties may mutually agree.

The Companies request an effective date of October 20, 1995, as specified on each Service Agreement.

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

30. New England Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-401-000]

Take notice that on November 20, 1995, New England Power Company filed Service Agreements and Certificates of Concurrence with two power marketers under NEP's FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 5.

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

31. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-402-000]

Take notice that on November 20, 1995, Illinois Power Company (IPC)

tendered for filing an Interchange Agreement between IPC and Industrial Energy Applications (IEA). IPC states that the purpose of this agreement is to provide for the selling of capacity and energy by IPC to IEA.

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

32. Idaho Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-403-000]

Take notice that on November 20, 1995, Idaho Power Company (IPC) tendered for filing a Service Agreement under Idaho Power Company FERC Electric Tariff, Second Revised, Volume No. 1 between Rainbow Energy Marketing Corporation and Idaho Power Company and a Certificate of Concurrence.

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

33. Questar Energy Trading Company

[Docket No. ER96-404-000]

Take notice that Questar Energy Trading Company (Questar Energy) on November 20, 1995, tendered for filing its Rate Schedule No. 1, to be effective 60 days from November 20, 1995, and a petition for waivers of and blanket approvals under various regulations of the Commission.

Questar Energy intends to engage in electric power and energy transactions as a power marketer. Questar Energy proposes to charge rates mutually agreed upon by the parties. All sales will be at arms-length.

Questar Energy is not in the business of producing or transmitting electric power. Neither Questar Energy nor its affiliate(s) currently has or contemplates acquiring title to any electric power transmission or generation facilities. Questar Energy's Rate Schedule No. 1 provides for the sale of energy and capacity at prices mutually agreed upon by the purchaser and Questar Energy.

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

34. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER96-405-000]

Take notice that on November 21, 1995, Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy) tendered for filing a service agreement under Cinergy's Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Tariff (the Tariff) entered into between Cinergy and Tennessee Power Company.

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

35. Heath Petra Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. ER96-381-000]

Take notice that on November 16, 1995, Heath Petra Resources, Inc. (Heath Petra), tendered for filing a petition for waivers and blanket approvals under various regulations of the Commission and for an order accepting its FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1 to be effective no later than sixty (60) days from the date of its filing.

Heath Petra intends to engage in electric power and energy transactions as a marketer and a broker. In transactions where Heath Petra sells electric energy, it proposes to make such sales on rates, terms, and conditions to be mutually agreed to with the purchasing party. Neither Heath Petra nor any of its affiliates are in the business of generating, transmitting, or distributing electric power.

Rate Schedule No. 1 provides for the sale of energy and capacity at agreed prices. Rate Schedule No. 1 also provides that sales may be made to any affiliate having a FERC rate schedule permitting sales for resale by such affiliate at rates established by agreement between the purchaser and the affiliate.

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

36. National Gas & Electric L.P.; Western System Power Pool; Rainbow Energy Marketing Corporation; Imprimis Corporation Power; Clearinghouse Inc.

[Docket No. ER90-168-025, ER91-195-022, ER94-1061-006, ER94-1672-004, ER95-914-002 (not consolidated)]

Take notice that the following informational filings have been made with the Commission and are on file and available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room:

On November 22, 1995, National Gas & Electric L.P. filed certain information as required by the Commission's March 20, 1990, order in Docket No. ER90-168-000.

On October 30, 1995, Western System Power Pool filed certain information as required by the Commission's May 13, 1993, order in Docket No. ER91-195-000.

On October 30, 1995, November 2, 1995, and November 22, 1995 Rainbow Energy Marketing Corporation filed certain information as required by the Commission's June 10, 1994 order in Docket No. ER94-1061-000.

On November 27, 1995, Imprimis Corporation filed certain information as required by the Commission's December

14, 1994, order in Docket No. ER94-1672-000.

On November 13, 1995, Power Clearinghouse Inc. filed certain information as required by the Commission's May 11, 1995, order in Docket No. ER95-914-000.

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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[Docket No. CP95-375-000]

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

December 6, 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 Security Loop I Project.¹ 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 Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) requests Commission authorization, in Docket No. CP95-375-000, to construct and operate one segment of approximately

¹ Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

13.8 miles of 36-inch-diameter mainline loop in Charlevoix and Otsego Counties, Michigan. Great Lakes wants to complete the looping of a portion of its 973-mile-long mainline. In addition, Great Lakes proposes to modify the existing piping at the Boyne Falls Compressor Station to accommodate the new loop. No additional compression is proposed. The proposed project would provide increased system reliability and flexibility for Great Lakes' customers, and would facilitate maintenance on the Great Lakes system.

The general location of the proposed facilities is shown in appendix 1. Detailed project maps are shown in appendix 2.²

Land Requirements for Construction

The proposed loop would be built adjacent and parallel to the existing right-of-way. Great Lakes intends to use a 100-foot-wide construction right-of-way for most of the project. About 50 feet of the planned 100-foot width would be on an existing right-of-way. Consequently, about 50 feet of new clearing would be required. Following construction, about 25 feet of the construction right-of-way would be allowed to revert to its former land use.

A 55-foot-wide construction right-of-way would be used for the 2.65 miles of state forest land. About 15 feet of the 55-foot width would be on existing right-of-way. Of the 40 feet of new clearing that would be required, about 20 feet would be allowed to revert to forest use.

Additional working space would be required adjacent to the planned construction right-of-way at road and other utility line crossings, wetland crossings, in areas of steep side slopes, and at the beginning and end of the proposed loop.

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

²The 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.

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 construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Soils.
- Wetlands.
- Land use.
- Vegetation and wildlife.

We do not believe that the proposed project will have any impacts on geology, water resources, endangered and threatened species, cultural resources, air quality and noise, and hazardous waste.

We will 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 based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Great Lakes. 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:

- One wetland would be crossed.
- A 100-foot-wide construction right-of-way is proposed.
- About 9.6 miles of the proposed pipeline right-of-way would cross forestland, resulting in the clearing of about 54.6 acres of forest.
- Approximately 11 percent of the proposed right-of-way would cross sandy soils within are considered highly