

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Bonneville Power Administration****Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Feasibility Project**

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement.

SUMMARY: This notice announces BPA's proposal to implement various studies and research projects in the Methow, Wenatchee, and Entiat River watersheds, located in the State of Washington in Chelan and Okanogan Counties. These projects will focus on the feasibility of restoring coho salmon to the mid-Columbia tributaries, including the release of coho fingerlings and smolts into these tributaries and the possible initiation of a local broodstock development program. In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements, BPA will prepare a floodplain and wetlands assessment and will perform this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain and wetlands. The assessment will be included in the environmental assessment being prepared for the proposed project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. A floodplain statement of findings will be included in any finding of no significant impact that may be issued following the completion of the environmental assessment.

DATES: Comments are due to the address below no later than November 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Communications, Bonneville Power Administration—ACS-7, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon 97212. Internet address: comment@bpa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Nancy Weintraub—ECN-4, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621, phone number 503-230-5373, fax number 503-230-4089.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project would involve work in the Wenatchee, Entiat, and Methow watersheds. The work would include mostly activities with minimal impacts, such as snorkeling, seining, electroshocking, screw trapping, spawning surveys, and placement of fish into these rivers and their tributaries. It may also involve the construction of low-impact, low-

technology acclimation ponds or the netting-off of side channels to provide sites for coho acclimation. Placement of temporary weirs into streams may also occur. Exact locations for these activities have not yet been identified, but existing facilities will be used as much as possible. The only alternative identified to date is the no-action alternative.

Maps and further information are available from BPA at the address above.

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Thomas C. McKinney,
NEPA Compliance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. TM99-1-20-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 3, 1998.

Take notice that on October 30, 1998, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, December 1, 1998.

Algonquin states that, pursuant to Section 32 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff, it is filing to revise the Fuel Reimbursement Percentages (FRPs) for the four calendar periods beginning December 1, 1998. Algonquin states that company use for the actual period decreased by 34% compared to Algonquin's projected requirement from the last FRQ annual filing due primarily to decreased fuel use as a result of lower throughput and decreased unaccounted for gas. Algonquin states that the use of actual data for the latest available 12-month period yields decreased FRPs which, compared to the last FRQ annual filing, consist of a 0.03% decrease in the FRP for the Winter season and seasonal decreases for the Spring, Summer and Fall seasons ranging from 0.36% to 0.54%. Algonquin proposes to levelize the three non-winter periods in response to requests from customers for rate stability.

Algonquin requests any waivers necessary to permit the percentage calculated from the actuals for the entire 8-month period, combining Spring, Summer and Fall, to be applied during each of the three seasonal periods so

that for the entire 8-month period the FRP will not change from one season to the next.

Algonquin also states that it is submitting the calculation of the fuel reimbursement quantity (FRQ) deferral allocation, pursuant to Section 32.5(c) which provides that Algonquin will calculate surcharges or refunds designed to amortize the net monetary value of the balance in the FRQ Deferred Account at the end of the previous accumulation period.

Algonquin states that for the period August 1, 1997 through July 31, 1998, the FRQ Deferred Account resulted in a net debit balance that will be surcharged to Algonquin's customers, based on the allocation of the account balance over the actual throughput during the accumulation period, exclusive of backhauls. Algonquin also states that the amounts reflected in the filing are computed on the basis of actual cash transactions, consistent with the Commission's holdings in Koch Gateway Pipeline Co., 76 F.E.R.C. ¶ 61,296 (1996), and ANR Pipeline Co., 80 F.E.R.C. ¶ 61,173 (1997), in which the Commission established its currently effective policy of requiring pipelines to use cash transactions, rather than imputed values, for purposes of calculating deferred accounts related to imbalance resolution procedures.

Algonquin states that copies of this filing were mailed to all affected customers of Algonquin and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. 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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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