

provide local network integration transmission service to ANP Blackstone under Boston Edison's open access transmission tariff accepted for filing in Docket No. ER00-2065-000.

Boston Edison requests waiver of the Commission's thirty (30) day notice requirement in order to allow the service agreement to become effective on October 1, 2000.

Comment date: December 18, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

9. Northern Indiana Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER01-518-000]

Take notice that on November 28, 2000, Northern Indiana Public Service Company tendered for filing an executed Standard Transmission Service Agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service between Northern Indiana Public Service Company and Alliance Energy Services Partnership (Alliance).

Under the Transmission Service Agreement, Northern Indiana Public Service Company will provide Point-to-Point Transmission Service to Alliance pursuant to the Transmission Service Tariff filed by Northern Indiana Public Service Company in Docket No. OA96-47-000 and allowed to become effective by the Commission.

Northern Indiana Public Service Company has requested that the Service Agreement be allowed to become effective as of November 29, 2000.

Copies of this filing have been sent to Alliance Energy Services Partnership, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

Comment date: December 19, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. Northern Indiana Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER01-519-000]

Take notice that on November 28, 2000, Northern Indiana Public Service Company tendered for filing an executed Standard Transmission Service Agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service between Northern Indiana Public Service Company and MidAmerican Energy Company (MECR).

Under the Transmission Service Agreement, Northern Indiana Public Service Company will provide Point-to-Point Transmission Service to MECR pursuant to the Transmission Service Tariff filed by Northern Indiana Public Service Company in Docket No. OA96-47-000 and allowed to become effective by the Commission.

Northern Indiana Public Service Company has requested that the Service Agreement be allowed to become effective as of November 29, 2000.

Copies of this filing have been sent to MidAmerican Energy Company, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

Comment date: December 19, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. Covert Generating Company, LLC

[Docket No. ER01-520-000]

Take notice that on November 28, 2000, Covert Generating Company, LLC (Covert), tendered for filing pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, and Part 35 of the Commission's Regulations, a petition for authorization to make sales of capacity, energy, and certain Ancillary Services at market-based rates, to reassign transmission capacity, and to resell Firm Transmission Rights. Covert proposes to construct a natural gas-fired, combined cycle power plant of approximately 1,200 MW capacity in Covert Township, Van Buren County, Michigan.

Comment date: December 19, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. American Transmission Company LLC

[Docket No. ER01-521-000]

Take notice that on November 28, 2000, American Transmission Company LLC (ATCLLC), tendered for filing a Generation-Transmission Interconnection Agreement between ATCLLC and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation.

ATCLLC requests an effective date of January 1, 2001.

Comment date: December 19, 2000, 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 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-94-003]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Modified Tampa South Lateral Extension and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

December 4, 2000.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the proposed modified route of the Tampa South Lateral Extension (TSLE) involving construction and operation of facilities by Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) in Hillsborough County, Florida.¹ Specifically FGT proposes to modify its certificate in Docket No. CP99-94-000. The proposed facilities would consist of about 6.2 miles of 6- and 8-inch-diameter pipeline. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the proposed modified route for TSLE is preferable to the certificated route.

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 prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need

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.

To Know?" was attached to the FGT project notice provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.fed.us).

Summary of the Proposed Project

FGT wants to modify the route and pipe size of the TSLE as previously certificated by the Commission on February 28, 2000 which authorized the construction and operation of FGT's Phase IV Expansion Project. FGT seeks to change the route of the TSLE, which includes a change in the pipeline length from about 5.62 miles to 6.18 miles to transport additional natural gas to a local distribution company. Specifically FGT proposes to construct and operate:

- About 6.0 miles of 6-inch-diameter pipeline in Hillsborough County, Florida;
- About 0.2 miles of 8-inch-diameter pipeline in Hillsborough County, Florida; and
- Change the location of the National Gypsum Regulatory Station to milepost 5.97 on the modified TSLE route.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 39.9 acres of land. Following construction, about 8.3 acres would be maintained as permanent right-of-way for operational use. The remaining 31.6 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us³ to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available on the Commission's website at the "RIMS" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. For instructions on connecting to RIMS refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

³ "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands,
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Endangered and threatened species
- Land use
- Cultural resources
- Hazardous waste
- Public safety

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section beginning on page 4.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by FGT. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- A total of 0.02 linear mile of proposed facilities would be within residential areas.
- The proposed project would require two major waterbody crossings greater than 100 feet in width (Alafia River and Bullfrog Creek).

