

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. Answers to the complaint shall also be due on or before May 15, 2002. 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, interventions and answers 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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follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Keith A. Tiggelaar, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company, P.O. Box 5601, Bismarck, North Dakota 58506-5601, telephone (701) 530-1560, e-mail: keith.tiggelaar@wbip.com.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before May 17, 2002, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties.

However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

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.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC02-65-000, et al.]

Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

April 25, 2002.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

1. Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.

[Docket No. EC02-65-000]

Take notice that on April 19, 2002, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. (Erie) pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application seeking an order authorizing the acquisition of the transmission facilities associated with the 2.2 MW Newton Falls hydroelectric project owned by Newton Falls Holdings, LLC. Erie is a Delaware limited partnership which owns and operates 70 hydroelectric developments in the State of New York with a total related capacity of approximately 650 MW. The facilities to be acquired are located on the Oswegatchie River in St. Lawrence County, NY.

Comment Date: May 10, 2002.

2. Coastal Power International IV, Ltd.

[Docket No. EG02-122-000]

Take notice that on April 19, 2002, Coastal Power International IV, Ltd. (Coastal Power) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator (EWG) status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's regulations.

Comment Date: May 16, 2002.

3. Generadora Eléctrica Occidental S.A.

[Docket No. EG02-123-000]

Take notice that on April 19, 2002, Generadora Eléctrica Occidental S.A. (GEOSA) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's regulations an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator (EWG) status as of the date that Elusa Power Investment Ltd. has completed its proposed acquisition of GEOSA.

Comment Date: May 16, 2002.

4. FPLE Forney, L.P.

[Docket No. EG02-124-000]

Take notice that on April 16, 2002, FPLE Forney, L.P. (the Applicant), with its principal office at 700 Universe Blvd., Juno Beach, Florida 33408, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's regulations.

Applicant states that it is a Delaware limited partnership engaged directly and exclusively in the business of constructing and operating an approximately 1,750 MW gas-fired cogeneration facility to be located in Kaufman County, Texas. Electric energy

produced by the facility will be sold at wholesale.

Comment Date: May 16, 2002.

5. AES NY, L.L.C., AES Eastern Energy, L.P., AES Creative Resources, L.P. and AEE 2, L.L.C.

[Docket Nos. ER99-1761-001, ER99-1773-002, ER99-2284-002]

Take notice that on April 19, 2002, AES Eastern Energy, L.P., AES Creative Resources, L.P., and AEE 2, L.L.C. tendered for filing a triennial market power analysis in compliance with AES NY, L.L.C., 86 FERC ¶ 61,002 (1999); Letter Order, Docket No. ER99-1761-000, Mar. 16, 1999; and Letter Order, Docket No. ER99-2284-000, Apr. 23, 1999.

Comment Date: May 10, 2002.

6. California Independent System Operator Corporation, California Independent System Operator Corporation, San Diego Gas & Electric Company

[Docket Nos. ER01-889-012, ER01-3013-004, and EL00-95-059]

Take notice that on April 17, 2002, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO) tendered for filing amendments to its Employee Code of Conduct and Governors Code of Conduct.

This ISO states that this filing has been served upon the Public Utilities Commission of California, the California Energy Commission, the California Electricity Oversight Board, and all parties with effective Scheduling Coordinator Service Agreements under the ISO Tariff.

Comment Date: May 8, 2002.

7. TransAlta Energy Marketing (US) Inc.

[Docket No. ER01-3148-001]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, in compliance with the Commission's March 29, 2002 letter order in Docket No. ER01-3148-000, TransAlta Energy Marketing (US) Inc. (TEMUS) submitted a request that the Commission accept for filing changes in the designation of Merchant Energy Group of the Americas, Inc.'s (MEGA) Rate Schedule FERC No. 1 to reflect TEMUS's succession to MEGA's rate schedule.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

8. American Electric Power

[Docket No. ER02-282-002]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a Facilities, Operation and Maintenance Agreement

(Facility Agreement) dated June 1, 2001, between AEP, agent for Columbus Southern Power Company (CSP) and Buckeye Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BREC) and Buckeye Power, Inc. (Buckeye).

