

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-113-000]

Algonquin LNG, Inc. Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed ALNG Plant Modifications Project

April 8, 1999.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this environmental assessment (EA) on the modification of existing facilities proposed by Algonquin LNG, Inc. (ALNG Plant Modifications Project) in the above-referenced docket. 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.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the proposed modification, construction, and operation at an existing liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage facility. The proposed modifications would include:

- Abandoning the three existing direct-fired LNG vaporizers, and installing three new horizontal indirect-fired 150 million standard cubic feet per day (MMscfd) LNG vaporizers;
- Increasing the capacity of the existing LNG pumps from 100 MMscfd to 150 MMscfd;
- Installing two new 600 horsepower boiloff gas compressors consisting of flooded screw type compressors driven by fixed speed electric motors.

Installing additional emergency power generation equipment, control systems, and safety systems; and

- Modifying metering facilities for the delivery of vaporized LNG and boiloff gas.

The proposed facilities would allow ALNG to continue to provide LNG storage, LNG truck loading and

unloading, and LNG vaporization services on a firm and interruptible non-discriminatory open access basis.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371. Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow the instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded.

- Send two copies of your comments to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR11.1;

- Reference Docket No. CP99-113-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before May 7, 1999.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties not seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 395.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered. Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222. Access to the texts of formal documents issued by

the Commission with regard to this docket, such as orders and notices, is also available on the FERC website using the "CIPS" link. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 1494-160 Oklahoma]

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

April 8, 1999.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47910), the Office of Hydropower Licensing (OHL) has reviewed an application for approval of additional marina facilities. Grand River Dam Authority proposes to permit Gene Gregg, d/b/a Tera Miranda Marina, (permittee) to improve and enlarge an existing commercial marina facility located on the east side of Grand Lake's Monkey Island. The existing marina facility includes 20 boat docks with a total of 129 slips. The permittee requests permission to remove from the site an existing jetty and two manmade breakwaters and to install and operate certain additional facilities. The new proposed facilities include five new boat docks with a total of 116 slips, two floating breakwaters, a building containing showers and a restroom facility, and a waste disposal system. The Pensacola Project is on the Grand River, in Craig, Delaware, Mayes, and Ottawa Counties, Oklahoma.

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 or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). In the DEA, staff concludes that approval of the licensee's proposal would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Please submit any comments within 30 days from the date of this notice. Comments should be addressed to: Mr. David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary,