

**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. 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 .xlsx). 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).

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
Secretary.

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

[Docket No. CP02-383-000]

**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.

with 8-inch-diameter plastic pipeline extending from Station No. CV-RM-IT in the Town of Centerville, Allegany County, New York, to Station No. CE-RM-1T in the Town of Caneadea, Allegany County, New York; and

- Abandon 27.35 miles of Line PY-10 from Station CE-RM-2T in Caneadea, Allegany County, New York to Station AD-RM-11T in Andover, Allegany County, New York.

National Fuel proposes to abandon this section of pipeline because of its age, condition of pipeline, changing gas markets, and the cost to replace certain deteriorated sections of this pipeline. This abandonment would remove 12 points of delivery from National Fuel to National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (NFC). NFC has consented to the abandonment of the delivery points.

National Fuel states it would abandon Line PY-10 in place, except for those sections where the landowner specifically requests National Fuel to remove the pipeline.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

#### *Land Requirements for Construction*

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 41.5 acres of land. Following construction, about 33.0 acres would be maintained as permanent right-of-way of which 0.60 acre would be new permanent right-of-way. The remaining 8.5 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

#### *The EA Process*

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us<sup>3</sup> to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA.

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available on the Commission's website at the "RIMS" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. For instructions on connecting to RIMS refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

<sup>3</sup> "We", "us", "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Endangered and threatened species
- Land use
- Cultural resources
- Hazardous waste
- Public safety

We will not discuss impacts to the following resource areas since they are not present in the project area, or would not be affected by the proposed facilities:

- Air quality and noise

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

#### *Currently Identified Environmental Issues*

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by National Fuel. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Two residences near mileposts 1.07 and 1.19 would be within 50 feet of the construction right-of-way for the replacement pipeline.
- The project has a potential to impact cultural resources.

- Five crossings of perennial streams are proposed for the replacement section of pipeline.

- Four wetlands would be crossed by the replacement section of the project: total impact 1.35 acres.

#### *Public Participation*

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations/routes for the replacement), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas, 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 Branch 2).
- Reference Docket No. CP02-383-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 31, 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. 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."

#### *Becoming an Intervenor*

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and

must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (*see* appendix 2).<sup>4</sup> 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 environmental comments considered.

#### *Environmental Mailing List*

This notice is being sent to individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. It is also being sent to all identified potential right-of-way grantors. By this notice we are also asking governmental agencies, especially those in appendix 3, to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EA.

#### *Additional Information*

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 (<http://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 CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

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*Deputy Secretary.*

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<sup>4</sup> Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 184-065 California]

#### El Dorado Irrigation District; Notice of Public Meetings

July 1, 2002.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is reviewing the application for a new license for the El Dorado Project (FERC No. 184), filed on February 22, 2000. The El Dorado Project, licensed to the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID), is located on the South Fork American River, in El Dorado, Alpine, and Amador Counties, California. The project occupies lands of the El Dorado National Forest.

The EID, several state and federal agencies, and several non-governmental agencies have asked the Commission for time to work collaboratively with a facilitator to resolve certain issues relevant to this proceeding. These meetings are a part of that collaborative process.

On Monday, July 8, the aquatics-hydrology workgroup will meet from 9:00am until 4:00pm. On Tuesday, July 9, meetings will be held as follows: Recreation Workgroup 9 am-12 noon Terrestrial Workgroup 1 pm-4 pm

The workgroup meetings will focus on reviewing study results and the development of management objectives. We invite the participation of all interested governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the general public in these meetings.

All meetings will be held in the Rancho Cordova Holiday Inn, located at 11131 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, California.

For further information, please contact Elizabeth Molloy at (202) 208-0771 or John Mudre at (202) 219-1208.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7242-5]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Performance Evaluation Studies of Water and Wastewater Laboratories

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit for renewal the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Performance Evaluation Studies of Water and Wastewater Laboratories, EPA ICR No. 0234.08, OMB Control No. 2080-0021. This ICR currently expires on October 31, 2002. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be transmitted on or before September 6, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 0234.08 and OMB Control No. 2080-0021, to the following addresses: Susan Auby, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Collection Strategies Division (Mail Code 2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the ICR, contact Susan Auby at EPA by phone, at (202) 566-1672, by e-mail, at [Auby.Susan@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Auby.Susan@epamail.epa.gov), or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0234.08. For technical questions about the ICR contact Ed Glick, EPA, Technical Support Center, 26 West Martin Luther King Drive, (MS-140), Cincinnati, Ohio 45268, by fax number, (513) 569-7191, or e-mail, at [glick.ed@epa.gov](mailto:glick.ed@epa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Affected entities:** Entities potentially affected by this action are those laboratories that participate in Performance Evaluation (PE) studies, the private sector companies who offer these studies, and those who use the data generated from their participation to determine the certification status of laboratories involved in producing environmental monitoring measurements in water. This includes EPA and state certifying authorities for the Drinking Water, Wastewater, and the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) programs.

**Title:** Performance Evaluation Studies of Water and Wastewater Laboratories (OMB Control No. 2080-0021; EPA ICR No. 0234.08.). Expiring 10/31/2002.