

SUMMARY: The New Jersey Turnpike Authority of New Brunswick, New Jersey has submitted an application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge fill material permanently impacting approximately 12 acres of waters of the United States including wetlands, and to temporarily fill other waters, to facilitate the construction of a limited-access toll roadway known as New Jersey Route 92. The discharge of fill material into waters of the United States requires a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process will assist the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in determining whether to issue or deny a permit for the project under that authority. This action is taking place in accordance with the USACE procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 33 CFR Parts 230 and 325.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James W. Haggerty, Chief, Eastern Permits Section, New York District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 1937, New York, New York 10278-0090, e-mail James.W.Haggerty@usace.army.mil Telephone (212) 264-3912

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Project Description

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority has submitted an application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge fill material permanently impacting approximately 12 acres of waters of the United States including wetlands, and to temporarily fill other waters, to facilitate the construction of a limited-access toll roadway known as New Jersey Route 92. The proposed roadway corridor is within the Devils Brook and Shallow Brook watersheds in the Townships of South Brunswick, Monroe and Plainsboro, Middlesex County, New Jersey. The applicant has submitted a wetlands mitigation plan with the application, proposing creation of approximately 57 acres of wetlands from existing uplands and proposing preservation activities. In total, approximately 260 acres of mostly forested wetlands, owned by the applicant adjacent to the proposed roadway corridor, would be created and/or preserved.

On February 7, 2000, USACE completed an analysis of the Need to Prepare an EIS. This analysis was prepared under the Corps of Engineers and Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA. The analysis was prepared utilizing

information made available through the public interest process until that date, including the issuance of a public notice and the conduct of a public hearing in Plainsboro, New Jersey on March 29, 1999. The analysis concluded that USACE will require the preparation of an EIS to process the application.

2. Reasonable Alternatives

In addition to the no action alternative, reasonable alternatives to be considered include the following:

- a. Preferred Alternative of New Jersey Turnpike Authority
- b. Alternatives to construction as proposed
- c. Alternate construction techniques

3. EIS Scoping

As part of the EIS scoping process, comments on the proposed scope of the EIS will be accepted until 45 days after the publication of this Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register**. All comments should be addressed to the contact person indicated above. In addition to receiving written comments, the USACE will receive oral comments during a public scoping meeting to be scheduled for the latter part of the scoping period. Notice of the public scoping meeting will be made through mailings and/or the New York District's website. (<http://www.nan.usace.army.mil>)

4. Public Participation in the EIS Process

The EIS process will provide opportunities for full participation by interested federal, state, and local agencies, as well as other interested organizations and the general public. All interested parties are encouraged to submit their names and addresses to the contact person indicated above for inclusion on the list for distribution of the draft and final EIS and any related public notices.

5. Federal Agency Participation in the EIS Process

Federal agencies with an interest in this EIS effort are requested to participate as cooperating agencies pursuant to 40 CFR part 1501.6. All interested federal agencies are requested to submit a letter of intent to Joseph J. Seebode, Chief, Regulatory Branch, New York District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Joseph J. Seebode,

Chief, Regulatory Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER00-1975-000]

American Energy Savings, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

April 24, 2000.

American Energy Savings, Inc. (American Energy) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which American Energy will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. American Energy also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, American Energy requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by American Energy.

On April 21, 2000, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Corporate Applications, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, granted requests for blanket approval under part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by American Energy should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, American Energy is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of American Energy's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is May 22, 2000.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE.,

Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER00-1874-001]

New England Power Pool; Notice of Filing

April 24, 2000.

Take notice that on April 6, 2000, the New England Power Pool Participants Committee filed an amendment to its filing dated March 13, 2000 in the above-referenced docket.

The NEPOOL Participants Committee states that copies of this filing have been sent to the New England state governors and regulatory commissions and the Participants in the New England Power Pool.

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, NE., Washington, DC 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 and protests should be filed on or before May 4, 2000. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP97-369-000 and RP98-39-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

April 24, 2000.

On March 13 and 28, 2000, the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) sponsored two informal settlement conferences for the purpose of initiating settlement discussions potentially leading to a resolution of all the Kansas *ad valorem* proceedings. During the March 28 conference, the participants agreed that settlement negotiations among all interested parties should be pursued separately for each pipeline involved with the Kansas *ad valorem* tax refund issues.

The participants interested in the Northern Natural Gas Company docket also reached a consensus that the informal settlement conference agreed upon should be noticed by the Secretary of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) and that the Commission's settlement regulations apply to the informal settlement process. The participants also agreed that, as with the previous two settlement conferences, the Director of the Commission's Dispute Resolution Service and the KCC attend the conference and facilitate the settlement negotiations.

The informal settlement conference will be held on May 9, 2000, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel located at 7000 West 108th, Overland Park, Kansas. The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. To insure that the facilities are adequately sized all parties that plan to attend the settlement conference are requested to contact Sharon Solon by phone at (402) 398-7015 or via e-mail at sharon.solon@enron.com or mary.kay.miller@enron.com no later than May 3, 2000.

All interested parties in the above dockets are requested to attend the informal settlement conference. If a party has any questions respecting the conference, please call Richard Miles, the Director of the Dispute Resolution Service. His telephone number is 1 877 FERC ADR (337-2237) or 202-208-0702 and his e-mail address is richard.miles@ferc.fed.us.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC00-79-000, et al.]

PG&E Energy Services Corporation, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

April 20, 2000.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. PG&E Energy Services Corporation/Enron Energy Services Operations, Inc.

[Docket No. EC00-79-000]

Take notice that on April 17, 2000, PG&E Energy Services Corporation (PG&E ES) and Enron Energy Services Operations, Inc. (EESO) tendered for filing pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824b (1994), and part 33 of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR part 33, an Application requesting that the Commission approve the transaction by which EESO will acquire PG&E ES and its jurisdictional facilities.

Comment date: May 17, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. PPL Brunner Island, LLC

[Docket No. EG00-39-000]

Take notice that on April 18, 2000, PPL Brunner Island, LLC (PPL Brunner Island) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission a copy of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's April 13, 2000 Order finding that the granting of exempt wholesale generator status to PPL Brunner Island: (1) Will benefit consumers; (2) is in the public interest; and (3) does not violate state law.

Comment date: May 11, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

3. PPL Holtwood, LLC

[Docket No. EG00-40-000]

Take notice that on April 18, 2000, PPL Holtwood, LLC (PPL Holtwood) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission a copy of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's April 13, 2000 Order finding that the granting of exempt wholesale generator status to PPL Holtwood: (1) Will benefit consumers; (2) is in the public interest; and (3) does not violate state law.

Comment date: May 11, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E