Pipeline) extending directly south of the meter station in the Coutts area of the Province of Alberta. The last 30 foot section of the Regent Pipeline (border crossing) will interconnect with a new 4-inch pipeline (Connector Pipeline) to be constructed in the NW ¼ Section 1, Township 37N, Range 5W in Glacier County, Montana, by Regent Resources Inc., a Montana subsidiary of Regent. The Connector Pipeline will extend from the border crossing in an southeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 19,400 feet and tie in with EnCana Corporation's existing gathering system and processing facility located in Northern Montana.

Regent states that the proposed construction will allow unprocessed gas from existing shut-in wells in the Alberta Province to be imported into the existing U.S. gathering and processing system, thereby providing increased Canadian resource development with accompanying local, state and provincial socio-economics benefits.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Shaun Hedges, Operations Manager, Regent Resources Ltd, at (406) 264–0018.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before November 29, 2002, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. *See*, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and instructions on the Commission's Web site under the ''e-Filing'' link.

If the Commission decides to set the application 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.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 309]

Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

November 12, 2002.

On October 11, 2000, Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC, licensee for the Piney Project No. 309, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 309 is located on the Clarion River in Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

The license for Project No. 309 was issued for a period ending October 12, 2002. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in Section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of Section 15 of the FPA, then, based on Section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 309 is issued to Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC for a period effective October 13, 2002, through October 12, 2003, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before October 13, 2003, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Reliant Energy Mid-Atlantic Power Holdings, LLC is authorized to continue operation of the Piney Project No. 309 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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