

license for the existing Fifteen Mile Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2077. The project is located on the Connecticut River, in Grafton County, New Hampshire, and Caledonia and Essex Counties, Vermont, and consists of the 10.56-MW McIndoes Development, 140.4-MW Comerford Development, and 140.4-MW Moore Development. New England Power has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all resource agencies, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and others affected by the proposal, and that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case.

New England Power has submitted a communications protocol that is supported by most interested entities. New England Power has also executed a settlement agreement with state and federal resource agencies and NGOs, which is attached to its request for use of alternative procedures.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on New England Power's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to Section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations.¹ Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date.

The alternative procedures being requested here combine the prefiling consultation process with the environmental review process, allowing the applicant to complete and file an Environmental Assessment (EA) in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which the applicant consults with

agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs during preparation of the application for the license and before filing it, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the prefiling consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

Applicant Prepared EA Process and Fifteen Mile Falls Project Schedule

New England Power has distributed an Initial Consultation Document for the proposed project to stated and federal resource agencies, Indian tribes, and NGOs. New England Power has been engaged in settlement discussions, and met with the participants on February 12, 1998, for final approval by the participants. New England Power has submitted a proposed schedule for the APEA process that leads to the filing of a new license application by March 1999. New England Power has scheduled a presentation to the Commission staff at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC, on March 19, 1998, in the afternoon.

Comments

Interested parties have 30 days from the date of this notice to file with the Commission, any comments on New England Power's proposal to use the alternative procedures to file an application for the Fifteen Mile Falls Hydroelectric Project.

Filing Requirements

The comments must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Dockets—Room 1A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

All comment filings must bear the heading "Comments on the Alternative Procedures," and include the project name and number (Fifteen Mile Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2077).

For further information on this process or on the presentation, please contact William Guey-Lee of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at 202-219-2938 or E-mail at William.Gueylee@FERC.Fed.US.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-72-002]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 11, 1998.

Take notice that on March 6, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing to become part of Northern's FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to become effective as follows:

Sheet Nos.	Effective date
Sub 39 Revised Sheet No. 50	January 1, 1998.
Sub 40 Revised Sheet No. 50	January 1, 1998.
Sub 41 Revised Sheet No. 50	January 1, 1998.
Sub 42 Revised Sheet No. 50	March 1, 1998.
Sub 43 Revised Sheet No. 50	April 1, 1998.
Sub 39 Revised Sheet No. 51	January 1, 1998.
Sub 40 Revised Sheet No. 51	January 1, 1998.
Sub 41 Revised Sheet No. 51	January 1, 1998.
Sub 42 Revised Sheet No. 51	March 1, 1998.
Sub 43 Revised Sheet No. 51	April 1, 1998.
Sub 37 Revised Sheet No. 53	January 1, 1998.
Sub 38 Revised Sheet No. 53	January 1, 1998.
Sub 39 Revised Sheet No. 53	March 1, 1998.
Sub 40 Revised Sheet No. 53	April 1, 1998.

Northern states that this filing establishes a revised 1997-1998, System Balancing Agreement (SBA) Cost Recovery surcharge to be effective January 1, 1998.

Northern states that copies of the filing were served upon Northern's customers and interested State Commissions.

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

¹ Order No. 596, Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects, 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).

filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken in this proceeding, 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-99-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Technical Conference

March 11, 1998.

The filing in the above captioned proceeding raises issues that should be addressed in a technical conference.

Take notice that the technical conference will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

All interested parties and Staff are permitted to attend.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. MG98-3-001, MG98-2-001, and MG98-4-001]

East Tennessee Natural Gas Company, Midwestern Gas Transmission Company, and Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Filing

March 11, 1998.

Take notice that on February 27, 1998, East Tennessee Natural Gas Company (East Tennessee), Midwestern Gas Transmission Company (Midwestern) and Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee) each filed revised standards of conduct.

East Tennessee, Midwestern and Tennessee each state that it served a copy of its filing on all of its customers and affected state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest one or more of the filings should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 or 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214. All such motions to intervene or protest should be filed on or before March 26, 1998. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP98-150-000 and CP98-151-000]

Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P. and Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Change of Location for Scoping Meeting

March 11, 1998.

The location for the environmental scoping meeting in Mount Vernon, New York, on March 24, 1998, has been changed from the Mount Vernon High School to the following facility: Mark Twain Junior High School, 160 Woodlawn Avenue, Auditorium, Yonkers, New York.

For further information, call Paul McKee, Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088.

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Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5979-3]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Clean Air Act Tribal Authority

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Clean Air Act Tribal Authority (OMB Control No. 2060-0306), expiring 03/31/98. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 16, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1676.02.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Clean Air Act Tribal Authority (OMB Control No. 2060-0306; EPA ICR No. 1676.02.) expiring 03/31/98. This is a request for an extension of the currently approved collection.

Abstract: This ICR requests clearance of EPA's review and approval process for determining Tribe eligibility to carry out the Clean Air Act (CAA). Tribes may choose to submit a CAA eligibility determination and a CAA program application to EPA at the same time for approval and EPA will review both submittals simultaneously. EPA will use this information to determine if a Tribe meets the statutory criteria under section 301(d) of the CAA and is qualified for purposes of implementing an Air Quality Program. Section 114 of the CAA is the authority for the collection of information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 10/29/97 (62 FR 56160); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 40 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions;