

Policy Subcommittee participants, as well as all state commissions within the region. In addition, the filing has been electronically posted on the Midwest ISO's website at [www.midwestiso.org](http://www.midwestiso.org) under the heading "Filings to FERC" for other interested parties in this matter.

*Comment date:* April 1, 2002.

#### 6. Central Maine Power Company

[Docket No. ER02-1301-000]

Take notice that on March 11, 2002, Central Maine Power Company (CMP) tendered for filing a service agreement for Non-firm Local Point-to-Point Transmission Service entered into with Gardner Brook Hydro. Service will be provided pursuant to CMP's Open Access Transmission Tariff, designated rate schedule CMP—FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 3, Fifth Revision, Service Agreement No. 156.

*Comment date:* April 1, 2002.

#### 7. Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1291-000]

Take notice that on March 6, 2002, Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc. tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an amendment to include one page that was omitted from its executed Service Agreement with EnXco, Inc. for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission.

Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc. renews its request for an effective date of November 27, 2001, and accordingly, seeks waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. A copy of this filing has been served upon the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, the Iowa Department of Commerce, and the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

*Comment date:* March 27, 2002.

#### 8. Xcel Energy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1292-000]

Take notice that on March 11, 2002, Xcel Energy Services, Inc. (XES), on behalf of Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service), submitted for filing a Master Power Purchase and Sale Agreement between Public Service and Williams Gas Processing Company. (Williams Gas), which is in accordance with Public Service's Rate Schedule for Market-Based Power Sales (Public Service FERC Electric Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 6).

XES requests that this agreement become effective on December 11, 2001.

*Comment date:* April 1, 2002.

#### 9. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1297-000]

Take notice that on March 11, 2002, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., as Transmission Provider, tendered for filing a service agreement for Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service and a service agreement for Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service with NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc. (NorthPoint), as Transmission Customer. A copy of the filing was served upon NorthPoint.

*Comment date:* April 1, 2002.

#### 10. Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1298-000]

Take notice that on March 11, 2002, Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc. tendered for filing an executed Term Sheet between Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc., and Wolverine Power Marketing Cooperative, Inc., which term sheet expressly incorporated the terms and conditions of the Wholesale Power Sales Enabling Agreement between Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc. and Wolverine Power Marketing Cooperative, Inc. previously approved by this Commission. The Term Sheet concerns the sale of power from Wolverine Power to Wolverine Marketing with ultimate service to end-use retail customer CEMEX Wolverine requests an effective date of February 11, 2002 for this filing.

Wolverine states that a copy of this filing has been served upon Wolverine Power Marketing Cooperative, Inc. and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

*Comment date:* April 1, 2002.

#### 11. Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1299-000]

Take notice that on March 11, 2002, Entergy Services, Inc., on behalf of Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Entergy Gulf States, Inc., Entergy Louisiana, Inc., Entergy Mississippi, Inc., and Entergy New Orleans, Inc., (collectively, the Entergy Operating Companies) tendered for filing a Long-Term Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service Agreement between Entergy Services, Inc., as agent for the Entergy Operating Companies, and Coral Power, L.L.C.

*Comment date:* April 1, 2002.

#### 12. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-1300-000]

Take notice that on March 11, 2002, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) submitted for filing an executed service agreement for Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service with Higginsville

Municipal Utilities (Transmission Customer). SPP seeks an effective date of March 1, 2002 for this service agreement.

The Transmission Customer was served with a copy of this filing.

*Comment date:* April 1, 2002.

#### Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for 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 (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11870-000, New Hampshire]

#### Goodrich Falls Hydro Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

March 15, 2002.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for exemption from licensing of the Goodrich Falls Project, located on the Ellis River, in Carroll County, New Hampshire, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the

project. There are no Federal lands, including Indian reservations, occupied by project works or located within the project boundary.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed exemption and concludes that issuance of an exemption from licensing for the Goodrich Falls Hydroelectric Project would not constitute a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link-select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

For further information, contact John Ramer at (202) 219-2833.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-74-000]

#### **Reef International, L.L.C.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Eagle Pass International Pipeline Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

March 15, 2002.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Eagle Pass International Pipeline Project involving the construction and operation of facilities by Reef International, L.L.C. (Reef) in Maverick County, Texas, and that cross the international border between the United States and Mexico.<sup>1</sup> The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a

mutually acceptable agreement.

However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain.

Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Reef provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)).

#### *Summary of the Proposed Project*

Reef is proposing the Eagle Pass International Pipeline Project to provide firm transportation to Compania Nacional de Gas, S.A. (Conagas). This project would allow Reef to deliver up to 15 million cubic feet per day. The purpose of the project is to provide the Piedras Negras region of Coahuila, Mexico, with needed, additional supplies of gas.

Reef proposes to construct, operate, and maintain about 4 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline and appurtenant facilities from an interconnection with Southern Transmission Company (Southern) in Maverick County, Texas, crossing under the Rio Grande, the midpoint of which is the International Boundary between the United States and Mexico, to a point just across the river in Coahuila, Mexico. Reef is seeking a Presidential Permit from the Commission for the 400-foot-long border crossing in Maverick County, Texas which is the U.S. portion of the directional drill across the Rio Grande. The entire directional drill would be 800 feet in length, half of which would be in Mexico. A meter station would be constructed in Maverick County about 2,035 feet downstream from the interconnection with Southern. About 1000 feet of pipeline and a meter station would be constructed in Mexico and would be owned and operated by Conagas. Also, a 6-inch-diameter propane/butane pipeline would also be constructed parallel to the natural gas pipeline for about 3 miles of the route within the U.S. and also cross into Mexico.

*Land Requirements for Construction*  
*Construction of Reef's proposed facilities would require about 25.3 acres of land, including construction right-of-way for the new pipeline and extra work areas needed for the directional drill. The pipeline would be constructed adjacent to existing sanitary sewer and utility easements for 72 percent of the route. For the construction of the pipeline, Reef would use a 50-foot-wide construction right-of-way. Reef indicates that it would maintain a 30-foot-wide permanent right-of-way totaling 14.55 acres. The meter station and access road would be located within a 5.53 acre location adjacent to an industrial area. About 5 acres would be needed for a pipe and contractor yard, although this location has not yet been determined.*

#### *The EA Process*

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us<sup>2</sup> to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- Water resources and wetlands
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Threatened and endangered species
- Cultural resources
- Land use
- Reliability and safety

We will evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on

<sup>1</sup> Reef's application was filed with the Commission on January 22, 2002, under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act.

<sup>2</sup> "We", "us", and "our", refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).