

Company filed an application, under 204 of the Federal Power Act, seeking authorization to issue short-term debt, from time to time, in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$750 million outstanding at any one time, during the period October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1998, with a final maturity date no later than September 30, 1999. This authorization would supersede the authority granted by the Commission in Docket No. ES96-22-000 (75 FERC ¶ 62,125 (1996)) to issue up to \$300 million of short-term debt during the period July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1998, with final maturities not later than June 30, 1999.

Comment date: October 11, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

23. Glacier Electric Cooperative

[Docket No. OA96-152-000]

Take notice that on August 8, 1996, Glacier Electric Cooperative, tendered for filing an application for small public utility waiver of the requirements of Parts 35 and 37.

Comment date: September 30, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

24. City of Dover, Delaware

[Docket No. OA96-228-000]

Take notice that on September 10, 1996, the City of Dover, Delaware tendered for filing an application for waiver from the requirements of Order No. 888 to submit a transmission open access tariff and of Order No. 889 to maintain an Open-Access Same Time Information System and comply with associated standards of conduct.

Comment date: October 15, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

25. Soyland Power Cooperative, Inc.

[Docket No. OA96-229-000]

Take notice that Soyland Power Cooperative, Inc. (Soyland), on September 12, 1996, tendered for filing a request for waiver of the Commission's Order No. 889 Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) requirements and Standards of Conduct. The requested waivers would exempt Soyland from filing an open access transmission tariff and from developing its own OASIS and would waive the requirement that Soyland separate its wholesale merchant personnel from its transmission personnel. Soyland, a small public utility, requests these waivers because it owns no transmission facilities, because it is not a control area operator, and because full compliance with Order Nos. 888 and

889 would be unduly burdensome. Soyland also seeks waiver of the Commission's sixty-day prior notice filing requirement.

Comment date: October 15, 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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[Project No. 1494-094]

Grand River Dam Authority; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

September 17, 1996.

A draft environmental assessment (DEA) is available for public review. The DEA was prepared for an application filed by Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) that requests authorization to grant a dredging permit to a private landowner (applicant) for the excavation of shoreline and lake bottom material from Grand Lake O' The Cherokees (Grand Lake) for a boat launch and channel. The applicant was granted approval by Order Approving Non-Project use of Project Lands, 68 FERC 62,094, issued July 27, 1994, to dredge an area 90 feet long, 90 feet wide, and 10 feet deep. The applicant's new proposal is to extend the excavation shoreward 310 feet, making the boat launch and channel excavation site approximately 400 feet long, 90 feet wide, and up to a maximum depth of 10 feet. Approximately 4,444 cubic yards of material from the lake bottom and shoreline will be excavated from the site. The excavation would occur on project lands in the Horse Creek area (north shore) of Grand Lake, in

Delaware County, just north of the town of Bernice, Oklahoma.

The DEA finds that GRDA's proposed amendment is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The DEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the DEA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371.

Comments on the DEA must be filed with the Commission within 30 days from the date of this notice. Comments should be addressed to: Ms. Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please include the project number (1494-094) on any comments filed.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-690-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Mississippi River Crossing—Minnesota Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

September 17, 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 Mississippi River Crossing—Minnesota 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

Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) wants to increase its pipeline system's reliability by looping a crossing of the Mississippi River in Dakota and Washington Counties, Minnesota. Northern seeks authority to construct and operate about 3.03 miles of new 30-inch-diameter pipeline. This pipeline would interconnect with Northern's existing system that is already looped on the north and south sides of the

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