

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 we<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup> "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,

contact Kevin Whalen at (202) 219-2790.

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Temporary Variance Request and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

July 27, 2001.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Request for Temporary Variance of Minimum Flow Requirement.

b. *Project No.:* 405-053.

c. *Date Filed:* July 25, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Susquehanna Electric Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Conowingo Project.

f. *Location:* On the Susquehanna River, in Harford and Cecil Counties, Maryland and York and Lancaster Counties, Pennsylvania. The project does not utilize federal or tribal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 4.200.

h. *Applicant Contact:* John J. McCormick, Jr., Plant Manager, Susquehanna Electric Company, 2569 Shures Landing Road, Darlington, MD 21034, (410) 457-2401.

i. *FERC Contact:* John K. Novak, john.novak@ferc.fed.us, (202) 219-2828.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene and protest:*

August 17, 2001.

Please include the project number(P-405-053) on any comments or motions filed.

All documents (original and seven copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

k. *Description of Application:* Susquehanna Electric Company (SEC) has requested Commission approval of a variance of the minimum flow requirement of the project license. Due to the rapidly decreasing flows in the Susquehanna River, SEC requests that it be allowed to include plant leakage of about 800 cubic feet per second (cfs) in the required minimum flow discharge until September 14, 2001, or until flow conditions improve where the Conowingo Project no longer requires leakage be included as part of the

minimum flow requirement. According to the license, for the period June 1 to September 14, annually, SEC must provide a minimum flow release (not including leakage) below the dam of 5,000 cfs, or inflow (as measured at the USGS gage at Marietta, PA), whichever is less.

The SEC is concerned about the ability of the Conowingo Project to maintain an adequate pond level and storage capacity during the current low flow period. Maintaining storage is necessary for generation and to ensure an adequate water supply for recreational and consumptive uses of the Conowingo Reservoir to include operation of Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station and Muddy Run Pumped Storage Project. Including plant leakage in the minimum flow discharge will contribute to the maintenance of these project water uses during this low flow period. During the period of the minimum flow variance the SEC will conduct daily monitoring of the Susquehanna River below the project for potential environmental effects. If any abnormal or adverse conditions are observed the SEC will promptly notify the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

l. *Locations of the Application:* Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions ((202)208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protest 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.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Protests or Motions to Intervene—* Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.2114. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—* Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATION

FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTESTS, OR MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *Agency Comments—* Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and Motions To Intervene

July 27, 2001.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.:* 12064-000.

c. *Date filed:* July 2, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Ochoco Irrigation District.

e. *Name and Location of Project:* The Prineville Project would be located on Crooked River in Crook County, Oregon. The proposed project would be located on a federally-owned dam administered by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

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

g. *Applicant contact:* Mr. Russell Rhoden, Secretary-Manager, Ochoco Irrigation District, 1001 NW Deer Street, Prineville, OR 97754, (503) 447-6449.

h. *FERC Contact:* Tom Papsidero, (202) 219-2715.

i. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene:* 60