

Comment Date: May 20, 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. CP02-4-000]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Evergreen Expansion Project

May 3, 2002.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Northwest Pipeline Corporation (NWP) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed gas pipeline and aboveground facilities including:

- Four 36-inch-diameter loops totaling approximately 27.8 miles;
- 91,580 horsepower of additional compression or other modifications at ten different compressor stations; and
- Other aboveground facilities including ten tie-in assemblies, each with a block valve and pigging facilities.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to provide firm transportation of natural gas to fuel combustion turbine projects under construction or planned for installation at five sites in western Washington. These turbines would add new electric power generation in the Pacific Northwest.

When existing system capacity and capacity turn back are considered, the net increase in system capacity in the Sumas to Chehalis corridor is 220,514 Dth/day. The Evergreen Expansion Project also would add approximately 57,000 Dth/day of physical north flow capacity through the Columbia Gorge corridor of the NWP system to replace approximately 52,000 Dth/day of design day displacement capacity required for existing long-term firm services and reduce the operational flow order risks for existing firm services through that corridor.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA 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 two copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas/Hydro Group, PJ-11.3;
- Reference Docket No. CP02-4-000; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 5, 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 final order. However, the Commission encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. 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 a free account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentator a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).¹ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.gov) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the

¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1895-007, South Carolina]

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

May 3, 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 Columbia Hydroelectric Project, located on the Broad and Congaree Rivers in the City of Columbia and Richland County, South Carolina, and has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the project. There are no federal lands or Indian reservations occupied by project works or located within the project boundary.

The FEA 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 FEA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The FEA 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).

For further information, contact Charles Hall at (202) 219-2853.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Settlement Agreement and Solicitation of Comments

May 3, 2002.

Take notice that the following settlement agreement has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* Settlement Agreement.
- b. *Project Nos.:* 2364-012 and 2365-023.
- c. *Date Filed:* January 31, 2002.
- d. *Applicant:* Madison Paper Industries.
- e. *Name of Projects:* Abenaki and Anson Projects.
- f. *Location:* On the Kennebec River, in the towns of Anson and Madison, Somerset County, Maine. The projects do not occupy any federal lands.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.602.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Christopher C. Bean; Vice-President of Engineering, Maintenance, and Utilities; Main Street; P.O. Box 129, Madison, ME; (207) 696-1195. The applicant requests that copies of all correspondence be provided to Maureen Winters, Project Manager, Kleinschmidt Associates, 75 Main Street, P.O. Box 576, Pittsfield, ME 04967; (207) 487-3328.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Nan Allen, (202) 219-2938, e-mail: nan.allen@ferc.gov.
- j. *Deadline for filing comments:* 30 days from the date of this notice. Reply comments due 45 days from the 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.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person 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.

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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

k. Madison Paper Industries (MPI) filed the Settlement Agreement on

behalf of itself and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Maine State Planning Office; Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; Maine Department of Marine Resources; Maine Department of Conservation; Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission; Town of Anson; Town of Madison; Appalachian Mountain Club; Trout Unlimited, including the Kennebec Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited; Kennebec Valley Trails; Friends of the Kennebec Salmon; Maine Council of the Atlantic Salmon Federation; Maine Historic Preservation Commission; and American Rivers. The purpose of the Settlement Agreement is to resolve among the signatories all issues associated with issuance of new licenses for the projects regarding the projects' operations, instream flows, fish passage, flow and water level monitoring, Atlantic salmon restoration, wetlands monitoring, shoreland buffers, recreation facilities, protection of cultural resources, time to license expiration; and upgrades to the Abenaki Project. MPI requests that the Commission accept and incorporate into any new licenses for the projects the protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures stated in sections 3.0 and 4.0 of the Settlement Agreement.

l. A copy of the settlement agreement is on file with the Commission and is 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 at the address in h above.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing with the Commission, Application and Applicant-Prepared EA Accepted for Filing, Solicitation of Motions To Intervene and Protests, Comments, and Final Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions, and Intent To Prepare One Multi-Project NEPA Document

May 3, 2002.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications and