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The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- geology and soils;
- land use;
- air quality and noise;
- endangered and threatened species;
- cultural resources;
- vegetation and wildlife;
- public safety.

We will not discuss impacts to water resources, fisheries, and wetlands since they are not present in the project area, or would not be affected by the proposed facilities. We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to

ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Linwood A. Watson, Jr., Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas 1.
- Reference Docket No. CP02-9-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 14, 2002.

Comments may also 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 at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account." Due to current events, we cannot guarantee that we will receive mail on a timely basis from the U.S. Postal Service, and we do not know how long this situation will continue. However, we continue to receive filings from private mail delivery services, including messenger services, in a reliable manner. The Commission encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. We will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 1).³ Only

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intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

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Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-44-000, Docket No. CP02-46-000, and Docket No. CP02-53-000]

Dominion Transmission, Inc., Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Leidy Extension Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 15, 2002.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Leidy Extension Project in Potter County, Pennsylvania involving

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construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities. Dominion Transmission, Inc. (Dominion), proposes to add compression under Docket No. CP02-44-000. Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee) proposes to build the Ellisburg Compressor Station under Docket No. CP02-46-000. National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National) and Dominion propose to add compression and uprate their jointly-owned Ellisburg-Leidy Line under Docket No. CP02-53-000.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the projects² are in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. This fact sheet can be viewed on the FERC Internet web site (www.ferc.fed.us).

Summary of the Proposed Project

Dominion, under Docket No. CP02-44-000, proposes to build a 4,735-horsepower (hp) relay compressor, along with an associated building and access driveway, inside the fenced-in area of its existing Little Greenlick Relay Station. The Little Greenlick Relay Station is immediately adjacent to the Greenlick Compressor Station containing four existing compressors.

Tennessee, under Docket No. CP02-46-000, proposes to build a new Ellisburg Compressor Station and associated meter station. This

compressor station would be built on newly acquired property immediately adjacent to the Dominion's existing Ellisburg Storage Field Compressor Station. The Ellisburg Compressor Station would include two gas-driven 2,365-hp compressors and an associated compressor building, gas cooler, and an auxiliary building. Tennessee would construct the meter station in a previously-disturbed fenced-in area within Dominion's Ellisburg Storage Field Compressor Station.

National, under Docket No. CP02-53-000, proposes to build an 8,070-hp compressor and an associated building in a previously-disturbed fenced-in area within National's Ellisburg Compressor Station. National and Dominion would jointly own this compressor. National would also uprate the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of their jointly-owned 41-mile-long, 24-inch-diameter Ellisburg-Leidy Line by replacing two block valves and installing one new block valve at milepost (MP) 1.3. The two block valves to be modified are at MP 0.0 inside National's Ellisburg Compressor Station and at MP 34.2 at Kettle Creek. Dominion would make aboveground modifications to the Leidy M&R Station (owned jointly with National) at the southern end of the Ellisburg-Leidy Line separately under sections 2.55(a) and 157.211 of the Commission's regulations.

The locations of the facilities for the Leidy Extension Project are shown in appendix 1.³

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the 4,735-hp relay compressor in the Little Greenlick Relay Station would require 5.24 acres of previously-disturbed land within the station. Construction of two gas-driven 2,365-hp compressors for the proposed Ellisburg Compressor Station would require 5.16 acres of which 2.27 acres would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use following construction. A small area of previously-disturbed ground within Dominion's adjacent Ellisburg Storage Field Compressor Station would be required for construction of a new meter station. In addition, 0.5 acre would be used for access roads along the Ellisburg Storage Field Compressor Station.

Construction of the 8,070-hp compressor and an associated building would require use of a previously-disturbed fenced-in area within National's Ellisburg Compressor Station. Uprating the MAOP of the 41-mile-long Ellisburg-Leidy Pipeline would require temporary use of 0.11 acre of existing mowed right-of-way at MP 1.33 of the Ellisburg-Leidy Pipeline for installation of a new block valve. No ground disturbance would be required for the modification of the two block valves at MPs 0.0 and 34.2.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us⁴ to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

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- Hazardous waste

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⁴ "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

¹ Tennessee's, National's, and Dominion's applications were filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

² These three component projects of the overall Leidy Extension Project would together comprise the facility expansions and upgrades in Potter County necessary for the shipment of an additional 150,000 dekatherms per day (Dt/d) of natural gas to the Leidy Meter and Regulating Station in Clinton County, Pennsylvania.

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Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Tennessee, National and Dominion. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Impacts to Rose Lake Run from (1) the clearing of 5.16 acres of vegetation and from disturbance of a hazardous waste remediation site adjacent to Tennessee's proposed Ellisburg Compressor Station, and (2) construction activities at National's Ellisburg Compressor Station within which Rose Lake Run crosses.
- Noise increases for noise sensitive areas near Tennessee's proposed Ellisburg Compressor Station.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Sunshine Act; Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: January 11, 2002, 67 FR 1460.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: January 16, 2002 (30 Minutes Following Regular Commission Meeting).

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: The Closed Meeting scheduled for January 16, 2002, has been cancelled.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 01/11/2002, 67 FR 1460.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: January 16, 2002, 10:00 a.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: The following Docket Nos. and Companies have been added as Item M-1, to the Commission Agenda of January 16, 2002: