exclusive, i.e., limited to pelletized sorbents, subject to a license and other rights retained by the U.S. Government, and subject to other terms and conditions to be negotiated. DOE intends to grant the license, upon a final determination in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 209(c), unless within 60 days of this notice the Office of Institutional Development, Department of Energy, Morgantown Energy Technology Center receives in writing any of the following, together with the supporting documents:

(i) A statement from any person setting forth reasons why it would not be in the best interest of the United States to grant the proposed license; or

(ii) An application for a nonexclusive license to the invention, in which applicant states that it already has brought the invention to practical application or is likely to bring the invention to practical application expeditiously, for pelletized sorbents.

The Department will review all timely written responses to this notice, and will grant the license if, after expiration of the 60-day notice period, and after consideration of written responses to this notice, a determination is made, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 209(c), that the license grant is in the public interest.

Issued: September 9, 1996.

Thomas F. Bechtel,

Director, METC.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP93–100–000; Docket Nos. RP94–208–000, RP94–87–008, RP94–122–006, RP94–169–006, RP95–195–005, RP94–249–004, RP94–260–004, RP94–305–002, and RP94–364–001; Docket Nos. RP94–222–000, RP93–151–015, RP94–39–006, RP94–202–000, and RP94–309–003; Docket Nos. RP94–298–000, and TM94–29–000; and Docket Nos. RP94–347–000, RP94–150–000, RP94–266–000, and RP94–384–000]

Notice Establishing Format for Oral Argument

September 13, 1996.

In the Matter of: Dakota Gasification Company (successor-in-interest to the Department of Energy), Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, and ANR Pipeline Company

This notice establishes the format for the oral argument which the Commission schedule in an order issued July 17, 1996.[1] This notice does so based upon notifications from the parties of the number of representatives they wished to make presentations and the manner in which they desired to allocate their allotted time.

In addition to the notifications received from the parties, Senators Kent Conrad and Byron Dorgan, and Congressman Earl Pomeroy, in letters to Chair Moler, indicate that they wish to have an opportunity to speak concerning the Great Plains project.

In its notification filing, the Dakota Ratepayers/State Commission Group pointed out that the Commission's order announcing the oral argument provided the three principal parties opposing the Initial Decision with a total of 1 and ½ hours of argument, while providing Ratepayers Group, the one party supporting the Initial Decision, only 30 minutes. The Ratepayers Group also urged that they should not be ''bookended'', *i.e.*, preceded and succeeded by one or more of their adversaries in this proceeding. To remedy this situation, the Ratepayers Group requests that (1) none of the three parties opposing the Initial Decision should be permitted to relinquish time to the other; (2) the Ratepayers Group should be schedule last for both the presentation of initial arguments and rebuttal; and (3) the Ratepayers Group should be allocated 30 minutes to present its arguments and 15 minutes for rebuttal.

The proposals of the Ratepayers Group have been considered and they are reasonable. In addition, both Senators from North Dakota and Congressman Pomeroy will be provided an opportunity to address the issues that the Commission has set for oral argument in this proceeding. Accordingly, consistent with the notifications concerning the oral argument filed by the parties in this proceeding, the time for the oral argument will be allocated follows:

Hon. Kent Conrad, United States Senate—10 minutes

Hon. Byron L. Dorgan, United States Senate—10 minutes

Hon Earl Pomeroy, United States House of Representatives—10 minutes

Dakota Gasification Represented by MaryJane Reynolds, Mark D. Foss—20 minutes

The Department of Energy, Represented by Hon. Robert R. Nordhaus, James K. White, Lot Cooke—20 minutes

The Pipelines, Represented by James F. Bendernagel, Jr., Daniel F. Collins, Michael J. Fremuth—20 minutes

The Ratepayers Group, Represented by Bruce Kiely, Robert G. Hardy—30 minutes

Rebuttal

Dakota Gasification—10 minutes

The Department of Energy—10 minutes

The Pipelines—10 minutes

The Ratepayers Group—15 minutes

The oral argument will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 1 at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[1] 76 FERC ¶ 61,036 (1996).

[Docket No. RP96–333–000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Technical Conference

September 13, 1996.

In the Commission's order issued on September 5, 1996, in the above-captioned proceeding, the Commission held that the filing raises issues for which a technical conference is to be convened.

The conference to address the issues is being scheduled for Friday, September 27, 1996, at 10:30 a.m., in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, D.C. 20426.

All interested persons and Staff are permitted to attend.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. OR96–15–000]

Ultramar Inc., Complainant v. SFPP, L.P., Respondent; Notice of Complaint

September 13, 1996.

Take notice that on August 30, 1996, pursuant to sections 9, 13(1), and 15(1) of the Interstate Commerce Act of 1887 (49 U.S.C. §§ 9, 13(1), 15(1)), Rule 206 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.206), the Commission's Procedural Rules Applicable to Oil Pipeline Proceedings (18 CFR § 343.1(c)), Ultramar Inc. (Ultramar) tendered for filing a complaint against charges collected by SFPP, L.P. (SFPP) for the pipeline transportation of petroleum products. Ultramar complains against the charge collected for SFPP's drain dry system at Watson Station in California (Drain Dry).

Ultramar complains that the Drain Dry charge (1) has not been covered by tariffs filed with the Commission, (2) has not been justified by the cost of service, (3) has discriminated against shippers that use the Drain Dry System, and (4) has resulted in overcharges in excess of filed tariff rates. Ultramar seeks the refund of all unlawful Drain Dry charges collected by SFPP and the establishment of a rate which is just, reasonable, and non-discriminatory.

Ultramar respectfully requests that the Commission (1) investigate the charge collected by SFPP for transportation through the Drain Dry system, (2) order refunds to Ultramar to the extent that the Commission finds that the rate was unlawful, (3) determine and prescribe a just, reasonable, and non-discriminatory rate for the Drain Dry system, and (4) award Ultramar reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

Any person desiring to be heard or protest said complaint 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 Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before October 15, 1996. 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 in the Public Reference Room. Answers to the complaint must be filed on or before October 15, 1996.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Project No. 11556 Alaska]

Lake Dorothy Hydro, Inc.; Notice of Scoping Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Notice To File Additional Studies

September 13, 1996.

The Energy Policy Act of 1992, allows applicants to prepare their own draft environmental assessment (EA) for hydropower projects and file it with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) along with their license application as part of the ''applicant-prepared EA'' process. Lake Dorothy Hydro, Inc. (LDHI) intends to prepare an EA to file with the Commission for the Lake Dorothy Hydroelectric Project No. 11556. LDHI will hold two public scoping meetings, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, to identify the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

Scoping Meetings

The times and locations of the two scoping meetings are:

Agency Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 1996.

Place: CBJ Juneau Public Library, 292 Marine Way, Juneau, AK.

Time: 2:00 pm.

Public Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 1996.

Place: CBJ Juneau Public Library, 292 Marine Way, Juneau, AK.

Time: 6:30 pm.

At the scoping meetings, LDHI will (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantified 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 LDHI's intent is to prepare an EA, there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) may be required. Nevertheless, these meetings 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 either or both meetings to assist in identifying and clarifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

To help focus discussions at the meetings, LDHI prepared and distributed Scoping Document 1 for this project. Copies of this scoping document can be obtained by calling Sue Tinney, Licensing Coordinator, of Tinney Associates at (907) 364–2233, or can be obtained directly at either meeting.

Site Visit

LDHI will also conduct a site visit for this project on Tuesday, October 8, 1996. Site visit participants will meet at Temsco Helicopters, Maplesden Way (near the Juneau International Airport) at 10:00 am. Those planning to attend the site visit must contact Ms. Helen Davies of LDHI at (907) 463–6315 before October 1, 1996.

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, the Commission will not conduct another NEPA scoping meeting when the application and draft EA are filed with the Commission.

Both meetings will be recorded by a stenographer, and thus will become a part of the formal record of the proceedings for this project.

Those who choose not to speak may instead submit written comments on the project. These comments should be mailed to Mr. Corry Hildenbrand, Lake Dorothy Hydro, Inc., 889 South Franklin, Juneau, AK 99801. All correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Scoping Comments, Lake Dorothy Project, FERC No. 11556, Alaska.

Additional Studies

Under section 4.32(b)(7) of the Commission's Regulations, if any agency, Indian Tribe, special interest group, or individual thinks that the applicant should conduct an additional scientific study to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the project's merits, they must request that study within 60 days of the filing of the license application.

For the Lake Dorothy Project, however, LDHI requested waiver of section 4.32(b)(7) of the regulations to accommodate their preparation of the Preliminary Draft EA. The waiver has been granted, so the additional studies request opportunity will be afforded now. Therefore, all requests for studies must be filed by November 8, 1996, which would be 30 days after the scoping meetings.

The study requests, which must conform to section 4.32(b)(7) of the regulations, should clearly identify the following on the first page:

Lake Dorothy Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 11556).

The requests should then be served on the following two parties:

Mr. Corry V. Hildenbrand, President, Lake Dorothy Hydro, Inc., 889 South Franklin, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

For further information, please contact Mr. Corry Hildenbrand at (907)