

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.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2145-040, Washington]

#### Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

April 11, 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 47910), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County's application for license amendment to construct and operate a permanent juvenile fish bypass system at the Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project, located on the Columbia River in Chelan and Douglas Counties, Washington, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). The project occupies lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed amendment and concludes

that approval of the proposed amendment with staff's modifications would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The EA is attached to a Commission order issued on April 10, 2002, for the above application. Copies of the EA are 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/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

For further information, contact Bob Easton at (202) 219-2782.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-78-000]

#### Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline L.L.C.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Maritimes Phase IV Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

April 11, 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 Maritimes Phase IV Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes) in Washington, Penobscot, York, Cumberland, Waldo, and Sagadahoc Counties, Maine and Essex and Middlesex Counties, Massachusetts.<sup>1</sup> These facilities would consist of about 31.3 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline, 107,200 horsepower (hp) of compression, a meter station, and modification of existing facilities. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is 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

<sup>1</sup> Maritimes' application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

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?" was attached to the project notice Maritimes provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)).

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Maritimes wants to expand the capacity of its facilities in Maine and Massachusetts to transport an additional 385,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas to provide additional service for the Northeastern United States. Maritimes seeks authority to construct and operate:

- 30.1 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Washington County, Maine;
- 26,800 hp of gas turbine-driven compression at the new Brewer Compressor Station in Penobscot County, Maine;
- 26,800 hp of gas turbine-driven compression at the new Searsmon Compressor Station in Waldo County, Maine;
- 26,800 hp of gas turbine-driven compression at the new Gorham Compressor Station in Cumberland County, Maine;
- 26,800 hp of gas turbine-driven compression at the new Eliot Compressor Station in York County, Maine;
- Modification and repiping of the existing Baileyville Compressor Station in Washington County, Maine;
- Modification and repiping of the existing Richmond Compressor Station in Sagadahoc County, Maine;
- A new KeySpan-Haverhill Meter Station in Essex County, Massachusetts;
- Modification of the existing Dracut Meter Station in Essex County, Massachusetts;
- Modification of the existing Westbrook Meter Station in Cumberland County, Maine; and
- Two new block valves in Washington County, Maine.