

of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, Second Revised Sheet No. 23F, with an effective date of January 1, 2002.

Tennessee states that the revised tariff sheet is being filed in compliance with the March 10, 1998 Stipulation and Agreement filed in Docket No. RP97-149, *et al.*, and approved by the Commission on April 29, 1998 (the GRI Settlement), *Gas Research Institute*, 83 FERC ¶61,093 (1998), *order on reh'g*, 83 FERC ¶61,331 (1998), and the Commission's Letter Order approving the Gas Research Institute's Year 2002 Research, Development and Demonstration Program and 2001-2005 Five-Year Plan issued on September 19, 2001 in Docket No. RP01-434. Tennessee further states that the revised tariff sheet reflects a decrease in the Gas Research Institute surcharges for 2002 for the FT-IL Rate Schedule.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. 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.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP02-161-000]

#### Viking Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

February 27, 2002.

Take notice that on February 21, 2002, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking) tendered for filing as part of its

FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1 the following tariff sheet to become effective April 1, 2002:

2nd Rev Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 6B

Viking states that the purpose of this filing is to make Viking's annual adjustment to its Load Management Cost Reconciliation Adjustment in accordance with Section 154.403 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, 18 CFR 154.403 and Section 27 of the General Terms and Conditions of Viking's FERC Gas Tariff.

Viking states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all of its jurisdictional customers and to affected state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. 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.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Project No. 2631-007 Massachusetts

#### Woronoco Hydro, LLC, Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

February 27, 2002.

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 license for the Woronoco Hydroelectric Project, located on the Westfield River in Hampden County, Massachusetts. Commission staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project, and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is 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 #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any comments (an original and 8 copies) should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Comments 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 Allan E. Creamer at (202) 219-0365 or [allan.creamer@ferc.gov](mailto:allan.creamer@ferc.gov).

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application and Applicant Prepared Draft Environmental Assessment Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests

February 27, 2002.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application, including an applicant prepared draft environmental assessment, have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.
- b. *Project No.:* 469-013.

c. *Date Filed*: October 30, 2001.

d. *Applicant*: ALLETE, Inc., d.b.a. Minnesota Power Inc.

e. *Name of Project*: Winton Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location*: On the Kawishiwi River near the City of Ely, in Lake and St. Louis Counties, MN. The project occupies federal lands within the Superior National Forest.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: John Paulson, Minnesota Power, Inc., 30 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802, [jpaulson@mnpower.com](mailto:jpaulson@mnpower.com), 218–722–5642, ext. 3569.

i. *FERC Contact*: Tom Dean, [thomas.dean@ferc.fed.us](mailto:thomas.dean@ferc.fed.us), 202–219–2778.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests*: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. 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.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person that is on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. The license application has been accepted for filing, but is not ready for environmental analysis. When the license application is ready for environmental analysis, a public notice will be issued soliciting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

l. *Description of the Project*: The project consists of the following two developments:

The Winton Development consists of the following existing facilities: (1) The Winton Dam comprising: (a) A 227-foot-long earth dike; (b) a 29-foot-high, 176-foot-long spillway section; (c) an 84-foot-long Taintor gate and log sluice section; (d) an 80-foot-long stop-log gate section; (e) an 111-foot-long and a 120-foot-long non-over-flow section; (f) a 176-foot-long forebay; and (g) a 1,250-foot-long earth dike; (3) a 2,982-acre reservoir comprising the Garden, Farm,

South Farm, and Friday Lakes at a normal water surface elevation of 1,385.67 feet USGS; (4) two 215-foot-long, 9-foot-diameter underground penstocks extending to; (5) a powerhouse containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 4,000 kW; and (6) other appurtenances.

The Birch Lake Reservoir Development consists of: (1) A 7-foot high, 227-foot-long dam comprising; (a) a 72-foot-long Taintor gate section; and (b) an 85-foot-long sluice gate section; and (2) the 7,624-acre Birch Lake reservoir at normal water surface elevation of 1,420.5 feet USGS. This development provides water storage for the Winton Development.

m. 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). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction by contacting the applicant identified in item h above.

n. 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, .211, .214. 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 at the Commission on or before the specified deadline date.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing pertains; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Workshop; Better Stakeholder Involvement: How To Make It Work

February 27, 2002.

The Office of Energy Projects is initiating the second phase of its Better Stakeholder Involvement Series. These workshops will explore ways to help make the pre-filing stakeholder involvement work. They stem from the staff's report entitled: "Ideas For Better Stakeholder Involvement In The Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Planning Pre-Filing Process" which was a product of the seminars held last year and the latter part of 2000.<sup>1</sup> This first workshop will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on Thursday, April 4, 2002. We plan to conduct future workshops around the country throughout the upcoming year.

We are again inviting interstate natural gas companies; Federal, state and local agencies; landowners and other non-governmental organizations with a continuing interest in developing successful strategies for involving people in the pre-filing process. The purpose of these workshops is to discuss how stakeholders are implementing the ideas outlined in the staff report. We will not discuss the merits of any pending or planned pipeline projects.

Please join us as we continue to explore and develop ways to enhance the project design and streamline the regulatory process. In a series of panel discussions stakeholders will be sharing their experiences in interactive sessions. Presentations will be made by the staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects, various Federal and state agencies, natural gas company representatives, and private landowners.

The objective will be to better define the pre-filing actions. This will aid in identifying and resolving issues, improving the quality of applications, and achieving quicker approval by the Commission for projects required by the public convenience and necessity. Case studies which can be used as examples will be highlighted.

The workshop will be held at the Atlanta Capitol Plaza, 450 Capitol Avenue, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30312, phone: 404–591–2000, fax: 404–591–1999 Atlanta, Georgia, from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A preliminary agenda and directions to the hotel are enclosed.

<sup>1</sup> The staff report can be downloaded from the FERC web-site at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) or requested by e-mail at: [gasoutreach@ferc.gov](mailto:gasoutreach@ferc.gov).