

19. UtiliCorp United, Inc.

[Docket No. ES99-29-000]

Take notice that on February 11, 1999, UtiliCorp United, Inc. (Applicant), tendered for filing an application seeking an order under Section 204 of the Federal Power Act authorizing the Applicant to issue corporate guarantees in support of Debt Securities in an amount up to and including \$100,000,000 (CDN), approximately \$67.1 million U.S. based on exchange rates quoted in the Wall Street Journal on February 8, 1999, and any associated currency and interest rate hedges) to be issued by a UtiliCorp Subsidiary at some time(s) over the next two years, and for exemption from competitive bidding and negotiated placement requirements.

Comment date: March 15, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 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 these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,*Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 11574-000 Connecticut]

City of Norwich, Department of Public Utilities; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

February 24, 1999.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for original license for the Occum Hydroelectric Project, located on the Shetucket River in New London County, Connecticut, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project.

Copies of the DEA are available in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Any comments should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. For further information, contact Ed Lee at (202) 219-2809 or by E-mail at Ed.Lee@FERC.fed.us. The EA may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm>.

Please call (202) 208-222 for assistance.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-94-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed FGT Phase IV Expansion Project, Request For Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting and Site Visit

February 24, 1999.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the FGT Phase IV Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) in Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama.¹ These facilities would consist of about 205 miles of various diameter pipeline, 48,570 horsepower (hp) of compression, four new delivery points including three meter stations and a tap, and various other miscellaneous facilities. This EIS will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine

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

whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity. The application and other supplemental filings in this docket are available for viewing on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.fed.us). Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law. A fact sheet addressing a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain, is attached to this notice as appendix 1.²

Additionally, with this notice we are asking a number of Federal and state agencies (see appendix 2) with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the EIS. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated the proposal relative to their agencies' responsibilities.

Summary of the Proposed Project

FGT wants to expand the capacity of its facilities in Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama to transport an additional 272,000 million British thermal units per day of natural gas to two private power companies, two municipal utilities, two industrial customers, two natural gas marketers and one local distribution company. See tables 1 and 2 for a listing of project facilities. The FGT Phase IV Expansion Project would also include block valves and blowdown valves. The locations of these facilities have not yet been determined.

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.