

- Stakeholder views regarding the benefits and drawbacks of various alternative technologies.

- Opportunities for stakeholder involvement in new technology development and evaluation.

- Federal and State regulatory processes, including permitting.

The Department invites interested stakeholders to participate early in the planning of this Stakeholder Forum. The Department requests suggestions and recommendations on the Forum's agenda, format and venue. The expected date and location will be announced later in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice.

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Gerald G. Boyd,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2416]

Aquenergy Systems, Inc.; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

October 29, 2001.

On October 5, 1999, Aquenergy Systems, Inc., licensee for the Ware Shoals Project No. 2416, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 2416 is located on the Saluda River in Laurens, Greenwood, and Abbeville Counties, South Carolina.

The license for Project No. 2416 was issued for a period ending September 30, 2001. 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. 2416 is issued to Aquenergy Systems, Inc. for a period effective October 1, 2001, through September 30, 2002, 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 1, 2002, 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 Aquenergy Systems, Inc. is authorized to continue operation of the Ware Shoals Project No. 2416 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-8-000]

Copper Eagle Gas Storage, L. L. C.; Notice of Petition

October 26, 2001.

Take notice that on October 17, 2001, Copper Eagle Gas Storage, L. L. C. (Copper Eagle), Phoenix, Arizona, filed a Petition for Exemption of Temporary Acts and Operations from Certificate Requirements, pursuant to rule 207(a)(5) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 387.207(a)(5)), and section 7(c)(1)(B) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717(c)(1)(B)), seeking approval of an exemption from certificate requirements to perform temporary activities related to drill site preparation and the drilling of a stratigraphic test well. The petition is on file with the Commission and open to

public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

Copper Eagle seeks authorization to engage in certain temporary activities for the sole purpose of drilling a 7,000 foot stratigraphic test well, through the Luke salt deposit and into the sub-salt strata. This well will be located in Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 2 West, Maricopa County, Arizona. The temporary activities for which approval is requested is the drilling of a stratigraphic well, the identification of the characteristics of the strata, and the plugging and abandonment of the well according to the requirements of the Arizona Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Copper Eagle states the proposed stratigraphic test well is critical in determining the feasibility of utilizing deep injection as the method of brine disposal during the possible development of a natural gas salt cavern storage facility. Copper Eagle also requests the Commission include pre-granted abandonment authority under section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to the extent it is necessary or required.

Any questions regarding this petition are to be directed to J. Gordon Pennington, Senior Counsel, El Paso Corporation, 555 11th St. NW., Suite 750, Washington, DC 20004, Phone (202) 637-3544 or facsimile (202) 637-3501.

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 7, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene 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. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the 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.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-009-000]

Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Application

October 29, 2001.

Take notice that on October 19, 2001, Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI), 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301, filed in Docket No. CP02-009-000, an application, pursuant to sections 7(b) and (c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for abandonment authorization and a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of certain compression facilities in Pennsylvania, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

DTI proposes to install 2 compressor units, each with a capacity of 1,775 horsepower (hp) (for a total of 3,550 hp) at DTI's Ardell Compressor Station in Elk County, Pennsylvania. DTI states that it requires the additional compressors to replace capacity formerly provided by a deteriorating portion of Line LN-280 located in Elk, Cameron, Clinton, Potter, and Tioga Counties in Pennsylvania. DTI requests permission and approval to abandon in place 71 miles of this line, consisting of 8 miles of 20-inch line, 53 miles of 16-inch line, and 10 miles of 18-inch line. In addition, DTI proposes to abandon 5 miles of 14-inch line known as Line LN-4, located in Potter and Tioga Counties, Pennsylvania. It is stated that only above-ground facilities would be removed. It is asserted that DTI has determined that this proposal is the most cost-effective means of providing service to its customers with minimal environmental impact. DTI estimates the total cost of the proposed facilities at \$6,500,000, and requests rolled-in rate treatment for the project. DTI requests that the Commission issue a preliminary determination by January 1, 2002 and a final certificate by April 1, 2002.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Sean R. Sleigh, Certificates Manager, at (304) 627-3305, Dominion Transmission, Inc., Post Office Box 2450, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26302-2450.

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 19, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) 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. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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 environmental documents, and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, Commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission, and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a Federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a