

MDU resources also requests a waiver of the Commission's competitive bidding requirements and negotiated placement requirements at 18 CFR 34.2.

Comment date: August 16, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.

[Docket No. ES01-40-000]

Take notice that on July 23, 2001, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative (Golden Spread) submitted an application, pursuant to Section 204 of the Federal Power Act and Part 34 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Regulations, for blanket approval for future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities. Golden Spread has requested an effective date of August 20, 2001.

Comment date: August 16, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

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, NE., Washington, DC 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 this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-4-000, Docket No. CP01-5-000, Docket No. CP01-8-000]

Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline L.L.C., Algonquin Gas Transmission Company, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Public Comment Meetings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Maritimes Phase III/ Hubline Project

July 27, 2001.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) that discusses the environmental impacts of the Maritimes Phase III/ HubLine Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes) in Essex and Middlesex Counties, Massachusetts and Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) in primarily offshore Essex, Suffolk, Plymouth, and Norfolk Counties, Massachusetts. There would be minor onshore facilities in Suffolk and Norfolk Counties. The project facilities would consist of about 25 miles of 30- and 24-inch-diameter onshore pipeline and about 35 miles of 24- and 16-inch-diameter offshore pipeline.

This notice is being sent to all persons to whom we¹ mailed the DEIS.

Public Meetings

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public comment meetings the FERC will conduct in the project area. The locations and time for the meetings are listed below:

Date and Time	Location
August 14, 2001 7:00 PM.	Danvers Senior Center, 25 Stone Street, Danvers, Massachusetts
August 15, 2001 7:00 PM.	Fuller Meadows School, 143 South Main Street, Middleton, Massachusetts

The public meetings are designed to provide you with an opportunity to offer your comments on the DEIS in person. A transcript of the meetings will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded.

¹ "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

You may also provide written comments. Instructions on how to provide written or electronic comments were included in the DEIS. Please send your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before August 27, 2001.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2694-002]

Nantahala Power and Light, a Division of Duke Engineering Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

July 27, 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 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license for the existing and operating Queens Creek Hydroelectric Project FERC No. 2694-002, located on Queens Creek, in Macon County, North Carolina and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Queens Creek Hydroelectric Project No. 2694-002" to the top page of all comments. Comments, protests and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link. For further information,