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Comment date: April 21, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER00-2072-000]

Take notice that on March 31, 2000, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) tendered for filing an executed Service Agreement with Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC, providing for transmission service under FERC Electric Tariff, Volume No. 1.

WPSC requests that the agreement be made effective on March 24, 2000.

Comment date: April 21, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER00-2073-000]

Take notice that on March 31, 2000, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) tendered for filing an executed Service Agreement with Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC, providing for transmission service under FERC Electric Tariff, Volume No. 1.

WPSC requests that the agreement be made effective on March 24, 2000.

Comment date: April 21, 2000, 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, NE, Washington, DC 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>

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

[Project No. 2651-006, Indiana]

Indiana Michigan Power Company; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

April 10, 2000.

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 Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license for the Elkhart Hydroelectric Project, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA). The project is located on the St. Joseph River in the City of Elkhart, in Elkhart County, Indiana. No federal lands or facilities are occupied or used by the project. The Draft EA 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 Draft EA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Any comments should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. For further information, contact Nicholas Jayjack, Team Leader, at (202) 219-2825.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-104-000]

Distrigas of Massachusetts Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Domac Vapor Recovery Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

April 10, 2000.

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 vapor recovery facilities proposed by Distrigas of Massachusetts Company (DOMAC) in Everett, Massachusetts.¹ These facilities would recover natural gas vapor vented to the atmosphere during liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargo transfer operations. 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

DOMAC states that its existing vapor handling system adequately recovers the natural gas vapor that results from LNG storage. However, during cargo transfer, additional vapor is produced, causing approximately 18,000-23,000 thousand standard cubic feet (Mscf) of each LNG cargo to be vented to the atmosphere in order to maintain design pressure in the LNG tanks. DOMAC seeks to recover this additional vapor (approximately 830,000 Mscf per year) by installing vapor recovery facilities consisting of a turboexpander-driven compressor, a hot water pump and heat exchanger, and associated meters and interconnecting piping.

Construction of the proposed facilities would occur completely on DOMAC's existing 35-acre LNG plant site. The general location of the project facilities is shown on figure 1.²

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

² The figures and appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available on the Commission's website at the "RIMS" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. For instructions on connecting to RIMS refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the figures and appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

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 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
- land use
- cultural resources
- air quality and noise
- public safety

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.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

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

- Noise quality may be affected by the addition of the turboexpander-driven compressor.
- Soils (possibly contaminated) may be affected by minor ground disturbance during construction. The proposed project area is part of a site that has been identified as a "notice site" pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan. The former site owner, Boston Gas Company, is currently conducting environmental investigations to determine the need for soil remediation.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EA/EIS 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 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Group 1.
- Reference Docket No. CP00-104-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before May 10, 2000.

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 filings 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 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 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) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, to select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

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. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6253-2]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability Responsible Agency

Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed April 03, 2000 Through April 07, 2000 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 000095, FINAL EIS, AFS, MT, Good Creek Resource Management Project, Implementation, Vegetation Treatments and Other Activities to Restore Watershed, Flathead National Forest, Tally Lake Ranger District, Flathead County, MT, Due: May 15, 2000, Contact: Bryan Donner (406) 863-5408.