

provide support for the specific levels included in the reports. In addition, Tennessee should be prepared to explain the reasons for the delay in filing its reports and the basis for the out-of-period adjustments to its 1994 and 1995 reports.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Environmental Compliance and Applicant Environmental Report Preparation Training Courses

January 28, 1998.

The Office of Pipeline Regulation (OPR) staff will conduct two sessions of its Environmental Compliance Training Course and the Environmental Report Training Course in March and May of this year.

These courses are a result of the positive response to our outreach training courses held since 1992. We encourage interested organizations and the public to take advantage of the courses to gain an understanding of the requirements and objectives of the Commission in ensuring compliance with all environmental certificate conditions and meeting its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and other laws and regulations. We also encourage feedback, either at the courses or in reply to this notice, on how we can improve the courses.

Environmental Report Preparation Course

The Environmental Report Preparation Course presentation and the manual focus primarily on Section 7 filings. However, the course manual will address the following topics:

- A. The types of projects that require environmental filings.
 1. Natural Gas Act section 7
 2. Natural Gas Policy Act filings
 3. Section 2.55 replacements
- B. The filings required for each type of project.
- C. Information to include in each filing.
- D. Potential time saving procedures.
 1. Applicant-prepared DEA
 2. Third-party EA or EIS

The staff intends the manual to be a sourcebook for preparing environmental filings under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

If you have specific questions related to the subject matter of this course, or

if you would like the course to address a particular item, please call Mr. John Leiss at (202) 208-1106.

This one-day Environmental Report Preparation Course will be held on the dates and at the locations shown below. Attendees must call the number listed for the hotel by the reservation deadline and identify themselves as Federal Energy Regulatory Commission seminar attendees to receive the discounted group rate.

Session: March 24

Location: Sheraton North, Shore Inn,
933 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, Illinois
60062, 1-800-325-3535, (847) 498-6500

Reservations by: March 2

May 12

Crown Plaza, 4255 South Paradise Road,
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109
1-800-HOLIDAY, (702) 369-4400, April 11

Environmental Compliance Training Course

The two-day Environmental Compliance Training Course will include the following topics:

- A. Post-certificate clearance filings.
- B. Environmental inspection as it relates to:
 1. Right-of-way preparation;
 2. Temporary erosion control;
 3. Cultural resources;
 4. Waterbody crossings;
 5. Wetland construction;
 6. Residential area construction;
 7. Right-of-way restoration; and
 8. Techniques for environmental compliance.

The Environmental Compliance Training Course will be held on the dates and at the locations shown below. Attendees must call the numbers listed for the hotels by the reservation deadline and identify themselves as FERC seminar attendees to receive the discounted group rate.

Session: March 25-26

Location: Sheraton North, Shore Inn,
933 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, Illinois
60062, 1-800-325-3535, (847) 498-6500

Reservations by: March 2

May 13-14

Crown Plaza, 4255 South Paradise Road,
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109
1-800-HOLIDAY, (702) 369-4400, April 11

Pre-Registration

The OPR staff and Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation, the Commission's environmental support contractor for natural gas projects, will conduct the training. There is no fee for the courses, but you must pre-register because space is limited.

If you would like to attend either of these courses, please call the telephone number listed below to obtain a pre-registration form.¹

Note: If you plan to attend both the environmental report preparation session and the subsequent environmental compliance training session, you must pre-register separately for each (only one form is needed per location). Attendance will be limited to the first 150 people to pre-register in each course. Call or FAX requests for pre-registration forms to: Ms. Donna Connor, c/o Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210, Telephone or FAX (Menu driven): (508) 384-1424.

You will receive confirmation of pre-registration and additional information before the training course(s).

Additional training may be offered in the future. Please indicate whether you would like these courses to be offered again, or if you are interested in any other courses with different topics or audiences. Please indicate your preferences for location and time of year. Suggestions on format are welcome.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-99-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed DLP Dighton Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 28, 1998.

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 construction and operation of the facilities, about 1.5 miles of 12-inch-diameter loop, horsepower modifications at two existing compressor stations, a new meter station, and appurtenant facilities, proposed in the DLP Dighton Project.¹

¹ The pre-registration forms referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the forms were sent to those receiving this notice in the mail.

¹ Algonquin Gas Transmission Company's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) proposes to expand the capacity of its facilities to transport an additional 33,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas to the approved Dighton Power Associates Limited Partnership (DLP) power plant. Algonquin seeks authority to construct and operate:

- 1.5 miles of 12-inch-diameter loop in the towns of Norwich and Montville, Connecticut;
- Upgrade two compressor units at its Southeast Compressor Station from 4,250 horsepower (hp) to 4,700 hp each in Putnam County, New York;
- Upgrade two compressor units at its Burrillville Compression Station from 5,500 hp to 5,700 hp each in Providence County, Rhode Island;
- A new Dighton Meter Station and appurtenances at the approved DLP power plant in Dighton, Massachusetts;
- New tap valves on its G-1 Line and G-1 Loop and 40 feet of 8-inch-diameter connecting pipeline between the new valves and proposed Dighton Meter Station; and
- Modifications to its existing Salem Turnpike and Montville Meter Stations in Norwich and Montville, Connecticut, respectively.