The Facility Agreement provides for the establishment of a new BREC delivery point, pursuant to provisions of the Power Delivery Agreement (PDA) between CSP, Buckeye, The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, The Dayton Power and Light Company, Monongahela Power Company, Ohio Power Company and Toledo Edison Company, dated January 1, 1968. AEP requested an effective date of June 8, 2001 for the Facility Agreement.

The Facility Agreement was accepted for filing effective June 8, 2001 by Order dated December 20, 2001. This filing complies with the Commission's subsequent Order issued March 22, 2002 rejecting AEP's request for waiver of certain filing requirements.

AEP states that copies of its compliance filing were served upon BREC, Buckeye and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

9. Duke Energy Marshall, LLC

[Docket No. ER02-530-002]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Duke Energy Marshall, LLC filed a notice of status change with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) in connection with the Commission's Order authorizing a change in upstream control of Engage Energy America LLC and Frederickson Power L.P. resulting from a transaction involving Duke Energy Corporation and Westcoast Energy Inc. (Engage Energy America, LLC, Frederickson Power L.P., Duke Energy Corp., 98 FERC ¶ 61,207 (2002)).

Copies of the filing were served upon all parties on the official service list compiled by the Secretary of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in this proceeding.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

10. DTE East China, LLC

[Docket No. ER02-971-000]

Take notice that on April 19, 2002, DTE East China, LLC tendered for filing under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act an amendment to its application in the above-referenced docket requesting that the Commission hold in abeyance its request for market-based rate authorization.

Comment Date: May 10, 2002.

11. Virginia Electric and Power Company

[Docket No. ER02-1474-002]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Virginia Electric and Power Company, doing business as Dominion Virginia Power, tendered for filing a revised cover sheet and Section 2.1 to modify the proposed effective date of an executed Generator Interconnection and Operating Agreement (Interconnection Agreement) between Dominion Virginia Power and Industrial Power Generating Corporation (Ingenco).

Dominion Virginia Power respectfully requests that the Commission allow the Interconnection Agreement, as revised, to become effective on June 1, 2002. Copies of the filing were served upon Ingenco and the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

12. Virginia Electric and Power Company

[Docket No. ER02-1480-001]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Virginia Electric and Power Company, doing business as Dominion Virginia Power, tendered for filing a revised cover sheet and Section 2.1 to modify the proposed effective date of an executed Generator Interconnection and Operating Agreement (Interconnection Agreement) between Dominion Virginia Power and Industrial Power Generating Corporation (Ingenco).

Dominion Virginia Power respectfully requests that the Commission allow the Interconnection Agreement, as revised, to become effective on June 1, 2002. Copies of the filing were served upon Ingenco and the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

13. Virginia Electric and Power Company

[Docket No. ER02-1601-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Dominion Virginia Power) tendered for filing an executed Generator Interconnection and Operating Agreement (Interconnection Agreement) with Industrial Power Generating Corporation (Ingenco). The Interconnection Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions governing the interconnection between Ingenco's generating facility and Dominion Virginia Power's transmission system.

Dominion Virginia Power requests that the Commission waive its notice of filing requirements and accept this filing to make the Interconnection Agreement effective on July 1, 2002. Copies of the filing were served upon

Ingenco and the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

14. Virginia Electric and Power Company

[Docket No. ER02-1602-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Dominion Virginia Power) tendered for filing an executed Generator Interconnection and Operating Agreement (Interconnection Agreement) with Industrial Power Generating Corporation (Ingenco). The Interconnection Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions governing the interconnection between Ingenco's generating facility and Dominion Virginia Power's transmission system.

