

Comment date: January 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-804-000]

Take notice that on December 16, 1996, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), filed the Contract for Purchases and Sales of Power and Energy between FPL and Coral Power L.L.C. FPL requests an effective date of December 20, 1996.

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Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket Nos. CP95-194-001, CP95-194-003, CP96-027-000, and CP96-027-001]

Northern Border Pipeline Company; Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Northern Border Project and Notice of Public Meetings

December 26, 1996.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) and Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) in the above-referenced dockets, collectively referred to as the Northern Border Project.

The DEIS 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 have limited environmental impact.

The DEIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities:

Northern Border

- About 390.0 miles of new natural gas pipeline;
- About 303,500 horsepower (hp) of new compression;
- 9 new and 1 modified meter stations, 5 new pig launcher/receivers, 1 new office/warehouse building, and 16 new and 9 modified valves; and
- 13 new communication towers.

Natural

- About 85.7 miles of new natural gas pipeline;
- About 9,000 hp of new compression; and
- 3 new pig launcher/receivers and 17 new or modified valves.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to transport up to 1,226.3 million cubic feet per day of natural gas from producing regions in Canada and the Williston Basin in Montana and North Dakota to natural gas shippers and local distribution companies in the Midwest, primarily the Chicago area.

Specific Comment Request

The staff has identified and evaluated two system alternatives to the proposed combined facilities between Harper, Iowa and Chicago, Illinois, the Amarillo and Iowa/Illinois System Alternatives. To assist the staff in its evaluation of the system alternatives, we request specific comments on the impacts and benefits of using each of the alternatives as compared to the applicants' proposals. Area residents, local or state governments, and Northern Border and Natural are asked to comment on whether the Amarillo and/or the Iowa/Illinois System Alternatives are reasonable and practical and preferable to the combined proposed facilities between Harper and Chicago. Comments should also specifically address any impacts on project timing and related costs/benefits.

Comment Procedure

Written Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the DEIS may do so. Written comments must be received on or before February 18, 1997, reference Docket No. CP95-194-001, and be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

A copy of the written comments should also be sent to the FERC Project Manager identified below.

Public Meeting Schedule

Three public meetings to receive comments on the DEIS will be held at the following times and locations:

Date	Time	Location
Feb. 4, 1997	7:00 p.m. ..	Channahon, IL.
Feb. 5, 1997	7:00 p.m. ..	Princeton, IL.
Feb. 6, 1997	7:00 p.m. ..	Walcott, IA.

The meeting in Channahon, Illinois will be held at the Channahon Junior High School. The meeting in Princeton, Illinois will be held at the Bureau County Metro Center. The meeting in Walcott, Iowa will be held at the American Legion.

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the environmental impacts described in the DEIS. Anyone who would like to speak at the public meetings may get on the speakers list by contacting the FERC Project Manager or signing-up at the public meetings. Priority will be given to persons representing groups. Transcripts will be made of the meetings.

After these comments are reviewed, any significant new issues are investigated, and modifications are made to the DEIS, a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) will be published and distributed. The FEIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments received on the DEIS.

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.

The DEIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the DEIS have been mailed to federal, state, and local agencies,

public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

For additional procedural information or a limited number of copies of this DEIS contact: Ms. Laura Turner, Environmental Project Manager, Environmental Review and Compliance Branch II, Office of Pipeline Regulation, 888 First Street, N.E., RM 7M-02, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0916.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30072M; FRL-5579-1]

Pesticide Tolerance Processing Fees Deposit Fund

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA announces that, as a result of the passage of the Food Quality Protection Act on August 3, 1996, all fees related to pesticide tolerance activities are being deposited in the Reregistration and Expedited Processing Fund. The current fee schedule for tolerance activities has not been changed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Iantha Gilmore, Resource Management Staff, Office of Pesticide Programs (7501C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office Location and telephone number: Room 700-D, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, (703-305-6127); e-mail: gilmore.iantha@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 408(m) of the Federal, Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of August 3, 1996, the EPA announces that all fees related to tolerance activities collected under 40 CFR 180.33 are, as of the date of this notice, being deposited in the Reregistration and Expedited Processing Fund.

The current tolerance fee regulations (40 CFR 180.33) were promulgated under the former section 408(o) of the FFDCA and were deposited to the Tolerance Fee Fund. The new section 408(m) uses almost identical language to that used in the earlier section 408(o), except that section 408(m) specifies that

tolerance fees are to be deposited into the Reregistration and Expedited Processing Fund. Because the two sections are otherwise nearly identical, tolerance fees will continue for now to be subject to the existing fee schedule in 40 CFR 180.33.

EPA anticipates that this fee schedule will be sufficient to provide, equip, and maintain an adequate tolerance assessment program over the short term. For the longer term, EPA is currently engaged in a public process to determine how best to implement all the provisions of the new FFDCA section 408. If, at the completion of this process, EPA concludes that any changes in EPA's tolerance assessment program requires a change in the existing tolerance fee structure, EPA will revise the fee schedule accordingly.

Until the above public process is completed, the current procedure for increasing the fee structure to reflect the annual increase for civilian Federal General Schedule (GS) employees working in the Washington, DC/Baltimore, MD metropolitan area will continue. When these automatic adjustments are made, a new fee schedule will be published as a final rule in the Federal Register to become effective 30 days or more after publication.

In the meantime, all deposits and fees required by the regulations in 40 CFR part 180 must be paid by money order, bank draft, or certified check drawn to the order of the Environmental Protection Agency. All deposits and fees must be forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency, Headquarters Accounting Operations Branch, Office of Pesticide Programs (Tolerance Fees), P. O. Box 360277M, Pittsburgh, PA 15251. The payments should be labeled "Tolerance Petition Fees" and should be accompanied only by a copy of the letter or petition requesting the tolerance.

The actual letter or petition along with supporting data, shall be forwarded within 30 days of payment to the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs, Registration Division, (7505C) Washington, DC 20460. A petition will not be accepted for processing until the required fees have been submitted. A petition for which a waiver of fees has been requested will not be accepted for processing until the fee has been waived or, if the waiver has been denied, the proper fee is submitted after notice of denial. A request for waiver or refund will not be accepted after scientific review has begun on a petition.

Dated: December 19, 1996.

Lynn R. Goldman,

Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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[FRL-5673-3]

Proposed Settlement Under Section 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed administrative settlement and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to enter into an administrative settlement to resolve certain claims under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA). Notice is being published to inform the public of the proposed settlement and of the opportunity to comment. This settlement is intended to resolve the sole settling party's liability for certain response costs incurred by EPA at the Monroe Township Landfill Superfund Site in Monroe Township, New Jersey.

DATES: Comments must be provided on or before February 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, 290 Broadway—17th Floor, New York, NY 10007, and should refer to: In the Matter of the Monroe Township Landfill Superfund Site: Browning-Ferris Industries of South Jersey, Inc., Settling Party, U.S. EPA Index No. II-CERCLA-96-0110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, 290 Broadway—17th Floor, New York, NY 10007; Attention: William C. Tucker, Esq. (212) 637-3139.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Section 122(i)(1) of CERCLA, notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement concerning the Monroe Township Landfill Superfund Site located in Monroe Township, New Jersey. Section 122(h) of CERCLA provides EPA with authority to consider, compromise and settle certain claims for costs incurred by the United States.

Browning-Ferris Industries of South Jersey, Inc. will pay a total of \$100,000 under the settlement to reimburse EPA