

based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Northern. 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:

- The Rum River, a state designated wild and scenic river, would be crossed.
- The Sauk River and Mill Creek, protected waters of the State of Minnesota, would also be crossed.
- About 30.8 acres of wetlands and 25.7 acres of forest would be disturbed by construction.
- A 100-foot-wide construction right-of-way is proposed for the "C-line" Extension and Elk River Loop 2.

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), 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, 888 First St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP96-57-000;
- Send a copy of your letter to: Mr. Bob Kopka, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 North Capitol St., N.E., PR-11.1, Washington, D.C. 20426; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before February 12, 1996.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Mr. Kopka 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 or more detailed project maps are available from Mr. Bob Kopka, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-0282.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 460—Washington]

Tacoma Public Utilities; Notice of Intent to Hold Public Meetings in Hoodspport and Olympia, Washington, to Discuss the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Relicensing of the Cushman Hydroelectric Project

January 11, 1996.

On December 15, 1995, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Cushman Hydroelectric Project was distributed to all parties on the Commission's mailing list and a notice of availability was published in the Federal Register. The DEIS evaluates the environmental consequences of the proposed relicensing of the project. The project is located in Mason County, Washington near the town of Hoodspport.

Three public meetings have been scheduled to be held in Hoodspport and Olympia, Washington, for the purpose of allowing Commission Staff to present the major DEIS findings and recommendations. Interested parties will have an opportunity to give oral comment on the DEIS for the Commission's public record. Comments will be recorded by a court reporter. Individuals will be given up to five minutes each to present their views on the DEIS.

Meeting Dates, Times & Locations

Wednesday, January 31, from 7:00 pm-11:00 pm

Location: Hoodspport Firehall, Hoodspport, Washington 2 blocks west of Hwy 101 on Finch Creek Road; attached to and directly behind Hoodspport Fire Station.

Thursday, February 1, from 9:30 am-12:30 pm

Location: Ramada Inn Governor's House, 621 S. Capitol Way Olympia, Washington; take Route 5 to exit #105; follow signs to State Capitol; through East Campus Tunnel; turn right on Capitol Way; go six blocks to hotel.

Thursday, February 1, from 7:00 pm-11:00 pm

Location: Ramada Inn Governor's House, 632 S. Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington.

Comments may also be submitted in writing, addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Reference should be clearly made to the Cushman Project, No. 460. All comments must be received by February 13, 1996.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project Nos. 1984-054, et al.]

Hydroelectric Applications: Wisconsin River Power Authority, et al.; Notice of Applications

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

- Type of Application:* Removal of Land from Project Boundary.
- Project No.:* 1984-054.
- Dates Filed:* September 12, 1995 and November 1, 1995.
- Applicant:* Wisconsin River Power Authority (WRPA).
- Name of Project:* Castle Rock-Pentenwell Project.
- Location:* The parcel is on the north side of highway 21, about 1/4 mile east of the Wisconsin River in Adams County, Wisconsin.
- Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 791(a)-825(r).
- Applicant Contact:* Richard L. Hilliker, P.O. Box 8050, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-8050, (715) 422-3722.
- FERC Contact:* John K. Hannula (202) 219-0116.
- Comment Date:* February 8, 1996.
- Description of Application:* WRPA proposes to sell 5 acres of project land to Mr. Walter Buchanan and remove the land from the project boundary.
- This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.
- Type of Application:* Petition for Declaratory Order.

b. *Docket No.*: DI96-2.
 c. *Date Filed*: 12/15/95.
 d. *Applicant*: The Collinsville Company.
 e. *Name of Project*: Collinsville (Upper) Project.
 f. *Location*: River Mile 41 on the Farmington River, in Hartford and Litchfield Counties, Collinsville, CT.
 g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Section 23(b) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 817(b).
 h. *Applicant Contact*: Barbara Perry, President, The Collinsville Company, 10 Front Street, Collinsville, CT 06022, (203) 693-8845.
 i. *FERC Contact*: Diane M. Murray, (202) 219-2682.
 j. *Comment Date*: February 12, 1996.
 k. *Description of Project*: The project consists of: (1) A reservoir with a surface area of 55 acres and a total volume of 350-acre-feet at elevation 289.2 feet msl; (2) an 18-foot-high stone masonry dam owned by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection; (3) eight slide gates that feed the Collinsville Company Forebay; (4) a 60-foot-long penstock located off of the upper canal; (5) a powerhouse with a total generating capacity of 180 Kw; (6) a tailrace canal to Farmington River; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

