

157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 2035-005, Colorado]

City and County of Denver; Notice of Scoping Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

October 7, 1996.

The Energy Policy Act of 1992, allows applicants to prepare their own environmental assessment (EA) for hydropower projects and file it with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) along with their license applications as part of the "applicant-prepared EA" process. The City and County of Denver, Colorado, acting by and through its Board of Water Commissioners (Denver Water), intends to prepare an EA to file with the Commission for the relicensing of the Gross Reservoir Project No. 2035. Denver Water will hold two public scoping meetings, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 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: November 7, 1996

Place: Jeffco Airport Terminal Meeting Room, Broomfield, Colorado

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Public Meeting

Date: November 7, 1996

Place: Jeffco Airport Terminal Meeting Room, Broomfield, Colorado

Time: 6:00 p.m.

The Jeffco Airport is located off Colorado Highway 128 west of the Broomfield exit on U.S. 36. Turn south on West 120th Avenue to the airport.

At the scoping meetings, Denver Water will (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively

identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information; and (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on information that should be gathered and issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

Although Denver Water'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 Denver Water in identifying and clarifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

To help focus discussion at the meetings, Denver Water prepared and distributed Scoping Document 1 for this project. Copies of this scoping document can be obtained by calling Denver Water at (303) 628-6501, or can be obtained directly at either meeting.

Site Visit

Denver Water will also conduct a site visit to Gross reservoir for Commission staff on Wednesday, November 6, 1996. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited and encouraged to attend the site visit. Those attending the site visit should notify Denver Water at (303) 628-6336 or 628-6553. The site visit will start at Denver Water's office at 1600 West 12th Avenue, Denver, Colorado. Participants can arrange to meet at Gross reservoir or the South Boulder Creek diversion dam, however.

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 won't conduct another NEPA scoping meeting after Denver Water files its application and EA.

A stenographer will record both meetings, and the meeting transcripts will become parts of the formal record of the relicensing proceeding.

Those who choose not to speak may instead submit written comments on the relicensing and any studies Denver Water needs to conduct to evaluate the effects of relicensing. These comments should be mailed to Dave Little at Denver Water, 1600 West 12th Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80254, for receipt no later than December 9, 1996. All correspondence should clearly show the

following caption on the first page: Scoping comments, Gross Reservoir Project, FERC No. 2035, Colorado.

For further information, please contact Dave Little at (303) 628-6533, or Dianne Rodman of the Commission at (202) 219-2830.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-817-000]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 7, 1996.

Take notice that on September 27, 1996, Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern), P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in Docket No. CP96-817-000 a request pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) for authorization to construct and operate a delivery point, including measurement and appurtenant facilities for service to Alabama Gas Corporation (Alagasco) in Elmore County, Alabama, under Southern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-406-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Southern states that it proposes the facilities in order to provide transportation service to Alagasco who will in turn provide natural gas service to Russell Mills at its manufacturing plant in Elmore County, Alabama.

Southern states further that Alagasco does not propose to add any transportation demand to its firm service as a result of the delivery point and that the proposed facilities would have no adverse effect on Southern's ability to provide Southern's firm deliveries. It is said that the estimated cost of construction is approximately \$356,000.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a