

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. CP01-384-000 and CP01-387-000]

**Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.C., Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Public Comment Meetings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Islander East Pipeline Project**

April 15, 2002.

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 Islander East Pipeline Project. This project involves construction and operation of facilities by Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Islander East) and by Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) in New Haven County, Connecticut and Suffolk County, New York. Algonquin proposes the uprate of about 27 miles of 10- and 16-inch-diameter pipeline and 12,028 horsepower (hp) of additional compression at a new compressor station; Islander East proposes construction of about 50 miles of new 24-inch-diameter pipeline, 22.6 miles of which would be across the Long Island Sound; and other associated auxiliary facilities (i.e., three meter stations and five mainline valves) in various locations in Connecticut and Long Island, New York.

This notice is being sent to all persons to whom we<sup>1</sup> mailed the DEIS.

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

Date and time	Location
May 7, 2002, 7 p.m.	Longwood High School auditorium, 100 Longwood Road, Middle Island, NY 11953.
May 8, 2002, 7 p.m.	Branford High School auditorium, 185 East Main Street, Branford, CT 06405.

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.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 632-008]

**Notice of Combined Initial Information Meeting and Scoping Meeting, Project Site Visit, and Solicitation of Scoping Comments for an Applicant-Prepared Environmental Assessment Using the Alternative Licensing Procedure; City of Monroe, UT**

April 15, 2002.

The Commission's regulations allow applicants to prepare their own Environmental Assessment (EA) for hydropower projects and file it with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) along with their license application as part of an alternative licensing procedure (ALP).<sup>1</sup> On December 6, 2001, the Commission approved the use of an ALP in the preparation of the license application for the City of Monroe, Utah's (City) Lower Monroe Project, No. 632. The 250-kilowatt Lower Monroe Project is located on Monroe Creek, about 2 miles east of the city of Monroe, in Sevier County, Utah. The diversion dam, screening structure, and penstock occupy federal lands, managed by the U.S. Forest Service as part of the Fishlake National Forest.

The ALP includes provisions for the distribution of an initial information package (IIP), and for the cooperative scoping of environmental issues and information needs. The City distributed a combined IIP and Scoping Document 1 (SD1) for the Lower Monroe Project on March 27, 2002, to the mailing list for this proceeding.

**Public Meeting and Project Site Visit**

The City will hold a combined informational and scoping meeting and project site visit on April 30, 2002. The purpose of the meeting is to review the information presented in the IIP/SD1 and to initiate the identification of areas of interest that should be addressed in the licensing and related Applicant-Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) processes. The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. at the City's office

building at 10 North Main, Monroe, Utah.

The site visit will be held in the afternoon after the meeting on April 30, 2002. The site visit is intended to provide the opportunity for interested individuals to learn more about the project, its operations, and the surrounding environment.

The deadline for filing written scoping comments is June 29, 2002. Comments may be submitted by writing or e-mail to the following address: Jones and DeMille Engineering, 1440 South Pipe Lane, Richfield, UT 84701, [john@jonesanddemille.com](mailto:john@jonesanddemille.com).

Based on feedback received on the IIP/SD1 and the project site visit, the City will prepare a Scoping Document 2 (SD2). SD2 will include a revised list of issues, based on the meeting and written comments. The City expects to issue SD2 on July 31, 2002.

All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting on the IIP/SD1 and project site visit and to assist in the identification of environmental issues that should be included in SD2.

We are asking federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the Commission's EA. Agencies who would like to request cooperating agency status should file such a request (original and eight copies) with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please put the docket number, P-632-008, on the first page of your filing.

For further information regarding the informational and scoping meeting and project site visit or to be added to the mailing list for the Lower Monroe ALP, please contact Mr. John Spendlove of Jones and DeMille Engineering at (435) 896-8266 or Ms. Dianne Rodman of the Commission's staff at (202) 219-2830.

The IIP/SD1 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).

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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<sup>1</sup> "We" refers to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects.