

j. *Cooperating Agencies:* We are asking Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in item k below.

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for Filing Additional Study Requests and Request for Cooperating Agency Status:* March 25, 2003.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's rules of practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Additional study requests and request for cooperating agency status may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link. After logging into the eFiling system, select "Comment on Filing" from the Filing Type Selection screen and continue with the filing process.

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) An existing 3-foot-high, 377-foot-long concrete dam; (2) a 13-acre impoundment with normal storage of 620 acre-feet to 720 acre-feet; (3) two existing 7-foot-diameter to 12-foot-diameter, 65-foot-long steel penstocks equipped with trashracks; (4) an

existing 60-foot-long, 60-foot-wide, 25-foot-high powerhouse containing two Francis turbines with a total installed capacity of 700 kilowatts; (5) a proposed 933-foot-long transmission line connecting to an existing distribution system, and (6) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an average annual generation of 7,400,000 kilowatts.

o. A copy of the application is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by Section 106 of the National Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

q. *Procedural schedule:* The application should be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate. The Commission staff proposes to issue one Environmental Assessment (EA) rather than issuing a draft and final EA. Staff intends to provide a 30 day period for entities to comment on the EA, and will take into consideration all comments filed on the EA before final action is taken on the exemption from licensing application. If any person or organization objects to the staff proposed process, they should file comments by the date stipulated in item l above, briefly explaining the basis for their objection.

Issue Acceptance or Deficiency Letter: March 2003

Issue Acceptance Letter: May 2003

Issue Scoping Document 1 for Comments: July 2003

Request Additional Information: August 2003

Issue Scoping Document 2, if Necessary: October 2003

Notice of Application Is Ready for Environmental Analysis: November 2003

Notice of the Availability of the EA: May 2004

Ready for Commission's Decision on the Application: August 2004

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03-162-003]

Trailblazer Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

February 7, 2003.

Take notice that on January 31, 2003, Trailblazer Pipeline Company (Trailblazer) filed the following documents:

1. Exhibit No. TPC-1 (Revised): Testimony of Bruce H. Newsome on behalf of Trailblazer Pipeline Company, and Mr. Newsome's related affidavit.

2. Exhibit No. TPC-81 (Revised): Revised Tariff Sheets. Exhibit No. TPC-81 (Revised) is sponsored by Mr. Newsome.

Trailblazer states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the hearing procedural schedule adopted January 17, 2003, in the above-captioned docket. Trailblazer notes that the tariff sheets are tendered for filing to be a part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, with an effective date of January 1, 2003.

Trailblazer states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all parties set out on the Commission's official service list in Docket No. RP03-162.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such protests must be 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, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY,

contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Protest Date: February 12, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board; Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis; Request for Nominations for Additional Expertise for the Special Council Panel for the Review of the Third 812 Analysis and the Council's Two Subcommittees, the Air Quality Modeling Subcommittee and the Health and Ecological Effects Subcommittee

1. *Action:* Notice; request for nominations to add additional expertise to the Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis (Council) for a Special Council Panel for the Review of the Third 812 Analysis and request for nominations for membership on the Council's two subcommittees, the Air Quality Modeling Subcommittee and the Health and Ecological Effects Subcommittee (HEES). The Council is a separately chartered federal advisory committee, housed administratively in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board.

2. *Summary:* The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board is requesting nominations to: (a) add expertise to the Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis (Council) for a Special Council Panel for the Review of the Third 812 Analysis (Special Council Panel); (b) the Council's Air Quality Modeling Subcommittee (AQMS); and (c) the Council's Health and Ecological Effects Subcommittee (HEES).

The SAB was established to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The Council provides scientific advice on any analysis required under section 312 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) of the impacts of the Clean Air Act (CAA) on the public health, economy, and environment of the United States and is a separately chartered Federal advisory

committee Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. App.). The AQMS of the Council provides expertise on air quality modeling used in such analysis. The HEES of the Council provides advice on assessments of health and ecological effects used in such analyses. The AQMS and the HEES will report to the Administrator of EPA through the Council. The Special Council Panel will comprise members of the Council, appointed by the Administrator, and additional experts needed for the Review of the Third 812 Analysis. Members of the Special Council Panel, AQMS, and HEES will provide advice to the Agency on the Third 812 Analysis over a two-year period. Over that period, the Special Council Panel for the Review of the Third 812 Analysis, AQMS, and HEES will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB procedural policies, including the SAB process for panel formation described in the Overview of the Panel Formation Process at the Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board, which can found on the SAB's website at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/ec02010.pdf>. Those selected to serve on the Council, AQMS, and HEES will review the draft materials identified in this notice and respond to the charge questions provided below.

3. *Background:* The Agency is seeking the Council's advice in developing the third in a series of statutorily mandated comprehensive analyses of the total costs and total benefits of programs implemented pursuant to the Clean Air Act. Section 812 of the Clean Air Act requires the EPA to periodically assess the effects of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments on the "public health, economy and the environment of the United States" and to report the findings and results of the assessments to Congress. Section 812 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 7612) also specifically directed the EPA Administrator to establish the Council to: (a) Review data to be used for any analysis required under section 312 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) of the impacts of the Clean Air Act (CAA) on the public health, economy, and environment of the United States, and make recommendations on its use; (b) review the methodology used to analyze such data and make recommendations on the use of such methodology; and (c) prior to the issuance of a report to Congress required under section 312 of the CAA, review the findings of the report and make recommendations concerning the validity and utility of such findings.

EPA has to date completed two reports to Congress [The Benefits and Costs of the Clean Air Act: 1970 to 1990 (published, 1997, and on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/oar/sect812/copy.html>) and The Benefits and Costs of the Clean Air Act, 1990 to 2010 (published 1999), and on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/air/sect812/1990-2010/fullrept.pdf>] and received the advice of the Council on them in multiple reports. EPA also sought Council advice on a draft Analytical Plan (June 2001) for a third analysis, and received advice on the plan from the Council in September 2001, Review of the Draft Analytical Plan for EPA's Second Prospective Analysis—Benefits and Costs of the Clean Air Act 1990–2020 (EPA–SAB–COUNCIL–ADV–01–004, on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/science1/pdf/councila01004.pdf>).

EPA's work pursuant to the draft Analytical Plan (June 2001) and receipt of SAB Council advice was suspended pending resolution of three key issues:

(a) National Academy of Sciences (NAS) review of EPA air pollution benefits methods. Shortly after completion of the September 2001 SAB Council review of the June 2001 Analytical Plan, a panel of the National Academy of Sciences initiated development of their statutorily-mandated report evaluating EPA's methods for conducting air pollution reduction benefits analysis. The Agency recognized that the pending NAS report would have substantial effects on the selection of methods and assumptions in the third analysis, and suspended initiation of analytical work until the NAS review was completed. The NAS report, Estimating the Public Health Benefits of Proposed Air Pollution Regulations (on the web at <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/10511.html>), was completed in October 2002.

The Agency notes that the NAS report recommends numerous changes to EPA methods that are relevant for the third 812 analysis. Of particular importance, the NAS recommends that EPA develop and apply significantly enhanced uncertainty analysis methods, including the use of probabilistic specifications for important but uncertain or highly variable factors. The NAS panel, however, did not provide extensive specific advice regarding the appropriate methods or assumptions to apply in air pollution benefits analyses. The Agency proposes to seek Council advice to evaluate proposals for methodological changes pursuant to SAB and NAS advice. One specific change will be an additional analysis recommended by the NAS. This