

perennial and intermittent streams, and may cross the Machias, East Machias and Narraguagus Rivers or associated tributaries, depending on the alternative. Project activities would include clearing rights-of-way and access roads, digging tower footings, setting transmission towers, seeding/mulching and other erosion control work, and hanging transmission wires.

The EIS will consider the environmental impacts of constructing the proposed transmission line along these alternative routes and the No Action alternative. Under the No Action alternative, the EIS will analyze the impacts associated with "no action." Because the proposed action is the amendment of Presidential Permit PP-89 to allow construction of the proposed transmission line over a different route from that authorized by the permit, "no action" means that the permit would not be amended and that the original permit would remain in effect. This would mean that the proposed transmission line could be constructed only over the Previously Permitted route.

However, the EIS will consider any additional reasonable alternatives that result from comments received in response to the scoping process described in this notice. One alternative already identified by DOE is the rescission of Presidential Permit PP-89. Rescission of the permit would mean that the permitted transmission line could not be constructed. This alternative will address the environmental impacts that are reasonably foreseeable to occur if Presidential Permit PP-89 is rescinded but no new permit is issued. However, this would not necessarily result in maintenance of the status quo or no environmental impacts. It is possible that BHE and/or NB Power may take other actions to achieve the purpose of this project if the permitted or proposed transmission line is not built.

Identification of Environmental Issues

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments and suggestions for consideration in the preparation of the EIS. As background for public comment, this notice contains a list of potential environmental issues that DOE has tentatively identified for analysis. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive or to imply any predetermination of impacts. Following is a preliminary list of issues that may be analyzed in the EIS:

(1) Socioeconomic and recreational impacts of development of the land tracts and their subsequent uses;

(2) Impacts on protected, threatened, endangered, or sensitive species of animals or plants or their critical habitats, including the bald eagle, Atlantic salmon, and shortnose sturgeon;

(3) Impacts on floodplains and wetlands;

(4) Impacts on archaeological, cultural, or historic resources;

(5) Impacts on human health and safety;

(6) Impacts on existing and future land uses;

(7) Visual impacts; and

(8) Disproportionately high and adverse impacts on minority and low-income populations, also known as environmental justice considerations.

Scoping Process

Interested parties are invited to participate in the scoping process, both to refine the preliminary alternatives and environmental issues to be analyzed in depth, and to eliminate from detailed study those alternatives and environmental issues that are not feasible or pertinent. The scoping process is intended to involve all interested agencies (Federal, state, county, and local), public interest groups, Native American tribes, businesses, and members of the public. Potential cooperating agencies may include but may not be limited to the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Public scoping meetings will be held at the locations, dates, and times indicated above under the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections. These scoping meetings will be informal. The presiding officer will establish only those procedures needed to ensure that everyone who wishes to speak has a chance to do so and that DOE understands all issues and comments. Speakers will be allocated approximately 5 minutes for their oral statements. Depending upon the number of persons wishing to speak, the presiding officer may allow longer times for representatives of organizations. Consequently, persons wishing to speak on behalf of an organization should identify that organization in their request to speak. Persons who have not submitted a request to speak in advance may register to speak at the scoping meeting(s), but advance requests are encouraged. Meetings will begin at the times specified and will continue until all those present who wish to participate have had an opportunity to

do so. Should any speaker desire to provide for the record further information that cannot be presented within the designated time, such additional information may be submitted in writing by the date listed in the **DATES** section. Oral, written, and electronic (*i.e.*, by facsimile or by e-mail) comments will be impartially considered and given equal weight by DOE.

Draft EIS Schedule and Availability

The Draft EIS is scheduled to be issued in June 2005, at which time its availability will be announced in the **Federal Register** and local media and public comments again will be solicited. The Draft EIS will be made available for public inspection at several public libraries and reading rooms in Maine, and notice of these locations will be provided in the **Federal Register** and local media at a later date. However, readers are cautioned that many considerations enter into the preparation of the Draft EIS and the actual issuance date may differ from the above.

People who do not wish to submit comments or suggestions at this time but who would like to receive a copy of the Draft EIS for review and comment when it is issued should notify Dr. Pell as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 27, 2004.

Steven V. Cary,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. RP04-574-001]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

October 26, 2004.

Take notice that on October 22, 2004, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) tendered for filing additional documentation and support, as directed by the Commission's letter order issued October 1, 2004, for FGT's Unit Fuel Surcharge filed to be effective October 1, 2004, in the instant proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Protests to this filing 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. Such protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing a protest must serve a copy of that document on all the parties to the proceeding.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP05-34-000]

Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

October 26, 2004.

Take notice that on October 21, 2004, Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C. (Guardian) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective November 20, 2004:

Third Revised Sheet No. 0
Third Revised Sheet No. 1
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 2
Eighth Revised Sheet No. 5
First Revised Sheet No. 80
Third Revised Sheet No. 100
Third Revised Sheet No. 137
Third Revised Sheet No. 183
Third Revised Sheet No. 201
Second Revised Sheet No. 307
First Revised Sheet No. 396

Guardian states that the purpose of this filing is to make minor

housekeeping tariff changes and to update its tariff language in keeping with the implementation of Order No. 2004.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). 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 notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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[Docket No. RP97-81]

Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission LLC; Notice of Negotiated Rate

October 26, 2004.

Take notice that on October 22, 2004, Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission LLC (KMIGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1-A, Second Revised Sheet No. 4L, to be effective November 1, 2004.

KMIGT states that the above-referenced tariff sheet reflects an amendment to a negotiated rate contract effective November 1, 2004. KMIGT notes that the tariff sheet is being filed pursuant to section 36 of KMIGT's FERC Gas Tariff Fourth Revised Volume No. 1-B, and the procedures prescribed by the Commission in its December 31, 1996 "Order Accepting Tariff Filing Subject to Conditions" in Docket No. RP97-81 (77 FERC ¶ 61,350) and the Commission's Letter Orders dated March 28, 1997 and November 30, 2000 in Docket Nos. RP97-81-001 and RP01-70-000, respectively.

KMIGT states that a copy of this filing has been served upon all parties to this proceeding, KMIGT's customers and affected state commissions.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). 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 notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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