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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-272-021]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

December 21, 2000.

Take notice that on December 15, 2000, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing in its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet proposed to be effective November 1, 2000:

Substitute Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 66

Northern states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Order issued on November 30, 2000 in Docket No. RP96-272-019. Northern is filing the revised tariff sheet to specify separately the components of the negotiated rate between the transmission component and the construction cost reimbursement component in Footnote 7 which details the negotiated rate agreement with Midwest Natural Gas, Inc.

Northern further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of its customers 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, NE., Washington, DC 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests 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 web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP95-136-016]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Refund Report

December 21, 2000.

Take notice that on December 18, 2000 Williams Gas Pipeline Central, Inc. (Williams) tendered for filing its interruptible excess refund report for the twelve-month period ended September 2000.

Williams stated that a copy of its filing was served on all participants listed on the service list maintained by the Commission in the docket referenced above and on all of Williams' jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before December 28, 2000. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests 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 web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2194; Project No. 135]

North Fork Hydroelectric Project, Oak Grove Hydroelectric Project, Portland General Electric Company, Portland, Oregon; Notice of Intent To Conduct Public Scoping Meetings

December 21, 2000.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) allows an applicant in the relicense of a hydroelectric project, the option of filing a Third Party Contractor prepared Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. Portland General Electric (PGE—Applicant) has requested, and the Commission has approved this alternative procedure for the relicense of the North Fork Hydroelectric Project No. 2195 and the Oak Grove Hydroelectric Project No. 135. The 121-megawatt North Fork project is located on the Clackamas River, Oregon and the 44-megawatt Oak Grove Project is located on the Oak Grove Fork of the Clackamas River. Public and agency scoping meetings will be held on February 6, 2001, for preparation of a preliminary Environmental Impact Statement.

Scoping Meetings

FERC staff will conduct one agency scoping meeting and one public meeting. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agency and non-governmental organization (NGO) concerns, while the public scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that

should be analyzed in the EIS. The times and locations of these meeting are as follows:

Agency Scoping Meeting

Date: February 6, 2001.

Time: 9:00 a.m.–noon.

Place: Two World Trade Center (Mezzanine).

Address: 121 SW Salmon Street, Portland, Oregon.

Public Scoping Meeting

Date: February 6, 2001.

Time: 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Place: Mt. Hood National Forest, Clackamas River Ranger District Office.

Address: 595 N.W. Industrial Way, Estacada, Oregon.

The Ranger District Office is located off of Highway 224, one-half mile west of the town of Estacada. Industrial Way runs parallel to Hwy. 224 and is one block south. There is a sign for the office on Hwy. 224.

To help focus discussions, we will distribute a Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed at the meeting to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 also will be available at the scoping meetings.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the relative depth of analysis for issues to be addressed in the EIS; and (5) identify resource issues that are of lesser importance, and, therefore, do not require detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to clearly identify themselves for the record. Speaking time for attendees at the meetings will be determined before the meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session. All speakers will be provided at least 5 minutes to present their views.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise

and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EIS.

Submitting Comments

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on the issues, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record at the meeting, or mail their comments to: Mr. David Heintzman, Portland General Electric (3 WTC-BRHL), 121 SW Salmon Street, Portland, OR 97204, (503) 464-8162.

All correspondence must identify the Projects on the first page as: Clackamas River Hydroelectric Relicensing, Oak Grove Project—FERC No. 135 and North Fork Project—FERC No. 2195. All correspondence should be postmarked no later than March 7, 2001.

For further information, please contact David Heintzman, PGE, (503) 464-8162 or John Blair, FERC, (202) 219-2845.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment and Solicit Written Scoping Comments

December 21, 2000.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent License.

b. *Project No.:* 2103-002.

c. *Date filed:* June 29, 2000.

d. *Applicant:* Cominco American Incorporated.

e. *Name of Project:* Cedar Creek.

f. *Location:* On Cedar Creek, a tributary of the Pend Oreille River, in Stevens County, Washington. The Project occupies 2.058 acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, 0.298 acre of International Boundary Reserve land controlled by the International Joint Commission, and 0.44 acre of private land.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Bruce DiLuzio, Cominco American Incorporated, 15918 E. Euclid Avenue, Spokane, WA, 98216, (509) 747-6111.

i. *FERC Contact:* Brandi Bradford, (202) 219-2789, brandi.bradford@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* February 26, 2001.

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 each person 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, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Scoping comments 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 web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

k. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The existing Cedar Creek Project consists of 2.4 acres of land periodically inundated by operation of the Waneta Project located in British Columbia, Canada. The Cedar Creek Project area is located in the United States. All Waneta Project facilities, including the dam and power generation facilities, are located in Canada and are outside FERC jurisdiction. Within the confines of the Cedar Creek Project, the maximum pool is EL 1517.8 (Canadian Geodetic Survey of Canada Datum) and minimum pool is EL 1502. Cominco American Incorporated currently has flowage rights to lands in the Cedar Creek Project boundary up to EL 1521.

m. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. *Scoping Process.*

The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.