When a Declaration of Intention is filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Power Act requires the Commission to investigate and determine if the interests of interstate or foreign commerce would be affected by the project. The Commission also determines whether or not the project: (1) Would be located on a navigable waterway; (2) would occupy or affect public lands or reservations of the United States; (3) would utilize surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) if applicable, has involved or would involve any construction subsequent to 1935 that may have increased or would increase the project's head or generating capacity, or have otherwise significantly modified the project's pre-1935 design or operation.

l. *Purpose of Project*: Used for power supply for the various tenants in the Collinsville Company complex.

m. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

3a. *Type of Application*: Transfer of License.

b. *Project No.*: 10204-018.

c. *Date Filed*: December 1, 1995.

d. *Applicants*: Northern Wasco County People's Utility District and Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County.

e. *Name of Project*: McNary Dam Washington Shore Fishway.

f. *Location*: On the Columbia River, in Benton County, Washington.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 USC §§ 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: Harold E. Haake, Special Projects Manager, Northern Wasco County PUD, P.O. Box 621, The Dalles, OR 97058, (503) 296-2226.

i. *FERC Contact*: Regina Saizan, (202) 219-2673.

j. *Comment Date*: February 12, 1996.

k. *Description of the Request*: Northern Wasco County People's Utility District (NWCPUD), licensee, and the Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County request that the license for the McNary Dam Washington Shore Fishway Project be transferred from NWCPUD to NWCPUD and the PUD No. 1 of Klickitat County (joint owners).

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

4a. *Type of Application*: Major New License (Notice of Tendering).

b. *Project No.*: 1975-014.

c. *Date Filed*: December 20, 1995.

d. *Applicant*: Idaho Power Company.

e. *Name of Project*: Bliss.

f. *Location*: On the Snake River, at river mile 560 from the confluence with the Columbia River in Gooding, Twin Falls, and Elmore Counties, Idaho.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 USC §§ 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: Robert W. Stahman, Idaho Power Company, 1221 West Idaho street, P.O. Box 70, Boise, ID 83707, (208) 388-2676.

i. *FERC Contact*: Héctor M. Pérez, (202) 219-2843.

j. *Brief Description of Project*: The project consists of: an 84-foot-high, 364-foot-long and a crest elevation of 2,655 feet mean sea level concrete dam, four intakes and four 22-foot-diameter penstocks, and a powerhouse at the base of the dam with an installed capacity of 75,038 kilowatts.

k. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

l. In accordance with section 4.32 (b)(7) of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, SHPO, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate, factual basis for a complete analysis of this application on its merits, they must file a request for the study with the Commission, together with justification for such request, not later than 60 days from the filing date and serve a copy of the request on the Applicant.

5a. *Type of Application*: Major New License (Notice of Tendering).

b. *Project No.*: 2061-004.

c. *Date Filed*: December 20, 1995.

d. *Applicant*: Idaho Power Company.

e. *Name of Project*: Lower Salmon Falls.

f. *Location*: On the Snake River, at river mile 573 from the confluence with the Columbia River in Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 USC §§ 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: Robert W. Stahman, Idaho Power Company, 1221 West Idaho Street, P.O. Box 70, Boise, ID 83707, (208) 388-2676.

i. *FERC Contact*: Héctor M. Pérez, (202) 219-2843.

j. *Brief Description of Project*: The project consists of: a concrete powerhouse at the right bank of the river with an installed capacity of 60,200 kilowatts, a gated concrete spillway, a concrete overflow section, a concrete fish ladder, a reservoir, and two primary transmission lines.

k. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

l. In accordance with section 4.32 (b)(7) of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, SHPO, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate, factual basis for a complete analysis of this application on its merits, they must file a request for the study with the Commission, together with justification for such request, not later than 60 days from the filing date and serve a copy of the request on the Applicant.

