

ECC asserts that the Moore Power Plant (MPP) is being built to participate in the newly deregulated Ontario electricity market and will be connected to Hydro One's Lambton Substation. The proposed cross-border power line will be a radial line connecting the MPP only to Detroit Edison's system. Accordingly, ECC requests a determination that open access obligations will not be imposed in connection with this Presidential permit.

Since restructuring of the electric power industry began, resulting in the introduction of different types of competitive entities into the marketplace, DOE has consistently expressed its policy that cross-border trade in electric energy should be subject to the same principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination that apply to transmission in interstate commerce. DOE has stated that policy in export authorizations granted to entities requesting authority to export over international transmission facilities. Specifically, DOE expects transmitting utilities owning border facilities to provide access across the border in accordance with the principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination contained in the FPA and articulated in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order No. 888 (Promotion Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-Discriminatory Transmission Services by Public utilities; FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,036 (1996)), as amended. In furtherance of this policy, on July 27, 1999, (64 FR 40586) DOE initiated a proceeding in which it noticed its intention to condition existing and future Presidential permits, appropriate for third party transmission, on compliance with a requirement to provide non-discriminatory open access transmission service. That proceeding is not yet complete. However, in this docket DOE specifically requests comment on the appropriateness of or comment on whether the open access requirement should be applied to ECC's proposed power line.

*Procedural Matters:* Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protests also should be filed directly with: Eric Le Dain, Enron Canada Corp., 3500 Canterra Tower, 400-3rd Avenue SW., Calgary, Alberta T2P 4H2 and Debbie Chance, Enron Corp., 1400 Smith Street, Mail Stop EB2960E, Houston, TX 77002.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed actions pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. DOE also must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of these applications will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be reviewed or downloaded from the Fossil Energy Home Page at: <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity" from the options menu, and then "Pending Proceedings."

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2545-071 Washington]

#### Avista Corporation; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

July 3, 2001.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47910), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed Avista Corporation's application to waive for 4.5 months the aesthetic flow requirements at the Monroe Street development of the Spokane River Hydroelectric Project, located on the Spokane River in Lincoln, Stevens, and Spokane Counties, Washington, and Kootenai County, Idaho. Staff in the

Office of Energy Projects has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). The Monroe Street development does not occupy any federal or tribal lands.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed amendment and concludes that approval of the proposed amendment with staff's modifications would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The EA is attached to a Commission order issued on July 3, 2001, for the above application. Copies of the EA are available for review at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The EA may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu and follow the instructions (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

For further information, contact Steve Hocking at (202) 219-2656.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-375-000]

#### East Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed TVA Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Site Visit

July 3, 2001.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the potential environmental impacts of the TVA Project. This project involves the construction and operation of facilities by East Tennessee Natural Gas Company (East Tennessee) in Moore, Lewis, Lawrence, Giles, Maury, Marshall, Hickman, and Franklin Counties, Tennessee.<sup>1</sup> These facilities would consist of about 26.5 miles of pipeline loop, a new 3,255-horsepower compressor station, additional compression at an existing compressor station, and other facilities. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine

<sup>1</sup> East Tennessee's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.