

based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Transco. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list:

- Blasting is expected to be required at the crossings of the Broad River and Peoples Creek and possibly at occasional locations along the proposed pipeline route.
- The proposed pipeline would cross a number of waterbodies, including the 546-foot-wide Broad River. In addition, several wetlands would be crossed.
- Four federally listed endangered or threatened species potentially occur in the counties in which the proposed facilities would be constructed.
- The proposed Loop D crosses the Cooperville Ironworks, a National Register of Historic Places District (District) and one of the sites that makes up the District.
- Twelve residences are within 50 feet of the proposed construction right-of-way.
- New compression at new and existing compressor stations would result in impacts on air and noise quality.

The list of issues may be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our analysis.

Also, we have made a preliminary decision to not address the impacts of the nonjurisdictional electric cogeneration plant. We will briefly describe its location and status in the EA. This facility is in Cherokee County, South Carolina, and it has received most of the relevant permits. Its construction should begin in January 1996.

#### 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 (including alternative routes or locations), 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 and send your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP96-16-000;
- Send a copy of your letter to: Mr. Mark Jensen, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 11.2, Washington, D.C. 20426; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before January 15, 1996.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Mr. Jensen 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. Mark Jensen, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-0828.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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#### [Docket No. GT96-15-000]

#### **Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.; Notice of Refund Report**

December 13, 1995.

Take notice that on October 20, 1995, Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. (Iroquois Gas) tendered for filing a refund report pursuant to the Commission's February 22, 1995, Order in Docket No. RP95-124-000.

Iroquois Gas states that it received \$180,446.00 from Gas Research Institute (GRI) in payment of the 1994 Tier 1 refund. Pipelines receiving a refund were required to credit such refunds to their customers. Iroquois states that it provided credits to its customers in the invoices that were remitted on October 6, 1995. Because some of the shippers on Iroquois' system did not receive invoices on that date, shippers otherwise entitled to credits were issued refund checks. Iroquois requests any

waivers that may be necessary to permit such a result.

In addition, while the February 22 Order spoke only of credits to firm customers, Iroquois had interruptible customers that are entitled to credits. Iroquois therefore requests any waivers necessary to accomplish this as well; the amount involved is de minimis.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a 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 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before December 20, 1995. 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. ER96-493-000]

#### **The Montana Power Company; Notice of Filing**

December 13, 1995.

Take notice that on November 30, 1995, The Montana Power Company (Montana), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to 18 CFR 35.13, a Form of Electric Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, a revised Index of Purchasers under said Tariff, and a Certificate of Concurrence from Cenergy.

A copy of the filing was served upon Cenergy.

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, 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 December 26, 1995. 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. CP96-100-000]

**Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application**

December 13, 1995.

Take notice that on December 8, 1995, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, and Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT), 9900 Clayton Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63124, filed in Docket No. CP96-100-000, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, and Section 157.7 and 157.18 of the Commission's Regulations thereunder, a joint application requesting permission and approval for abandonment, effective January 1, 1996, a sale/purchase/exchange service performed under Natural's Rate Schedule X-57 and MRT's Rate Schedule X-13 authorized in Natural's Docket No. CP75-224, as amended, and MRT's Docket No. CP75-226, as amended, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission.

Natural and MRT state that they are parties to a gas exchange agreement and sales agreement dated December 23, 1974, as amended (Agreement), which became Natural's Rate Schedule X-57 and MRT's Rate Schedule X-13. It is also stated that pursuant to the agreement, as amended, Natural: 1) received in Wheeler County, Texas MRT's reserves on a firm basis up to 15,000 Mcf of natural gas per day which MRT purchases in the Mills Ranch Field in Wheeler County, Texas and 2) redeliver to MRT in Clinton County, Illinois, Randolph County, Arkansas and Harrison County, Texas, eighty nine percent (89%) of the volumes delivered by MRT to Natural commencing April 1 each year and forty three percent (43%) of the volumes delivered by MRT to Natural during the six (6) months commencing October 1 each year. Natural and MRT further state that MRT sold and Natural purchased the remainder of the volumes received from MRT.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The percentage of gas purchased and transported by Natural varies according to the time

Natural and MRT state that by a letter agreement dated October 27, 1995, they agreed to terminate the Agreement, as amended, effective January 1, 1996.

Therefore, by the present joint application, Natural and MRT request authority to abandon, effective January 1, 1996, the sale/purchase/exchange service performed under the Agreement, as amended, and Natural's Rate Schedule X-57 and MRT's Rate Schedule X-13 authorized in Natural's Docket No. CP75-224, as amended, and MRT's Docket No. 75-226, as amended.

Natural and MRT state that no facilities are proposed to be abandoned.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 3, 1996, 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 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

of the year and the year in question. Natural's purchase obligation is subject to a cap of the applicable percentage applied to 15,000 Mcf of gas per day.

unnecessary for Natural or MRT to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. ER96-501-000]

**Ohio Power Company; Notice of Filing**

December 13, 1995.

Take notice that on December 1, 1995, the American Electric Power Service Corporation (ARPS), on behalf of Ohio Power Company (OPCO), tendered for filing as an initial rate schedule, a Power Supply Agreement between OPCO and Cleveland Public Power (CPP).

The Power Supply Agreement provides CP up to 50 MW of limited term power for 5 years.

Copies of the filing were served upon CPP, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

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 December 28, 1995. 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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**Office of Energy Research**

**Energy Research Financial Assistance Program Notice 96-03: Computational Structural Biology**

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Research, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice inviting grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Health and Environmental Research (OHER) of the Office of Energy Research (ER), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), supports a comprehensive research program in the