6a. *Type of Application*: Major New License (Notice of Tendering).

b. *Project No.*: 2777-007.

c. *Date Filed*: December 20, 1995.

d. *Applicant*: Idaho Power Company.

e. *Name of Project*: Upper Salmon Falls.

f. *Location*: On the Snake River, at river mile 580 from the confluence with the Columbia River in Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 USC §§ 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: Robert W. Stahman, Idaho Power Company, 1221 West Idaho Street, P.O. Box 70, Boise, ID 83707, (208) 388-2676.

i. *FERC Contact*: Héctor M. Pérez, (202) 219-2843.

j. *Brief Description of Project*: The project consists of: a main diversion dam, two canals, and two power plants

with a total installed capacity of 32,460 kilowatts.

k. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

l. In accordance with section 4.32 (b)(7) of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, SHPO, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate, factual basis for a complete analysis of this application on its merits, they must file a request for the study with the Commission, together with justification for such request, not later than 60 days from the filing date and serve a copy of the request on the Applicant.

Standard Paragraphs

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be

presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Dated: January 11, 1996, Washington, D.C.
Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-117-000, et al.]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company, et al.; Natural Gas Certificate Filings

January 4, 1996.

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

1. NorAm Gas Transmission Company

[Docket No. CP96-117-000]

Take notice that on December 21, 1995, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 1600 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP96-117-000, a request pursuant to Section 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 operate an existing delivery tap on Line AC in Arkansas, for delivery of natural gas to ARKLA, a distribution division of NorAm Energy Corporation (ARKLA). NGT makes such request, under its blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP82-384-000 and CP82-384-001, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

NGT specifically proposes to use the existing delivery tap on Line AC in Hot Springs County, Arkansas for deliveries to ARKLA, for ARKLA's service to a consumer other than the right-of-way grantor for whom the tap was originally installed. It is estimated that approximately 170 MMBtu will be delivered through this tap annually and 2 MMBtu on a peak day. NGT indicates that the volumes to be delivered are within ARKLA's existing entitlements.

Comment date: February 20, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

2. Transwestern Pipeline Company

[Docket No. CP96-119-000]

Take notice that on December 22, 1995, Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern), 1400 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP96-119-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon by sale transmission facilities located in Pecos County, Texas, all as

more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Transwestern proposes to abandon by sale to Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (Chevron) 48.31 miles of 20-inch pipeline, 3.44 miles of 6-inch pipeline, and 2 farm taps, all located in Pecos County. It is stated that the facilities are part of Transwestern's West Texas Lateral transmission system and were installed in 1959 under Commission authorization in Docket No. G-14871, et al., to gain access to gas produced in the Puckett Field in Pecos County for sale to the California market. It is asserted that because of declining production, Transwestern has terminated its purchases from the Puckett Field and abandoned other facilities associated with it. It is explained that Chevron would purchase the facilities for \$3.6 million, acting by and through its Warren Petroleum Company (Warren) division. It is stated that Warren would continue using the facilities as part of its gathering system. It is further stated that Warren would continue to offer service to the farm tap customers comparable to what they are presently receiving from Transwestern. It is asserted that the proposed abandonment would not impair Transwestern's existing service obligations and would not adversely affect the operation of Transwestern's mainline facilities.

Comment date: January 25, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

3. Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation

[Docket No. CP96-125-000]

Take notice that on December 29, 1995, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia Gas), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., Charleston, West Virginia 25314-1599, filed an application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) for authorization to replace certain facilities located in Columbia Gas' Pavonia Storage Field located in Ashland and Richfield Counties, Ohio, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia Gas indicates that, as part of its objective to ensure reliable operation of its pipeline system, it has initiated a program to install on-line pigging facilities, consisting of bi-directional pig launchers and receivers in its existing storage fields. Columbia Gas also indicates that in certain of its fields the installation of the pigging facilities will necessitate the replacement of short sections of telescoped pipelines to provide longer lengths of uniform pipe