

following facilities in the central Gulf of Mexico and Mississippi:

- A total of 213.2 miles of 36-, 30-, and 16-inch-diameter interstate pipeline, consisting of 75.6 miles offshore pipeline and 137.6 miles of onshore pipeline;
- 27,078 horsepower of new compression at two new compressor stations;
- Seven new meter stations; and
- Associated aboveground facilities, including a liquids slug catcher, an offshore gathering platform, and a related nonjurisdictional gas processing plant.

The purpose of the proposed facilities is to transport up to 1 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas from the development of new offshore deepwater production areas in the central Gulf of Mexico to interconnections with six major interstate pipelines in Mississippi. The proposed facilities would provide a new natural gas transportation infrastructure that would avoid the overburdened pipeline systems in southeastern Louisiana.

The draft EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the draft EIS are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the draft EIS have been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, and parties to this proceeding who requested a copy.

#### Comment Procedure

##### Written Comments

Any person wishing to submit written comments on the draft EIS may do so. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A, Washington, D.C. 20426.

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1;

- Reference Docket Nos. CP96-655-001 *et al.* and CP97-291-000; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before September 1, 1997.

#### Public Meetings

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the scheduled public meetings and present comments on the environmental impacts described in the draft EIS. Anyone who would like to speak at the public meetings may get on the speakers list by signing up at the public meetings. Priority will be given to persons representing groups. Transcripts will be made of the meetings.

Two public meetings to receive comments on the draft EIS of the Destin Pipeline Project will be held at the following times and locations:

Date	Time	Location
August 6, 1997 .....	7:00 p.m. ....	Moss Point Public Library, 4401 McInnis Street, Moss Point, Mississippi.
August 7, 1997 .....	7:00 p.m. ....	Mississippi National Guard Armory, 38th, Highway 63, Waynesboro, Mississippi.

After the written and oral comments are reviewed, any significant new issues are investigated, and modifications are made to the draft EIS, a final EIS will be published and distributed. The final EIS will contain the staffs responses to timely comments received on the draft EIS.

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).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-202-000]

#### USG Pipeline Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed USG Pipeline Project

July 9, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by USG Pipeline Company (USGPC) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA addresses the potential environmental effects of construction and operation of 14.5 miles of 10-inch-diameter pipeline and appurtenant

facilities in Marion County, Tennessee and Jackson County, Alabama.

USGPC would transport up to 7,000 Dekatherms per day of natural gas to United States Gypsum Company (USGC) in Bridgeport, Alabama where USGC plans to construct and operate a gypsum wallboard manufacturing facility.

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, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

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 listed below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Reference Docket No. CP97-202-000.

- Send two copies of your comments to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11-1.

- Mail your comments so they will be received in Washington, DC on or before August 8, 1997.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commenter 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 Procedure (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice; Sunshine Act Meeting

July 9, 1997.

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to section 3(a) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. No. 94-409), 5 U.S.C. 552B:

**AGENCY HOLDING MEETING:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**DATE AND TIME:** July 16, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Room 2C, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Agenda: Note—Items listed on the agenda may be deleted without further notice.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Telephone (202) 208-0400. For a recording listing items stricken from or added to the meeting, call (202) 208-1627.

This is a list of matters to be considered by the Commission. It does not include a listing of all papers relevant to the items on the agenda; However, all public documents may be

examined in the Reference and Information Center.

#### **Consent Agenda—Hydro 679th Meeting—July 16, 1997; Regular Meeting (10:00 a.m.)**

CAH-1.

DOCKET# P-2113, 042, WISCONSIN VALLEY IMPROVEMENT COMPANY  
OTHER#S P-1999, 006, WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION  
P-2113, 041, WISCONSIN VALLEY IMPROVEMENT COMPANY  
P-2113, 047, WISCONSIN VALLEY IMPROVEMENT COMPANY  
P-2212, 003, WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY  
P-2239, 009, TOMAHAWK POWER AND PULP COMPANY  
P-2255, 005, NEKOOSA PAPERS, INC.  
P-2256, 004, CONSOLIDATED WATER POWER COMPANY  
P-2291, 003, NEKOOSA PAPERS, INC.  
P-2292, 003, NEKOOSA PAPERS, INC.  
P-2476, 003, WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION  
P-2590, 004, CONSOLIDATED WATER POWER COMPANY

CAH-2.