DLP is currently constructing a 170 megawatt power plant and appurtenances in Dighton. The Dighton Meter Station and appurtenances would be constructed within the non jurisdictional power plant site.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.² If you are interested in obtaining procedural information, please write to the Secretary of the Commission.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 14.3 acres of land (including 5.5 acres of existing pipeline right-of-way). Following construction, about 3.4 acres would be maintained as new permanent pipeline right-of-way. The remaining 5.4 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

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 Conveniences and Necessity. NEPA also requires us 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, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Public safety.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Air quality and noise.
- Hazardous waste.

We will also 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 the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by

Algonquin. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Potential effect on Trading Cove Brook and Stony Brook during crossing by the dry-ditch method.
- The permanent conversion of about 0.25 acre of wooded wetland to open wetland.

Also, we have made a preliminary decision to not address the impact of the nonjurisdictional facility. We will briefly describe its location and status in the EA.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Send *two* copies of your letter to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label *one* copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.2;
- Reference Docket No. CP98-99-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before March 2, 1998.

If you are interested in obtaining procedural information please write to the Secretary of the Commission.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor." Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).

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

²The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

have been viewed as good cause for late intervention.

You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Lindwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3195-068]

Sayles Hydro Associates; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

January 28, 1998.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed an application to surrender the license for the Sayles Flat Hydroelectric Project, No. 3195-068. The Sayles Flat Project is located on the South Fork American River in El Dorado County, California. A Final Environmental Assessment (FEA), was prepared for the surrender request. The FEA finds that approving the surrender would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The FEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the FEA can be viewed in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. For further information, please contact the project manager, Ms. Rebecca Martin, at (202) 219-2650.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Public Outreach Meeting (Charlotte, North Carolina)

January 28, 1998.

The Office of Hydropower Licensing will hold a public Outreach Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina on Tuesday, February 24, 1998. The Outreach

Meeting is scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. and finish at 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Outreach program is to familiarize federal, state, and other government agencies, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations, licensees, and other interested parties with the Commission's hydropower licensing program. The topics for the Outreach Meeting are pre-licensing, licensing, and post-licensing procedures for hydroelectric projects in North Carolina and South Carolina whose licenses expire between calendar years 2000 and 2010.

Staff from the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing will preside over the meetings.

The location of the Outreach Meeting is: The Westin, Charlotte, 222 East Third Street, Charlotte, NC 28202, (704) 377-1500, (704) 358-4890 *fax.

If you plan to attend, notify Ron McKittrick, Eastern Outreach Coordinator, fax: 202-219-2152; telephone: 202-219-2783.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under the Perfluorocompound (PFC) Emission Reduction Partnership for the Semiconductor Industry EPA ICR No. 1823.01

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under the Perfluorocompound (PFC) Emission Reduction Partnership for the Semiconductor Industry EPA ICR No. 1823.01. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 5, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1823.01.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under the Perfluorocompound (PFC) Emission Reduction Partnership for the Semiconductor Industry (OMB Control No. 2060-NEW; EPA ICR No. 1823.01). This is a new collection.

Abstract: In April 1993, President Clinton issued the Climate Change Action Plan, which establishes the nation's commitment to returning U.S. greenhouse gas emissions to their 1990 levels by the year 2000. EPA's PFC Emission Reduction Partnership for the Semiconductor Industry is an important voluntary program contributing to the overall reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. The PFC Emission Reduction Partnership for the Semiconductor Industry, along with ENERGY STAR Buildings, Green Lights, ENERGY STAR Computers, and other EPA Programs is a voluntary program aimed at preventing pollution rather than controlling it after its creation. These programs focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

EPA has developed this ICR to obtain authorization to collect information from Companies participating in the PFC Emission Reduction Partnership. By participating in the program, a Company agrees to endeavor to reduce PFC emissions. In the Partnership, a company will prepare an annual report to be submitted to a designated law firm that provides an overall estimate of PFC emissions, and a normalized PFC emission rate for its U.S. facilities. Information on Company-specific PFC emissions is aggregated into an industry-wide annual report, and used in combination with information on Companies' normalized rates of PFC emissions (submitted on a blind basis) to evaluate the overall PFC emission reductions achieved by the program.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 9/2/97 (62 FR 46264); 1 comment was received.