- A comparison of the proposed route, the certificated route, and other route alternative that may be reasonable.

Public Participation and Scoping Meeting

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Group 2.
- Reference Docket No. CP99-94-003.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 3, 2001.

Comments may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm> under the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public scoping meeting the FERC will conduct in the project area. The location and time for the meeting is listed below.

Date and Time: December 19, 2000 7 p.m.

Location: Gardenville Recreation Center, 6215 Symmes Road, Gibsonton, Florida 33534.

The public meetings are designed to provide you with more detailed information and another opportunity to offer your comments on the proposed project. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meeting and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the EA. A transcript of the meeting will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded.

On the date of the meeting, our staff will also be visiting project area. Anyone interested in participating in a site visit may contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs identified at the end of appendix 1 of this notice for more details and must provide their own transportation.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-0004 or on the FERC website (<http://www.ferc.fed.us>) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

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. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Applications Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

December 4, 2000.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Applications:* Two new licenses and three subsequent licenses.

b. *Project Nos.:* 2942-005, 2931-002, 2941-002, 2932-003, and 2897-003.

c. *Date Filed:* January 22, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* S. D. Warren Company.

e. *Names of Projects:* Dundee, Gambo, Little Falls, Mallison Falls, and Saccarappa.

f. *Location:* On the Presumpscot River, near the towns of Windham, Gorham, and Westbrook, in Cumberland County, Maine. These projects do not utilize any federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Thomas Howard, S. D. Warren Company, 89 Cumberland Street, P.O. Box 5000, Westbrook, ME 04098-1597, 207-856-4286.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jim Haimes; james.haimes@ferc.fed.us, 202-219-2780.

j. *Deadline for Filing Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, the intervenor also must serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

k. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* These applications have been accepted

for filing and are ready for environmental analysis at this time.

1. *Description of the Projects (from upstream to downstream):*

The Dundee Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 1,492-foot-long dam, consisting of two, 50-foot-high earthen embankments separated by a 50-foot-long, 42-foot-high concrete spillway section, a 90-foot-long by 50-foot-high non-overflow section, and a 27-foot-long gate section; (2) a 1.7-mile-long-impoundment extending from the Dundee dam upstream to the tailwaters of the North Gorham Project, with a surface area of approximately 197 acres at normal elevation, 187.22 feet U.S. Geological Survey datum (USGS); (3) a 44-foot-wide by 74-foot-long, reinforced concrete powerhouse, which is integral to the spillway section of the dam; (4) three turbine generator units, each with a rated capacity of 800 kilowatts (kW) for a total project installed capacity of 2,400 kW; (5) a 1,075-foot-long bypassed reach; (6) a 1,075-foot-long, 30-foot-wide, by 11-foot-deep tailrace; (7) two 10-mile-long, 11-kilovolt (kV) transmission lines; and (7) other appurtenances.

The Gambo Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 250-foot-long, 24-foot-high, concrete overflow section and 50-foot-long intake structure; (2) a 3.3-mile-long impoundment extending from the Gambo dam upstream to the tailwaters of the Dundee Project, with a surface area of approximately 151 acres at normal elevation, 135.13 feet USGS; (3) a 737-foot-long by 15-foot-deep, concrete-lined intake canal; (4) a 47-foot-wide by 78-foot-long, reinforced concrete and brick powerhouse; (5) two turbine generator units, each with a rated capacity of 950 kW, for a total project installed capacity of 1,900 kW; (6) a 300-foot-long bypassed reach; (7) an 8-mile-long, 11-kV transmission line; and (8) other appurtenances.

The Little Falls Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 330-foot-long by 14-foot-high, reinforced concrete and masonry dam incorporating a 70-foot-long intake structure; (2) a 1.7-mile-long impoundment extending from the Little Falls dam upstream to the Gambo dam, with a surface area of approximately 29 acres at normal elevation, 108.7 feet USGS; (3) a 25-foot-wide by 95-foot-long, masonry powerhouse, which is integral to the dam; (4) four turbine generator units, each with a rated capacity of 250 kW, for a total project installed capacity of 1,000 kW; (5) a 300-foot-long bypassed reach; (6) an 11-kW transmission line tied into the