

**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.

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*Secretary.*

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

[Docket No. RM01-8-000]

**Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements; Notice**

July 1, 2002.

In *Order Issuing Instruction Manual for Public Utilities to Use to File Their Electric Quarterly Reports*, issued on May 29, 2002, the Commission defined the specific filing instructions for complying with Order 2001, *Revised Public Utility Filing Requirements*, (67 FR 31043, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,127, April 25, 2002). This notice is to provide a filing alternative to utilities with very large Electric Quarterly Report Filings.

Several utilities have expressed concern that their Electric Quarterly Report filings will be too large to conform to the current size constraints of FERC's electronic filing system. While the ultimate system will be able to accommodate these large filings, the interim method being used for the July

31, 2002 and October 31, 2002 reports is limited in the size of the files it can accept. The May 29, 2002 order did not fully address options for parties with filings larger than the current size limit of five megabytes (MB). To accommodate the larger filings, we will increase the file size limitation for the Electric Quarterly Report filings to ten MB.

All utilities filing Electric Quarterly Reports that are 10MB or less are required to file as instructed in the Commission's May 29, 2002 order issued in RM01-8-000.

Utilities filing Electric Quarterly Reports that are larger than ten MB shall break the Electric Quarterly Report into files that are each ten MB or less and electronically file each part via FERC's electronic filing system. The file name for each part filed must be identical except the last character(s) of the file name, before the file extension (i.e., .csv, .xls, or .xlb). That character shall identify each part sequentially. The first part to be filed shall end with the number "1" and be increased by one for each successive part filed. For example, if the first part filed is named myutilityeqr1.csv, the second part will be named myutilityeqr2.csv, and so on. By using this naming convention, staff and the public will be able to reconstruct the utility's Electric Quarterly Report by placing the parts filed in the correct order. The filings will be available in RIMS and/or FERRIS as multiple documents. The ten MB file size will reduce the adverse impact of network connection problems and PC configuration limitations when the public downloads the files.

If utilities experience difficulties filing their Electric Quarterly Reports, FERC staff will work with filers on a case by case basis to resolve technical issues. For assistance or to discuss problems with making electronic filings, contact the Helpline at 202-208-0258 during the Commission's business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time) or e-mail [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

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

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**National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed National Fuel Replacement/Abandonment Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

July 1, 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 National Fuel Replacement/Abandonment Project involving construction and operation of facilities by National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) in Allegany County, New York.<sup>1</sup> These facilities would consist of replacement of about 5.44 miles of 10-inch-diameter steel pipeline (Line PY-10) and abandonment of 27.35 miles of Line PY-10. 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 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 National Fuel 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

*Summary of the Proposed Project*

National Fuel seeks authority to:

- Replace 5.44 miles of 10-inch-diameter steel pipeline (Line PY-10)

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