

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. CP01-438-000]

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

June 5, 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 (Northwest) 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 ("Rockies Expansion Project"), with appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The EA evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including system alternatives, route alternatives, and route variations.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed facilities in Wyoming and Idaho. The purpose of the Rockies Expansion Project is to allow Northwest to expand its physical north flow capacity by constructing and operating six loops totaling about 91.1 miles as follows:

- Muddy Creek Loop: 30.6 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline in

Sweetwater and Lincoln Counties, Wyoming;

- Kemmerer Loop: 15.5 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline in Lincoln County;
- Pегram Loop: 11.2 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Lincoln County;
- Soda Springs Loop: 19.6 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Bear Lake County, Idaho;
- Lava Loop: 9.4 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Caribou County, Idaho; and
- Pocatello Loop: 4.8 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Bannock County, Idaho.

Northwest also proposes to uprate or otherwise modify seven of its existing compressor stations as follows:

- Green River Compressor Station: compressor uprating of 970 horsepower (hp);
- Muddy Creek Compressor Station: compressor uprating of 2,117 hp;
- Pегram Compressor Station: compressor reconfiguration with no change in horsepower;
- Lava Compressor Station: compressor uprating and installation of a new compressor to increase 5,077 hp;
- Pocatello Compressor Station: compressor reconfiguration with no change in horsepower;
- Burley Compressor Station: replacement of three compressors with two new units to increase 9,400 hp, and installation of two portable units to augment compression by 2,660 hp when needed; and
- Buhl Compressor Station: compressor reconfiguration and installation of a new compressor to increase 4,700 hp.

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; libraries; 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 follow these instructions carefully to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your comments to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 1, PJ-11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP01-438-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 5, 2002.

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 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 be 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 (direct line) or you can call the FERC operator at 1-800-847-8885 and ask for External Affairs. Information is also available on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) using the "RIMS" link² 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

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

² The Commission is in the process of replacing RIMS and CIPS with the Federal Energy Regulatory Records Information System (FERRIS). If RIMS or CIPS cannot be found at the identified Commission web sites, FERRIS can be used to access information.

CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Temporary Suspension of Water Release Schedule and Solicitation of Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

June 5, 2002.

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Application Type:* Temporary suspension of water release schedule.
- b. *Project No.:* 2861-043.
- c. *Date Filed:* March 26, 2002.
- d. *Applicant:* New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services-Water Resources Division and Pontook Operating Limited Partnership (licensees).
- e. *Name of Project:* Pontook Project.
- f. *Location:* The project is located on the Androscoggin River in Coos County, New Hampshire.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791 (a) 825(r) and sections 799 and 801.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Maureen Winters, Kleinschmidt Associates, 75 Main Street, P.O. Box 576, Pittsfield, ME 04967, (207) 487-3328.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Mr. John Mark at (212) 273-5940, or e-mail address: john.mark@ferc.gov.
- j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* June 21, 2002.

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. Please include the project number (P-2861-043) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensees are requesting Commission approval to suspend scenic and recreational flows during August and September 2002 for construction related to replacing the dam gate structure at the hydroelectric project.

l. *Location of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for

inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. 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 item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments 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 comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *Agency Comments*—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

q. *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 at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Western Area Colorado Missouri Control Area Energy Imbalance Service—Rate Order No. WAPA-97

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of rate order.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE) confirmed and approved Rate Order No. WAPA-97 and Rate Schedule L-AS4, which placed into effect the provisional formula rate for Energy Imbalance Service for the Western Area Colorado Missouri control area (WACM). The provisional formula rate will remain in effect until the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirms, approves, and places it into effect on a final basis or until it is replaced by another rate. The provisional formula rate will provide sufficient revenue to pay all assigned costs.

DATES: This provisional formula rate will become effective on an interim basis on the first day of the first full billing period beginning on or after July 1, 2002. It will remain in effect pending FERC's approval of it or a substitute formula rate on a final basis through March 31, 2003, or until superseded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Daniel T. Payton, Rates Manager, Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, CO 80538-8986, telephone (970) 461-7442, e-mail dpayton@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Deputy Secretary approved the existing Rate Schedule L-AS4 for Energy Imbalance Service on March 23, 1998 (Rate Order No. WAPA-80, 63 FR 16778, April 6, 1998). FERC confirmed and approved the formula rate schedules on July 21, 1998, under FERC Docket No. EF98-5181-000 (84 FERC 61,066). The existing formula rate became effective on April 1, 1998, and is approved through March 31, 2003. Rate Schedule L-AS4 will be amended as necessary to incorporate the terms of this provisional formula rate, which is needed to adequately recover the cost of energy purchased when entities conducting business within WACM are unable to match their resources and obligations accurately.

The existing rate schedule provides for the ability to charge 100 mills per kilowatt-hour for under deliveries