

Storage Project No. 11499. The Laurel Branch Project would be located in Bledsoe County, Tennessee, seven miles northeast of Dunlap, Tennessee.

Since the July 1996 Scoping Document I was issued for Armstrong Energy Resources' (AER) proposed Laurel Branch Project No. 11499 and Reynolds Creek Project No. 11500, AER has decided not to pursue the Reynolds Creek Project. AER, by letter filed January 9, 1997 with the FERC, has withdrawn its proposal, and surrendered its preliminary permit for the Reynolds Creek Pumped Storage Project No. 11500. AER, in deciding to pursue only the Laurel Branch Project, has also defined the preferred transmission line corridor and alternative corridors for the project and reduced the initial project boundary.

FERC and TVA staff will not prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) only for the Laurel Branch Project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). FERC will be a cooperating agency, with the TVA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in the preparation of the EIS.

Under the joint cooperative EIS process, scoping and draft EIS preparation will occur prior to the filing of a final license application with FERC. Participation by interested agencies and members of the public in the early initiation of the NEPA process is essential because this process will not be repeated upon the filing of a final license application.

The EIS will objectively consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts of the project and reasonable alternatives. It will also address economic, financial and engineering analysis. A draft EIS will be circulated to all interested parties for review. Comments will also be requested. FERC and TVA will also hold a joint public meeting to elicit comments on the draft EIS. All comments filed on the draft EIS will be analyzed by staff and will be considered in a final EIS. The staffs' conclusions and recommendations will be presented to the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Corps of Engineers, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for consideration in reaching final permit and licensing decisions, respectively.

Scoping Process

The first scoping meeting was held at the Bledsoe High School in Pikeville, Tennessee, on August 6, 1996. FERC and TVA will jointly conduct a second public scoping meeting for Armstrong Energy Resources' revised proposal on March 4, 1997. The second public scoping meeting will be held at

Sequatchie County High School on the west side of Highway #28 in Dunlap, Tennessee. The March 4 meeting will focus on the proposed changes to Laurel Branch Project and the proposed transmission corridor and alternative corridors. Prior to the formal public meeting, an Information Open House will be held from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The formal public meeting will be held from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, CDT, with registration beginning at 5:00 pm. It will not be necessary for participants to stay for the whole meeting in order to have their comments recorded. During both the Information Open House or the Public Meeting, oral comments can be recorded in a private setting. Anyone needing sign language interpretation or other special arrangements, please contact Ruth Horton at (423) 632-8521 no later than February 29, 1997.

The Information Open House is an informal opportunity for questions and information about the overall project scope and environmental review process. The public meeting is a formal meeting where a panel of representatives from the cooperating agencies will receive public comments concerning the proposed project and transmission corridors. The meeting will be recorded by a stenographer and will become a part of the formal record of the FERC and TVA proceeding. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to clearly identify themselves for the record.

To help focus discussions at the meetings, we have prepared a Revised Scoping Document I to reflect changes in AER's proposal and to provide information on (1) the proposed transmission corridor and alternative corridors; (2) the proposed Laurel Branch Project; (3) the environmental review process to be followed; and (4) preliminary issues to be addressed. The Revised Scoping Document I will be mailed to agencies and interested individuals. Revised Scoping Document I will also be available at the scoping meeting.

At the scoping meeting, FERC and TVA staff will: (1) identify preliminary environmental issues related to the proposed project and the proposed transmission facilities; (2) identify preliminary resource issues that are not important and do not require detailed analysis; (3) identify reasonable alternatives to be addressed in the EIS; (4) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantified data, on the resource issues; and (5) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS, including

points of view in opposition to, or in support of, the staffs' preliminary views.

We are interested in your thoughts on the issues to be addressed, especially the proposed transmission line corridor and alternative corridors. Your comments previously expressed on Scoping Document I relative to the Laurel Branch Project will be considered and need not be repeated for the Revised Scoping Document I.

