

8. Bridgeport Harbor Power LLC, New Haven Harbor Power LLC, NRG Connecticut Power Assets LLC

[Docket Nos. ER01-1257-000, ER01-1258-000, ER01-1259-000]

Take notice that on February 20, 2001, Bridgeport Harbor Power LLC, New Haven Harbor Power LLC, and NRG Connecticut Power Assets LLC, [together the Applicants], limited liability corporations organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, filed, under section 205 of the Federal Power Act, requests that for each of the Applicants the Commission (1) accept for filing proposed market-based FERC Rate Schedules; (2) grant blanket authority to make market-based wholesale sales of capacity and energy under their appropriate FERC Rate Schedules; (3) grant authority to sell ancillary services at market-based rates within the New England Power Pool, as well as the control areas of the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. and the PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.; and (4) grant such waivers and blanket authorizations as the Commission has granted in the past to other nonfranchised entities with market-based rate authority.

Comment date: March 13, 2001, 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

[Project No. 2146-081 Alabama]

Alabama Power Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

February 26, 2001.

A final environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The final EA analyzes the environmental impacts of Alabama Power Company's application for a temporary variance to maintain water levels in Neely Henry Reservoir is part of the Coosa River Hydroelectric Project on the Coosa River in Calhoun, St. Clair and Etowah Counties, Alabama. This project does not occupy any federal lands.

The final EA was written by staff in the Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In our final EA, Commission staff conclude that approving Alabama Power Company's application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Copies of our final EA can be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rim.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. Copies are also 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-165-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Sundance Expansion Project

February 22, 2001.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline and compressor facilities proposed by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) in the above referenced docket.

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 construction and operation of Transco's proposed pipeline loops and the related expansion and modification of compressor units. Transco's proposed Sundance Expansion Project would include:

- A total of approximately 38 miles of 42-inch and 48-inch diameter pipeline looping¹ in four separate locations on existing pipelines;
- Piping modifications to existing Compressor Station No. 105;
- The addition of one new 18,975 horsepower (hp) electric motor-driven compressor, the uprating of an existing 15,000 hp electric motor-driven compressor, and the uprating of an existing 16,500 hp electric motor-driven compressor to 18,975 hp at the existing Compressor Station No. 115, thus increasing total certificated compression at the facility to 56,925 hp;
- The addition of one new 15,000 hp gas turbine-driven natural gas compressor and the uprating of an existing 4,000 hp compressor to 4,800 hp at existing Compressor Station No. 125, thus increasing total compression at the facility to 38,800 hp;
- The addition of gas coolers to the existing Compressor Station No. 150;
- The Installation of various pig launcher/receiver facilities and mainline block valves at the beginnings and ends of the proposed loops, with additional mainline block valves installed as needed on the loops.

The Sundance Expansion Project also includes nonjurisdictional facilities. These include a 6.5-mile-long, 24-inch-diameter pipeline (Wansley Lateral) from a tap on Transco's Mainline System at milepost 1000.9 to a planned electric generating facility (Wansley Plant) in Heard County, Georgia, set for commencement of service on June 1, 2002; and an 81.7-mile-long, 30-inch-diameter pipeline (Richmond Lateral) from a tap on Transco's Mainline System at milepost 1286.96 to an electric generating facility (Richmond Plant) in Richmond County, North Carolina, that is presently under construction.

Transco's proposed Sundance Expansion Project would expand the capacity of its existing mainline system

¹ A loop is a segment of pipeline that is installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it on both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the pipeline system.