

Please submit only those comments relative to the environmental conclusions reached in the DEA within 20 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Comments should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix Project No. 4797-042, -043, -044, and -045 to all comments. For further information, please contact the project manager, Robert J. Fletcher, at (202) 219-1206. Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Project Nos. 1980, 1759, 2072, 2073, 2074, and 2131]

Wisconsin Electric Power Company; Notice of Scoping Meetings Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment

August 26, 1996.

Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992, and as part of the license applications, the Wisconsin Electric Power Company (hereinafter referred to as WE) intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) for the Upper Menominee River Basin Hydroelectric Projects. Two public scoping meetings will be held, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, to identify the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. At the scoping meetings, WE will (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially qualified data, on the resources at issue; and (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

Although WE's intent is to prepare an EA, there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited and encouraged to attend and assist in

identifying and clarifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

To help focus the discussions, a scoping document was mailed on July 31, 1996, as part of the Initial Consultation Package (ICP). Copies of the Scoping Document and ICP will also be available at the meetings.

WE will conduct site visits on Friday, September 13, 1996, to tour the Way Dam, Hemlock Falls Dam, Lower Paint Dam, Peavy Falls Dam, and Michigamme Falls Dam. The site visits will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Way Dam. On Saturday, September 14, 1996, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., WE will host a centennial open house of the Kingsford Dam. On Monday, September 16, 1996, WE will conduct site visits of the Twin Falls Dam and the Big Quinnesec Falls Dam. The site visits will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Twin Falls Dam. Persons interested in touring one or more of the sites should contact WE for an itinerary.

A scoping meeting for Federal, state, and local resource agencies will be held on Monday, September 16, 1996, at 2:00 p.m., at the Premiere Center, located at 300 East F Street, Iron Mountain, Michigan. The evening scoping meetings will be held on Monday, September 16, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. at the Premiere Center and on Tuesday, September 17, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. at the Crystal Falls Township Hall, located at Junction US Highways 2 and 141, Crystal Falls, Michigan. The site visits and scoping meetings are open to all interested parties.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings. Because this meeting will be a NEPA scoping meeting when the applications and EA are filed with the Commission in October 1999. Instead, the Commission staff will attend the meetings held on September 16 and 17, 1996.

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and, thereby, will become a part of the formal record of the proceedings on the Upper Menominee River Basin Projects. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to identify themselves for the record.

Concerned parties are encouraged to offer verbal guidance during public meetings. Speaking time allowed for individuals will be determined before each meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session, but all speakers will be provided at least five minutes to present their views.

Persons choosing not to speak but wishing to express an opinion, as well as speakers unable to summarize their positions within the allotted time, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record.

Written scoping comments may also be mailed to Ms. Rita L. Hayden, P.E., Wisconsin Electric Power Company, 231 W. Michigan St., P.O. 2046, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53201-2046, by November 17, 1996. Correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Scoping Comments, Upper Menominee River Basin Hydroelectric Projects, FERC Nos. 1980, 1759, 2072, 2073, 2074, and 2131.

For further information, please contact Ms. Annie Salmona at (414) 221-4151 (Wisconsin Electric) or Patti Leppert-Slack at (202) 219-2767 (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission).

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-716-000, et al.]

East Tennessee Natural Gas Company, et al.; Natural Gas Certificate Filings

August 23, 1996.

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

1. East Tennessee Natural Gas Company

[Docket No. CP96-716-000]

Take notice that on August 14, 1996, East Tennessee Natural Gas Company (East Tennessee) a Tennessee Corporation, P. O. 2511, Houston, Texas 77252, filed, in the above docket, a request for authorization pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212) and under its blanket authority issued on September 1, 1982, in Docket No. CP82-412-000, to establish a new delivery point in order to provide additional firm transportation service to an existing customer, Loudon Utilities Gas Department (Loudon), all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, East Tennessee proposes to install a new delivery point located at approximate M.P. 3218D-101+6.6 on its system in Loudon County, Tennessee. To establish the delivery point, East Tennessee states that it will install a four-inch tie-in assembly, approximately 50 feet of four-inch interconnecting pipe, a two-inch turbine