

construction noise at the directional drill entry and exit sites, ETNG would install a temporary noise barrier system at both the entry and exit points. The barrier would consist of 3/4-inch-thick plywood with 2-inch-thick fiberglass duct board attached to 50 to 60 percent of the inside surface. This should provide an 8 to 12 dB reduction of the noise associated with drilling equipment.

No surface disturbance is proposed on the federal property. The property would be used for an underground pipeline to be installed by directional drill from adjacent private property. The subsurface geology of the area where the drill is proposed is limestone. The estimated directional drill success rate for this type of geology is estimated at 80 percent or greater. The three possible modes of failure are estimated to be Pilot-Hole Failure, Reaming Failure, and Pullback Failure. These failures occur when soil or rock collapses on the drilling pipe. To minimize the possibility of failure, a casing pipe will be installed during the pilot-hole operation to ensure that gravel and cobbles will not fall onto the drill string and increase the torque needed to operate the drill pipe. This casing pipe would also reduce the chance of drilling fluids being released into the environment if a failure occurs.

If directional drill failure does occur, the crossing of the South Fork Holston River would take place by traditional open-cut pipeline construction methods. A backhoe would work off of floating barges in the river. In this contingency, TVA would require further environmental reviews, including compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act due to the possible presence of an archaeological site. The FERC approval contains enforceable conditions that will minimize impacts of the pipeline construction across the TVA land and across other Tennessee Valley private land. Further, the RPMs identified in the Biological Opinion of March 7, 2003, could be independently enforced by the Secretary of the Interior under the Endangered Species Act.

These conditions require:

1. ETNG to adhere to its Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan of July 20, 2001, contained in Appendix C-1 of the FERC EIS.
2. ETNG to adhere to its Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan and Preparedness, Prevention, and Contingency Plan of May 7, 2001, contained in Appendix C of the FERC EIS.

3. ETNG to adhere to U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline Safety Requirements.

4. ETNG to comply with the 69 measures appended to FERC's Order Denying Rehearing, Authorizing Abandonment, and Issuing Certificate of November 20, 2002 (Docket Nos. CP01-415 and CP 01-375).

TVA Commitment List

1. ETNG will install a temporary noise barrier system at both the entry and exit points of the directional drill. The barrier will consist of 3/4-inch-thick plywood with 2-inch-thick fiberglass duct board attached to 50 to 60 percent of the inside surface.

2. A casing pipe will be installed during the directional drill pilot-hole operation to ensure that gravel and cobbles will not fall onto the drill string and increase the torque needed to operate the drill pipe.

3. If directional drill failure occurs, work will stop and additional approvals will be needed from TVA for open-cut construction.

With implementation of these commitments, TVA believes that the impacts of its right-of-way approval under the Mineral Leasing Act will be minimized.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2003-43]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petition for exemption received.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption part 11 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), this notice contains a summary of a certain petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the

legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before August 13, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition to the Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number FAA-2003-15528 at the beginning of your comments. If you wish to receive confirmation that FAA received your comments, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

You may also submit comments through the Internet to <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the petition, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Dockets Office (telephone 1-800-647-5527) is on the plaza level of the NASSIF Building at the Department of Transportation at the above address. Also, you may review public dockets on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

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Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA-2003-15528.

Petitioner: Honeywell.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR part 21.603(a) and 21.607(d).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit Honeywell, at the time of manufacture, to continue production and support of components during the Technical Standard Order Authorization (TSOA) application process. Honeywell would like this exemption to be in place for one year.

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