Dominion Virginia Power requests that the Commission waive its notice of filing requirements and accept this filing to make the Interconnection Agreement effective on July 1, 2002. Copies of the filing were served upon Ingenco and the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

15. Virginia Electric and Power Company

[Docket No. ER02-1603-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Dominion Virginia Power) tendered for filing an executed Generator Interconnection and Operating Agreement (Interconnection Agreement) with Industrial Power Generating Corporation (Ingenco). The Interconnection Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions governing the interconnection between Ingenco's generating facility and Dominion Virginia Power's transmission system.

Dominion Virginia Power requests that the Commission waive its notice of filing requirements and accept this filing to make the Interconnection Agreement effective on July 1, 2002. Copies of the filing were served upon Ingenco and the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

16. Virginia Electric and Power Company

[Docket No. ER02-1604-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Virginia Electric and Power Company (Dominion Virginia Power) tendered for filing an executed Generator Interconnection and Operating Agreement (Interconnection Agreement) with Industrial Power Generating Corporation (Ingenco). The Interconnection Agreement sets forth

the terms and conditions governing the interconnection between Ingenco's generating facility and Dominion Virginia Power's transmission system.

Dominion Virginia Power requests that the Commission waive its notice of filing requirements and accept this filing to make the Interconnection Agreement effective on July 1, 2002. Copies of the filing were served upon Ingenco and the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

17. AES Alamitos, L.L.C., AES Huntington Beach, L.L.C., and AES Redondo Beach, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER02-1605-000]

Take notice that on April 19, 2002, pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and the Commission's Orders in the referenced dockets, AES Alamitos, L.L.C., AES Huntington Beach, L.L.C., and AES Redondo Beach, L.L.C., filed Amendment No. 2 dated as of March 5, 2002, to the Capacity Sale and Tolling Agreement dated as of May 1, 1998 (Tolling Agreement), and filed executed Corporate Guarantees to replace Schedules 19.1 and 19.2 of the Tolling Agreement.

Comment Date: May 10, 2002.

18. Southern California Edison Company

[Docket No. ER02-1606-000]

Take notice, that on April 22, 2002, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) tendered for filing the Amended and Restated Letter Agreement (Amended Agreement) between SCE and Blythe Energy LLC (Blythe Energy). The Amended Agreement reflects SCE's and Blythe Energy's (Parties) negotiations to amend the original letter agreement in order to incorporate into the Amended Agreement an interim arrangement between the Parties pursuant to which SCE will engineer, design, procure, and commence construction and installation of system facilities to interconnect Blythe Energy's 520 MW generation project to the Western Area Power Administration's transmission system.

SCE requests the Commission to assign an effective date of April 11, 2002 to the Amended Agreement. Copies of this filing were served upon the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California and Blythe Energy.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

19. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1607-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Midwest Independent Transmission

System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and Section 35.13 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, submitted for filing Service Agreements for the transmission service requested by Engage Energy America LLC.

A copy of this filing was sent to Engage Energy America LLC.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

20. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1608-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and Section 35.13 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, submitted for filing Service Agreements for the transmission service requested by Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

A copy of this filing was sent to Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

21. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1609-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and Section 35.13 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, submitted for filing Service Agreements for the transmission service requested by Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc.

A copy of this filing was sent to Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

22. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1610-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and Section 35.13 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, submitted for filing Service Agreements for the transmission service requested by City of Hamilton, Ohio.

A copy of this filing was sent to City of Hamilton, Ohio.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

23. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1611-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and Section 35.13 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, submitted for filing Service Agreements for the transmission service requested by J. Aron & Company.

A copy of this filing was sent to J. Aron & Company.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

24. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1612-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and Section 35.13 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, submitted for filing Service Agreements for the transmission service requested by Conectiv Energy Supply, Inc.

A copy of this filing was sent to Conectiv Energy Supply, Inc.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

25. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1613-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and Section 35.13 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, submitted for filing Service Agreements for the transmission service requested by IDACORP Energy L.P.

A copy of this filing was sent to IDACORP Energy L.P.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

26. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1614-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and Section 35.13 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, submitted for filing Service Agreements for the transmission service requested by Ohio Valley Power Scheduling.

A copy of this filing was sent to Ohio Valley Power Scheduling.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

27. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1615-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and Section 35.13 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, submitted for filing Service Agreements for the transmission service requested by Tractebel Energy Marketing, Inc.

A copy of this filing was sent to Tractebel Energy Marketing, Inc.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

28. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1616-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and Section 35.13 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, submitted for filing Service Agreements for the transmission service requested by TransCanada Power.

A copy of this filing was sent to TransCanada Power. *Comment Date:* May 13, 2002.

29. Southern Company Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1622-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Southern Company Services, Inc., tendered for filing a Service Agreement with Entergy Services, Inc. for long-term service between Southern Companies and Entergy Services, Inc. The service agreement has been entered into under Southern Companies' Market-Based Rate Tariff, Southern Company Services, Inc., FERC Electric Tariff Second Revised Volume No. 4, with an effective date of June 1, 2002.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

30. Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1623-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 2002, Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc. (AECS) on behalf of Interstate Power Company (IPC), IES Utilities Inc. (IES) and Wisconsin Power and Light (WPL) tendered for filing a Negotiated Capacity Transaction (Agreement) between IPC and WPL for the period May 1, 2002 through April 30, 2003. The Agreement was negotiated to provide service under the Alliant Energy System Coordination and Operating Agreement among IES, IPC, WPL and Alliant Energy.

Comment Date: May 13, 2002.

31. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

[Docket No. RT01-98-007]

Take notice that on April 19, 2002, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM) supplemented its March 28, 2002 filing in this docket with several additional conforming changes to the PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff (Tariff), Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (Operating Agreement), and PJM "Transmission Owners Agreement" that are necessary to reflect the April 1, 2002 implementation of the "PJM West" arrangement approved by the Commission in its July 12, 2001, January 30, 2002, and March 1, 2002 orders in this proceeding.

Copies of this filing have been served on all PJM Members and the state electric regulatory commissions in the PJM control area and Allegheny Power System service area.

Comment Date: May 28, 2002.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file 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). 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. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). 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. CP01-415-000]

East Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Patriot Pipeline Project

April 26, 2002.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by East Tennessee Natural Gas Company (East Tennessee) in the above-referenced docket.

The DEIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Commission's implementing regulations under Title 18, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 380. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project with the appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact. The DEIS also evaluates alternatives to the proposed Project, and requests comments on them.

The DEIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Patriot Project which consists of two components, the Mainline Expansion and the Patriot Extension.

Mainline Expansion

- Construct approximately 87.3 miles of pipeline loops, ranging in size from 20 to 24 inches in diameter;
- Uprate approximately 77.2 miles of pipeline;
- Abandon and re-lay approximately 22.5 miles of pipeline;
- Construct five new compressor stations; and
- Modify 10 existing compressor stations;

Patriot Extension

- Construct approximately 99.7 miles of new pipeline (24- and 16-inch-diameter);
- Three new meter stations; and
- Associated mainline valves and appurtenant facilities in Virginia and North Carolina.

The staff has also evaluated 12 major route alternatives. Nine of these were removed from further consideration. The remaining three major route alternatives appear to have environmental benefits relative to the

proposed route. We¹ are requesting public comment on these three major route alternatives. We analyzed seven route variations; five were removed from further consideration, and two are recommended over the proposed route. We examined four alternative compressor station sites; two were removed from consideration after our analyses and two are recommended over the proposed sites. We evaluated two alternative interconnect sites for the proposed Transco interconnect, both of which were removed from further consideration.

Comment Procedures and Public Meetings

Any person wishing to comment on the DEIS may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send one original and two copies of your comments to: Ms. Magalie R. Salas, 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 the Gas Branch 2, PJ-11.2
- Reference Docket No. CP01-415-000
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 17, 2002.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. 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 Internet web site (<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 the "New User Account."

In addition to accepting written comments, the Commission will hold five public meetings at the times and locations shown below to receive

¹"We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects, part of the Commission staff.