

21. Texas-New Mexico Power Company

[Docket No. ES96-35-000]

Take notice that on June 26, 1996, Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNP) filed an application, under § 204 of the Federal Power Act, requesting that the Commission:

(1) authorize TNP to enter into a secured bank syndicated credit agreement in an amount up to \$100 million and to issue up to \$100 million of New Bonds to secure the credit agreement; and

(2) grant any other authority that the Commission deems necessary to authorize TNP to participate in the proposed transaction.

Comment date: July 17, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

22. Old Dominion Electric Cooperative

[Docket No. ES96-36-000]

Take notice that on June 27, 1996, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC) filed an application, under § 204 of the Federal Power Act, seeking authorization to issue up to and including \$110 million of zero coupon First Mortgage Bonds which will be used to secure ODEC's obligations under the equity security deposit provisions of its lease/lease-back of the Clover Power Station Unit 1 which was authorized by the Commission in Docket No. ES96-1-000.¹

Comment date: July 26, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

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. CP96-201-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Middletown Lateral Project

July 2, 1996.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed pipeline facilities including:

- 8.4 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline (the Middletown Lateral) from Algonquin's existing mainline system in Glastonbury, Hartford County, Connecticut to The Connecticut Light and Power Company's (CL&P) electric generating station in Middletown, Middlesex County, Connecticut (Middletown Plant);
- A meter station; and
- A tap value site and appurtenant facilities.

CL&P would construct nonjurisdictional facilities consisting of approximately 1,500 feet of piping, a regulator station, and burner conversion equipment. All of CL&P's facilities would be constructed within its plant site.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to provide up to 82,500 million British thermal units of gas per day to CL&P for use as an alternate fuel for Unit Nos. 2 and 3 at its Middletown Plant.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371. Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

A limited number of copies of the EA are available from: Mr. John Wisniewski, Environmental Project Manager, Environmental Review and

Compliance Branch II, Office of Pipeline Regulation, PR-11.2, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0896.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Written comments must reference Docket No. CP96-201-000, and be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Comments should be filed as soon as possible, but must be received no later than August 1, 1996, to ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on this proposal. A copy of any comments should also be sent to Mr. John Wisniewski, Environmental Project Manager, PR-11.2, at the above address.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file later 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 comments considered.

Additional information about this project is available from Mr. John Wisniewski, Environmental Project Manager.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-517-000]

Algonquin LNG, Inc.; Notice of Public Scoping Meeting and Site Inspection, Algonquin LNG Modifications Project

July 2, 1996.

On July 15, 1996, at 7:00 p.m., the Office of Pipeline Regulation environmental staff will conduct a public scoping meeting for the facilities proposed in the Algonquin LNG Modification's Project in Providence, Rhode Island. The meeting will be held at the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, Third Floor Hearing Room, 100 Orange Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

The public meeting will be designed to give more detailed information and

¹ 73 FERC § 62,120 (1995).

another opportunity to offer comments on the proposed project. Those wanting to speak at the meeting can call the Environmental Assessment (EA) Project Manager to preregister their names on the speaker list. Individuals on the speaker list before the date of the meeting will be allowed to speak first. A second speaker list will be developed at the meeting. Priority will be given to people representing groups. A transcript of each meeting will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded.

In addition to the public meeting, the environmental staff will inspect the proposed project sites on the afternoon of July 15, 1996. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation. For further information, call Chris Zerby, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-0111.

Kevin P. Madden,

Director, Office of Pipeline Regulation.

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[Docket No. CP96-477-000]

K N Interstate Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Pony Express Pipeline Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

July 2, 1996.

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 Pony Express Pipeline 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

K N Interstate Gas Transmission Company (KN) proposes to convert an existing crude oil pipeline owned by Amoco Pipeline Company (Amoco) to natural gas service. The oil pipeline crosses portions of five states and extends between Lost Cabin, Wyoming and Freeman, Missouri. Together with several smaller components, the project would have the capacity to transport natural gas with an energy content of up to 255 billion Btus per day from the

Wind River Basin in central Wyoming and major gas producing areas of southwest Wyoming. It will also interconnect with or cross a number of other interstate gas transportation systems, including KN's existing system (8 locations), ANR Pipeline Company, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, Northern Natural Gas Company, Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company, Trailblazer Pipeline Company, and Williams Natural Gas Company.

The proposed project would include the following components:

- Conversion of the 914-mile-long Amoco oil pipeline to natural gas service (of which an 804-mile-long segment would be acquired by KN);
- Construction of approximately 65 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline between Rockport (Weld County), Colorado and an interconnection with the converted Amoco pipeline near Kimball (Kimball County), Nebraska;
- Construction of approximately 7.6 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline to reroute the converted Amoco pipeline around a portion of Casper, Wyoming;
- Construction of approximately 0.3 mile of 24-inch-diameter pipeline to reroute the converted Amoco pipeline around a congested area near Appanoose School (Franklin County), Kansas;
- Construction of approximately 1.6 miles of 20-inch-diameter inlet and 1.6 miles of 20-inch-diameter outlet pipeline between the converted Amoco pipeline and KN's existing Casper Compressor Station (Natrona County), Wyoming;
- Construction/installation of 50,500 horsepower of compression at five compressor stations;
- Upgrade 58 miles of existing 12-inch-diameter pipeline extending from the Huntsman Compressor Station (Cheyenne County), Nebraska to the Weld County, Colorado interconnect;
- Construction of two interconnects in Natrona County, Wyoming consisting of two 2,000-foot-long sections of 12-inch-diameter pipeline; and construction of one interconnect in Madden, Wyoming consisting of 0.1 mile of 10-inch-diameter; and
- Upgrade 0.2 mile of 20-inch-diameter pipeline in Platt County, Wyoming.
- In addition, about 114 miles of 12-inch-diameter oil pipeline would be constructed for Amoco between Amoco's storage facilities in Casper, Wyoming to an interconnect with the existing Amoco pipeline system at Fort Laramie, Wyoming. This oil pipeline would be constructed by KN Energy, KN

Interstate's non-jurisdictional parent company.

The general location of the project facilities and specific locations for facilities on new sites are shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 717 acres of land. Following construction, about 108 acres would be maintained as new aboveground facility sites and new permanent right-of-way. The remaining 609 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

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 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
- air quality and noise
- hazardous waste

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.

² 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, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

¹ K N Interstate Gas Transmission Company's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.