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on the issues or information relevant to the issues, may submit written statement for inclusion in the public record at the meetings. In addition, written scoping comments may be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20425, and with Linda Oxendine, Senior Specialist, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT8C-K, Knoxville, TN 37902. All written correspondence should be filed no later than *March 31, 1997*, in order to be included in the final scoping document, and clearly show the following captions on the first page: Laurel Branch Pumped Storage Project, FERC Project No. 11499-000.

For Further Information on This Process, please contact Eddie R. Crouse, FERC, (202) 219-2794, or Linda Oxendine, TVA, (423) 632-3440.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

February 3, 1997.

Take notice that on January 29, 1997, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) tendered for filing, as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, the following tariff sheets proposed to become effective June 1, 1997:

Second Revised Volume No. 1

Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 4
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 4A
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 5
 Substitute Seventh Revised Sheet No. 7
 Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 8
 Sub 1st Rev First Revised Sheet No. 9
 Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 11
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 13
 Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 17
 Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 20
 Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 23
 Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 25
 Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 26
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 41
 Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 49

Sub 1st Rev First Revised Sheet No. 53
 Sub 1st Rev Original Sheet No. 54
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 55
 Sub 1st Rev First Revised Sheet No. 59
 Sub 1st Rev First Revised Sheet No. 60
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 63
 Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 65
 Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 84
 Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 86
 Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 87
 Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 89
 Original Volume No. 2
 Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 68
 Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 68-A
 Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 68-B
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 68-D
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 68-G
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 68-M
 Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 100
 Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 101
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 102
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 106
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 107
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 145-A
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 145-B
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 146
 Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 147
 Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 148
 Substitute Eighteenth Revised Sheet No. 151
 Substitute Ninth Revised Sheet No. 152
 Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 153
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 155
 Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 161
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 167
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 168
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 169
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 170
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 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 216
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 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 219
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 220
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 222
 Substitute Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 223
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 225
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 227
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 233
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 234
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 239
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 240
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 241
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 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 243
 Substitute Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 245
 Substitute Sixth Revised Sheet No. 246
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 247
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 249
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 255
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 256
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 262
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 263
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 264
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 265
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 266
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 268
 Substitute Ninth Revised Sheet No. 269
 Substitute Seventh Revised Sheet No. 270
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 272
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 274
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 281
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 282
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 289
 Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 290
 Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 291

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 Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 615
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 616
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 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 620
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 627
 Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 628
 Substitute Twenty-Ninth Revised Sheet No. 1000

Great Lakes states that the above named tariff sheets are being filed to replace those filed on November 1, 1996 in this docket, and are intended to provide a comprehensive and current version of Great Lakes' proposal to convert its rates and tariff from a volumetric (Mcf) to a thermal (Dth) basis. The revised tariff sheets reflect portions of Great Lakes' original November 1, 1996 proposal and incorporate certain revisions filed with the Commission on December 31, 1996 and additional revisions first being proposed in the instant filing.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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.

Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Commission's Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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**National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation;
 Notice of Application**

February 3, 1997.

Take notice that on January 30, 1996, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed an amendment to its application in Docket

No. CP96-671-000 pursuant to Sections 7(b) and (c) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of facilities in order to create additional firm transportation capacity of 48,000 Dth per day from the Niagara import point to the interconnection between National Fuel and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) at Leidy and Wharton, Pennsylvania, (1997 Niagara Expansion Project), and permission and approval to abandon certain facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

National Fuel States that the purpose of the amendment is to: (1) revise the horsepower and other specifications of the proposed new compressor unit at the Ellisburg Compressor Station; (2) submit the Precedent Agreement between National Fuel and Union Pacific Fuels, Inc. for the remaining 3,656 Dth/d of unsubscribed firm winter capacity; and (3) request authorization to replace the meter facilities at the Strickler Road Station.

National Fuel proposes to install a high speed compressor with 3,200 hp at its Ellisburg Compressor Station instead of the originally proposed 2,250 Cooper GMVH-10 compressor, because the latter is no longer available. National Fuel also states that the change in the proposed Ellisburg compressor unit is not anticipated to have any significant impact on the cost of the project.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said amendment should on or before February 13, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and procedure, a hearing will be held