

The effective date for each agreement corresponds to the dates authorized by the Commission in Docket No. ER99-1141-000.

Copies of the filing have been provided to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Maryland Public Service Commission, the Virginia State Corporation Commission, the West Virginia Public Service Commission, and all parties of record.

*Comment date:* April 14, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 19. Avista Corporation

[Docket No. ER99-2254-000]

Take notice that on March 25, 1999, Avista Corporation tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to 18 CFR Section 35.13, an executed Mutual Netting Agreement allowing for arrangements of amounts which become due and owing to one Party to be set off against amounts which are due and owing to the other Party with Merchant Energy Group of the Americas, Inc.

Avista Corporation requests waiver of the prior notice requirement and requests an effective date of March 1, 1999.

*Comment date:* April 14, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 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 these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-241-000]

### ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

April 1, 1999.

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 Wisconsin Expansion Project Construction and operation of facilities by ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) in Kendall and McHenry Counties, Illinois and Waupaca and Rock Counties, Wisconsin.<sup>1</sup> These facilities would consist of about 3.11 miles of 16-inch and 42-inch-diameter pipeline, and 23,000 horsepower (hp) of compression. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decisionmaking process to determine whether the projects is in the public convenience and necessity. The application and other supplemental filings in this docket are available for viewing on the FERC Internet website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)). Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of any easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreements. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law. A fact sheet addressing a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain, is attached to this notice as appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ANR's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

### Summary of the Proposed Project

ANR want to install certain additional loop pipeline and expand the capacity of its facilities in Illinois and Wisconsin to increase its transmission capacity by up to 194 million Decatherms per day of natural gas between the ANR Joliet Hub and its Wisconsin market area. ANR seeks authority to construct and operate:

- About 3.0 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline loop at its Michigan Leg South System in Kendall County, Illinois;
- Two 10,000-horsepower (ph) compressor units at its existing Woodstock Compressor Station in McHenry County, Illinois;
- One 1,500-hp compressor unit at its existing Weyauwega Compressor Station in Waupaca County, Wisconsin;
- About 0.11 mile of 16-inch-diameter pipeline from the Weyauwega Compressor Station to ANR's Marinette Junction tap site on its existing 24-inch-diameter mainline in Waupaca County, Wisconsin; and
- One 1,500-hp compressor unit at its existing Janesville Compressor Station in Rock County, Wisconsin and minor related facilities.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

### Land Requirement for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 57.4 acres of land. Following construction, about 42.9 acres would be maintained as permanent right-of-way. The remaining 14.5 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use. All construction at ANR's Woodstock Compressor Station in McHenry County, Illinois and its Janesville Compressor Station in Rock County, Wisconsin would occur within each locations' 20-acre site.

### 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 Convenience 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

<sup>2</sup> The 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.

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
- Air quality and noise
- Land use
- Endangered and threatened species
- Public safety
- Cultural resources

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the projects, 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.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section on page 4 of this notice.

#### **Currently Identified Environmental Issues**

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on the preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by ANR. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Two federally listed endangered or threatened species may occur in the proposed project area.
- Noise levels around the compressor stations would increase.
- Effects of construction and operation of the proposed facilities on near-by residences.

#### **Public Participation**

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20416;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP99-241-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before May 3, 1999.

#### **Becoming an Intervenor**

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. 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 14 copies of its filing to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. 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 3). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered. Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222. Access to the texts of formal documents issued by

the Commission with regard to this docket, such as orders and notices, is also available on the FERC website using the "CIPS" link. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 1991-009, Idaho]

#### **City of Bonners Ferry; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment**

April 1, 1999.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for a new license for the Moyie River Hydroelectric Project. The project is located near Moyie Springs, in Boundary County, Idaho.

On September 15, 1998, the Commission staff issued a draft environmental assessment (DEA) for the project and requested that comments be filed with the Commission within 30 days. Comments on the DEA were filed and are addressed in the final environmental assessment (FEA) for the project.

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

Copies of the FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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