OMITTED

CAH-3.

DOCKET# P-2239, 009, TOMAHAWK POWER AND PULP COMPANY

CAH-4.

DOCKET# P-2476, 003, WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION  
OTHER#S P-2476, 004, WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION

CAH-5.

DOCKET# P-1999, 006, WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION  
OTHER#S P-1999, 007, WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION

CAH-6.

DOCKET# P-2212, 003, WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY  
OTHER#S P-2212, 005, WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY

CAH-7.

DOCKET# P-2590, 004, CONSOLIDATED WATER POWER COMPANY  
OTHER#S P-2590, 005, CONSOLIDATED WATER POWER COMPANY

CAH-8.

DOCKET# P-2256, 004, CONSOLIDATED WATER POWER COMPANY  
OTHER#S P-2256, 005, CONSOLIDATED WATER POWER COMPANY

CAH-9.

DOCKET# P-2255, 005, NEKOOSA PAPERS, INC.  
OTHER#S P-2255, 007, NEKOOSA PAPERS, INC.

CAH-10.

DOCKET# P-2291, 003, NEKOOSA PAPERS, INC.  
OTHER#S P-2291, 006, NEKOOSA PAPERS, INC.

CAH-11.

DOCKET# P-2292, 003, NEKOOSA PAPERS, INC.  
OTHER#S P-2292, 004, NEKOOSA PAPERS, INC.

CAH-12.

DOCKET# P-4715, 006, FELTS MILLS ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.

CAH-13.

DOCKET# P-5276, 036, NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION AND NORTHERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, L.P.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA—ELECTRIC**

CAE-1.

DOCKET# ER97-3055, 000, PENNSYLVANIA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

CAE-2.

OMITTED

CAE-3.

DOCKET# ER97-2414, 000, LOWELL COGENERATION COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

CAE-4.

DOCKET# ER97-3060, 000, SOUTHERN COMPANY SERVICES, INC.

CAE-5.

DOCKET# OA96-140, 000, TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY

CAE-6.

DOCKET# ER97-2532, 000, ZOND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
OTHER#S ER97-2904, 000, ZOND MINNESOTA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION II

CAE-7.

DOCKET# OA96-37, 000, GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER CORPORATION

CAE-8.

DOCKET# OA96-43, 000, CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY

CAE-9.

DOCKET# TX93-2, 007, CITY OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA, ET AL. AND TOWN OF RICHLANDS, VIRGINIA AND BLUE RIDGE POWER AGENCY  
OTHER#S EL94-59, 003, CITY OF BEDFORD, VIRGINIA, ET AL. AND TOWN OF RICHLANDS, VIRGINIA, ET AL. V. APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

CAE-10.

DOCKET# EC96-7, 002, UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY AND CENTRAL ILLINOIS PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY  
OTHER#S ER96-677, 002, UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY AND CENTRAL ILLINOIS PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY  
ER96-679, 002, UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY AND CENTRAL ILLINOIS PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

CAE-11.

DOCKET# OA96-50, 000, UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY

CAE-12.

OMITTED

CAE-13.

DOCKET# EL93-50, 000, WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.

CAE-14.

DOCKET# EL97-20, 000, ALABAMA POWER COMPANY

CAE-15.

DOCKET# NJ97-3, 000, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY—BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION

#### **CONSENT AGENDA—GAS AND OIL**

CAG-1.

DOCKET# RP96-320, 015, KOCH GATEWAY PIPELINE COMPANY

CAG-2.