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Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-16-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Sunbelt Expansion Project

October 21, 1996.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) in the above-referenced docket. For both the new Compressor Station 105 in Coosa County, Alabama and the new Compressor Station 125 in Walton County, Georgia, the staff is requesting specific comments regarding the siting of these new compressor stations. We request comments on a potential reasonable alternative for each station, the effect of relocating a compressor station on the proposed in-service date, the cost of relocating the compressor stations and what additional mitigation would be necessary at the proposed sites.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities:

- 14.9 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline loop (Loop D) from milepost (MP) 1222.66 to MP 1237.58 in Cherokee County, South Carolina;
- 15,000 horsepower (hp) of compression (gas turbine) at a new station, to be known as Compressor Station 105 in Coosa County, Alabama;
- 15,000 hp of compression (gas turbine) at a new station to be known as Compressor Station 125 in Walton County, Georgia; and
- 15,000 hp of compression (gas turbine) at the existing Compressor Station 80 in Jones and Jasper Counties, Mississippi.

Transco also seeks to uprate:

- A compressor (gas turbine) from 14,100 hp to 15,000 hp at Compressor

Station 100 in Chilton County, Alabama; and

- One compressor (gas turbine) from 12,600 hp to 15,000 hp at each of three stations: Compressor Station 110 in Randolph County, Alabama; Compressor Station 130 in Madison County, Georgia; and Compressor Station 140 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

The purpose of the proposed facilities is to provide additional firm transportation capacity of up to 145,666 thousand cubic feet per day of natural gas to nine local distribution companies and one electric cogeneration plant.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

A limited number of copies of the EA are available from: Mr. Mark Jensen, Environmental Project Manager, Environmental Review and Compliance Branch II, Office of Pipeline Regulation, 888 First Street, N.E., PR 11.2, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0828.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Written comments must reference Docket No. CP96-16-000 and be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

In order to have your comments considered, we request that they be filed as soon as possible. Comments must be received no later than November 20, 1996, to ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on this proposal. A copy of any comments should also be sent to Mr. Mark Jensen, Environmental Project Manager, at the above address.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commenter a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by Section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need

intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about this project is available from Mr. Mark Jensen, Environmental Project Manager.

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Notice of Amendment of License Applications

October 21, 1996.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. Type of Application: Amendment of License Applications.

b. Projects Nos.: P-11132-001, P-11472-001, P-11482-001, and P-11566-001.

c. Date Filed: September 25, 1996.

d. Applicants: Consolidated Hydro Maine, Inc., and Ridgewood Maine Hydro Partners, L.P.

e. Name of Projects and Locations:

(1) Eustis Dam Hydro Project No. 11132, on the Dead River, in Franklin County, Maine;

(2) Burnham Hydro Project No. 11472, on the Sebasticook River, in Somerset and Waldo Counties, Maine;

(3) Mechanic Falls Hydro Project No. 11482, on the Little Androscoggin River, in Androscoggin County, Maine; and

(4) Damariscotta Mills Hydro Project No. 11566, on the Damariscotta River, in Lincoln County, Maine.

f. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791-825(r).

g. Applicants Contact:

Stephen E. Champagne, Esq., Curtis Thaxter Stevens Broder & Micoleau, LLC, One Canal Plaza, P.O. Box 7320, Portland, ME 04112, (207) 775-2361
Edward M. Stern, Esq., Consolidated Hydro, Inc., 680 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT 06901, (203) 425-8850.

h. FERC Contact: Ed Lee (202) 219-2809.

i. Comment Date: November 18, 1996.

j. Description of Request:

Consolidated Hydro Maine, Inc. (Consolidated), applicant for the pending license applications for the proposed projects above, and Ridgewood Maine Hydro Partner, L.P. (Ridgewood) request that the license applications for the before-mentioned projects each be amended to change the name of the applicant from Consolidated to Ridgewood. Consolidated is being merged into Ridgewood to facilitate a change in the beneficial interest in the projects. There

is no debt associated with these mergers.

k. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

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Secretary.

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[Project No. 2663-004 Minnesota]

Minnesota Power & Light Company; Notice of Proposed Restricted Service List for a Programmatic Agreement for Managing Properties Included in or Eligible for Inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places

October 21, 1996.

Rule 2010 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure provides that, to eliminate unnecessary expense or improve administrative efficiency, the Secretary may establish a restricted service list for a particular phase or issue in a proceeding.¹ The restricted service list should contain the names of persons on the service list who, in the judgment of the decisional authority establishing the list, are active participants with respect to the phase or issue in the proceeding for which the list is established.

The Commission is consulting with the Minnesota Historical Society (hereinafter, SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (hereinafter, Council) pursuant to the Council's regulations, 36 CFR Part 800, implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. Section 470f), to prepare a programmatic agreement for managing properties included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places at Project No. 2663-004.

The programmatic agreement, when executed by the Commission, the SHPO, and the Council, would satisfy the Commission's Section 106 responsibilities for all individual undertakings carried out in accordance with the license until the license expires or is terminated (36 CFR 800.13[e]). The Commission's responsibilities pursuant to Section 106 for the above project would be fulfilled through one programmatic agreement for comments under Section 106. The executed programmatic agreement would be incorporated into any order issuing license.

Minnesota Power & Light Company, as prospective licensee for Project No. 2663-004, is invited to participate in consultation to develop the programmatic agreement and to sign as a concurring party to the programmatic agreement.

For purposes of commenting on the programmatic agreement, we propose to restrict the service list for Project No. 2663-004 as follows:

¹ 18 CFR 385.2010.

Ms. Nina Archabal, Director, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 Kellogg Blvd. West, St. Paul, MN 55102

Dr. Robert D. Bush, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, The Old Post Office Building, Suite 809, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20004

Mr. Christopher D. Anderson, Attorney, Minnesota Power & Light Company, 30 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802

Any person on the official service list for the above-captioned proceedings may request inclusion on the restricted service list, or may request that a restricted service list not be established, by filing a motion to that effect within 15 days of this notice date.

An original and 8 copies of any such motion must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission (888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426) and must be served on each person whose name appears on the official service list. If no such motions are filed, the restricted service list will be effective at the end of the 15 day period. Otherwise, a further notice will be issued ruling on the motion.

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Secretary.

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Office of Hearings and Appeals

Notice of Issuance of Decisions and Orders During the Week of September 9 Through September 13, 1996

During the week of September 9 through September 13, 1996, the decisions and orders summarized below were issued with respect to appeals, applications, petitions, or other requests filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy. The following summary also contains a list of submissions that were dismissed by the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Copies of the full text of these decisions and orders are available in the Public Reference Room of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Room 1E-234, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-0107, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., except federal holidays. They are also available in *Energy Management: Federal Energy Guidelines*, a commercially published loose leaf reporter system. Some decisions and orders are available on the Office of Hearings and Appeals World Wide Web site at <http://www.oha.doe.gov>.