

documentation of a categorical exclusion in the FE Docket EA-208 proceeding.

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.

Comments on Williams' request to export to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA-208-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Charlene K. Stanford, Regulatory Analyst, Williams Energy Marketing & Trading Company, P.O. Box 3448, Tulsa, OK 74101 and Tim W. Muller, Attorney, The Williams Companies, Inc., One Williams Center, Suite 4100, Tulsa, OK 74172.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Regulatory Programs," then "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. PP-231]

Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement; Northern States Power Company

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of floodplain/wetlands involvement.

SUMMARY: Northern States Power Company (NSP) has applied for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect electric transmission facilities across the U.S. border with Canada. The proposed action has the potential to impact on a floodplain/wetlands. In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with

floodplain/wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR Part 1022), a floodplain/wetlands assessment will be performed for this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within potentially affected floodplain and wetlands.

DATES: Comments are due to the address below no later than August 14, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, questions about the proposed action, and requests to review the draft environmental assessment should be directed to: Steven Mintz, Office of Coal & Power Import/Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350; Fax: (202) 287-5736; e-mail: steven.mintz@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Mintz (Program Office) 202-586-9506 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

CONTACT: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0119; Phone: 202-586-4600 or leave a message at 800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and 10 CFR Part 1022, Compliance with Floodplain-Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements (http://tis-nt.eh.doe.gov/nepa/tools/regulate/nepa_reg/1022/1022.htm), notice is given that DOE is considering an application from NSP for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain and connect electric transmission facilities across the U.S. border with Canada. NSP proposes to construct a 230,000-volt, three-phase, alternating current electric transmission line that would extend approximately 53 miles from a new substation to be built in Rugby, North Dakota, to the U.S.-Canadian border just north of Rolla, North Dakota. Notice of NSP's application for a Presidential permit appeared in the **Federal Register** on February 12, 2001 (66 FR 9826).

Before making a final decision on granting or denying a Presidential permit to NSP, DOE will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) to address the environmental impacts that would accrue from the proposed project and reasonable alternatives. The EA will be prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

Because the proposed action has the potential to impact on a floodplain/wetlands, the EA will include a floodplain and wetlands assessment. DOE expects to have a draft of the EA available for public review in Summer 2001. Copies may be requested by telephone, facsimile, or e-mail from the address given above. A floodplain statement of findings will be included in any Finding of No Significant Impact that may be issued following completion of the EA.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The EIA has submitted the energy information collections listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and a three-year extension under section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before August 29, 2001. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within that period, you should contact the OMB Desk Officer for DOE listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the OMB Desk Officer for DOE, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503. The OMB DOE Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-7318. (A copy of your comments should also be provided to EIA's Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Grace Sutherland, Statistics and Methods Group (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of