

15. Dayton Power and Light Company

[Docket No. ER97-3186-000]

Take notice that on June 3, 1997, Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L), tendered for filing an amendment to the above referenced docket.

Comment date: July 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Power Systems Group, Inc.

[Docket No. ER97-3187-000]

Take notice that on May 29, 1997, Power Systems Group, Inc. tendered for filing an application for an order approving rate schedule and granting blanket approval and waivers.

Comment date: July 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. PacifiCorp

[Docket No. ER97-3188-000]

Take notice that on June 4, 1997, PacifiCorp, tendered for filing in accordance with 18 CFR Part 35 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, a Residential Exchange Termination Agreement dated May 23, 1997 (Agreement), between PacifiCorp and the Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville).

Copies of this filing were supplied to Bonneville, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and the Public Utility Commission of Oregon.

A copy of this filing may be obtained from PacifiCorp's Regulatory Administration Department's Bulletin Board System through a personal computer by calling (503) 464-6122 (9600 baud, 8 bits, no parity, 1 stop bit).

Comment date: July 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. R.J. Dahnke & Associates

[Docket No. ER97-3191-000]

Take notice that on June 3, 1997, R.J. Dahnke & Associates, tendered for filing a Notice of Cancellation of R.J. Dahnke & Associates' FERC Rate Schedule No. 1.

R.J. Dahnke & Associates requests that this cancellation become effective August 4, 1997.

Comment date: July 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

19. Maine Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-3192-000]

Take notice that on June 4, 1997, Maine Electric Power Company (MEPCO), tendered for filing a service agreement for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission service entered into with

Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company. Service will be provided pursuant to CMP's Open Access Transmission Tariff, designated rate schedule MEPCO—FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 1, as supplemented.

Comment date: July 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

20. Montenay Montgomery Limited Partnership

[Docket No. QF88-142-006]

On June 5, 1997, Montenay Montgomery Limited Partnership (Applicant), c/o Montenay Energy Resources of Montgomery County, Inc., 800 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022, submitted for filing an application for Commission recertification as a qualifying small power production facility pursuant to Section 292.207(b) of the Commission's Regulations. No determination has been made that the submittal constitutes a complete filing.

According to the applicant, the facility is a biomass-fueled small power production facility located in the Plymouth Township, Pennsylvania. The Commission previously certified the facility as a qualifying facility in *Dravo Operations of Montgomery County, Inc.*, 42 FERC ¶ 62,144 (1988). The facility was recertified in *Dravo Energy Resources of Montgomery County, Inc.*, 57 FERC ¶ 62,017 (1991), and again in *Montenay Energy Resources of Montgomery County, Inc.*, 57 FERC ¶ 62,240 (1991). Applicant also filed notices of self-recertification on December 8, 1987, October 21, 1991, and June 29, 1993. The electric power production capacity of the facility is 29 MW. Power from the facility is sold to PECO Energy Company. According to the applicant, the instant recertification is filed to reflect proposed changes in ownership of the facility resulting from the settlement of litigation between the owners of the facility and certain affiliates.

Comment date: Within 15 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP97-318-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

June 19, 1997.

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 924 feet of 12-inch-diameter pipeline, a new meter station and appurtenant facilities, proposed in the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant Project.¹ 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 in Massachusetts to transport an additional 27,000 million British thermal units per day of natural gas to the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant (TMLP). Algonquin seeks authority to construct and operate:

- 942 feet of 12-inch-diameter pipeline between the towns of Berkley and Taunton, Massachusetts;
 - A new meter station on TMLP property in Taunton; and
 - A tap and valving in Berkley.
- TMLP would construct about 150 feet of nonjurisdictional pipeline to connect

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.

the meter station to the existing Cleary Flood generating station.

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 1.17 acres of land. Following construction, about 0.58 acre would be maintained as new permanent right-of-way. The remaining 0.59 acre 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 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
- Hazardous waste
- 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 Commissions 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.

- Crossing of the Taunton River by directional drilling.
- Location of the proposed directional drill target and pipe make-up area near the residences on Candice Lane.
- Location of a valve near the residences on Candice Lane.
- A potential alternative route that would be located entirely on the west side of the Taunton River.

Also, we have made a preliminary decision to not address the impacts of the nonjurisdictional facilities. We will briefly describe their 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: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP97-318-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 21, 1997.

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 Commissions 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 have been viewed as good cause for late intervention.

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

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2696-004]

Stuyvesant Falls; Notice of Extension of Comment Due Date

June 19, 1997.

On May 8, 1997, the Commission issued a Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment (EA), Application for Surrender of Project License for the Stuyvesant Falls Project No. 2696-004. The notice required comments to be filed within 30 days of the issuance date, or no later than June 9, 1997.

By letter dated June 6, 1997, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service stated that they received the EA and notice on May 16, 1997 and had less than 30 days to review the document. In addition, the Town of Stuyvesant and New York Rivers United stated that they did not receive copies of the EA, and therefore were not provided sufficient opportunity to comment on the document. In light of these comments, the Commission will hereby extend the due date for the EA on the Application for Surrender of Project License for the

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commissions 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.