

facilities that would deliver natural gas from Northwest's Ignacio to Sumas mainline to PSE's distribution system in the City of Everett, Washington and surrounding communities by the fall of 2004. The facilities would be designed to measure and deliver up to approximately 113 million decatherms per day of natural gas on a firm basis.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, State and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Branch 2, PJ 11.2.
- Reference Docket No. CP01-49-002; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC, on or before January 23, 2003.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created by clicking on "Sign-up."

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of

Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).¹ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov, click on "eSubscription" and then click on "Sign-up."

Linda Mitry,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 719-007 Washington]

Trinity Conservancy, Incorporated; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

January 15, 2004.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory

¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion in filing comments electronically.

Commission's regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47879), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a subsequent license for the Trinity Hydroelectric Project, located on Phelps Creek and James Creek, tributaries of the Chiwawa River, in Chelan County, Washington, and has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA). The project occupies about 72 acres of land within the Wenatchee National Forest, administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

The FEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with the appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the FEA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The FEA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. For further information, contact Charles Hall at (202) 502-6853 or by E-mail at charles.hall@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-97-000]

Equitrans, LP; Notice of Technical Conference

January 16, 2004.

In its Order issued December 31, 2003,¹ the Commission directed that a technical conference be held to discuss Equitrans, L.P.'s, proposals in regards to segmentation, gas quality, storage ratchet, security tracker and other

¹ Equitrans, L.P., 105 FERC ¶ 61,407 (20

changes to the terms and conditions of service.

Take notice that a technical conference will be held on Monday February 2, 2004, at 10 a.m., in a room to be designated at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

All interested parties and staff are permitted to attend. For further information please contact: Christy Walsh at (202) 502-6523.

Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-47-000]

High Island Offshore System, LLC; Notice of Technical Conference

January 16, 2004.

In its Order issued December 24, 2003,¹ the Commission directed that a technical conference be held to investigate High Island Offshore System's proposal to implement a Natural Gas Liquids Bank as part of its tariff.

Take notice that a technical conference will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2004, at 10 a.m., in a room to be designated at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

All interested parties and staff are permitted to attend.

Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PL04-3-000]

Natural Gas Interchangeability; Notice of Public Conference

January 15, 2004.

1. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will hold a conference on February 18, 2004, to engage industry members and the public in a dialogue about policy issues arising

from natural gas interchangeability.¹ On October 14, 2003, the Commission held a technical conference on the findings and recommendations contained in the National Petroleum Council's report: *Balancing Natural Gas Policy—Fueling the Demands of a Growing Economy*.² The Summary Report recommended that the natural gas interchangeability standards be updated: "FERC and DOE should champion the new standards effort to allow a broader range of LNG [liquefied natural gas] imports. This should be conducted with participation from LDCs [local distribution companies], LNG purchasers, process gas users, and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs)."³ In addition, the Commission has dealt with gas quality and interchangeability issues in several recent cases, and others are pending.⁴ These cases will not be the subject of the technical conference nor will discussion of them be entertained, due to *ex parte* considerations. Nevertheless, as a result of the NPC recommendation and concerns about gas interchangeability raised in pending proceedings, it is clear that the Commission needs more information in order to evaluate what role, if any, it should prepare to take to address the impacts of natural gas interchangeability on the nation's energy consumers and the companies regulated by the Commission.

2. An agenda detailing the matters to be addressed and identifying speakers will be issued in the near future. In addition to direct presentations, the Commission will provide an open forum that will give all interested individuals an opportunity to respond to the presentations or present other views on the issues discussed.

3. The conference will be held on February 18, 2004, at FERC, 888 First Street, NE., in Washington, DC beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room. The public is invited to attend. For further information about the conference,

¹ As used by the gas industry, "interchangeability" means the extent to which a substitute gas can replace gas normally used by a customer without unduly interfering with the operation of the customer's natural gas equipment. See Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership, 97 FERC ¶ 61,043 (2001) at 61,197.

² The National Petroleum Council is an oil and natural gas advisory committee to the Secretary of Energy.

³ National Petroleum Council, *Balancing Natural Gas Policy: Fueling the Demands of a Growing Economy, Volume I, Summary of Findings and Recommendations*, September 2003, p. 64.

⁴ See *Toca Producers v. Southern Natural Gas Company*, 104 FERC ¶ 61,300 (2003), and *Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America*, 104 FERC ¶ 61,322 (2003).

please call or e-mail Andrea Hilliard (202-502-8288; andrea.hilliard@ferc.gov) or Ed Murrell (202-502-8703; ed.murrell@ferc.gov).

4. The Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening and viewing of the conference. It is available for a fee, live over the Internet, via C-Band Satellite. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast, or who need information on making arrangements should contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at the Capitol Connection (703-993-3100) as soon as possible or visit the Capitol Connection Web site at <http://www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu> and click on "FERC."

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03-398-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

January 16, 2004.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding commencing at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2004, and continuing if necessary at 9 a.m. on Friday, January 23, 2004, at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact Michael Cotleur (202) 502-8519 michael.cotleur@ferc.gov, William Collins (202) 502-8248 william.collins@ferc.gov, or Kevin Frank (202) 502-8065 kevin.frank@ferc.gov.

Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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¹ High Island Offshore System, L.L.