

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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. 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 amendment 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.

All persons who have heretofore filed need not file again.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1417-080]

Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

October 7, 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 a Land and Shoreline Management Plan for the Kingsley Dam Hydroelectric Project, located on the North Platte and Platte Rivers, in Garden, Keith, Lincoln, Dawson, and Gosper Counties, Nebraska, and has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA). The Kingsley Dam Project does not occupy any federal or tribal lands.

The FEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts and concludes that approving the Shoreline Management Plan, with staff recommended changes, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the FEA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document.

For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or for TTY (202) 502-8659. For further information, contact Steve Hocking at (202) 502-8753 or steve.hocking@ferc.gov.

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[Project Nos. 11834-000 and 4026-033—Maine]

FPL Energy Maine Hydro, LLC and Androscoggin Reservoir Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

October 4, 2002.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for an original license for the Upper and Middle Dam Storage Project located on the Rapid River, in Oxford and Franklin Counties, Maine, and has prepared an Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the project. In addition, the FEA analyzes the proposed permanent flow pursuant to Article 32 of the existing license for the Azischohos Project, located on the Magalloway River, in Oxford County, Maine. In the FEA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental effects of the project, and permanent minimum flow and has concluded that approval of the project, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

On May 21, 2002, the Commission staff issued a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Upper and Middle Dam Storage Project and the proposed permanent minimum flow from the Azischohos Project and requested that any comments be filed within 30 days. Comments were filed by four entities and are addressed in the FEA.

The FEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects 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 available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY (202) 502-8659, or e-mail FERCONLINESUPPORT@FERC.GOV.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-385-000]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Redbud Power Pipeline Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

October 4, 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 Redbud Power Pipeline Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams) in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma.¹ These facilities would consist of about 12.6 miles of various diameter pipeline and a meter station with appurtenant facilities. 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

¹ Williams' application was originally filed under the blanket certificate authority issued to Williams in Docket No. CP82-479-000 and the certificate procedures of Part 157 of the Commission's regulations. Williams' application was subsequently protested, however, and on September 5, 2002, its application was converted to a section 7(c) filing under the Natural Gas Act (NGA).