

the meter station to the existing Cleary Flood generating station.

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

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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

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Stuyvesant Falls Project No. 2696-004 to July 25, 1997.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-276-000]

#### Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Line 1-A Reactivation 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 proposed in the Line 1-A Reactivation Project.<sup>1</sup> 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

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) proposes to reactivate an existing inactive pipeline, Line 1-A, and to construct new facilities associated with operation of the reactivated Line 1-A in Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania. This would enable Texas Eastern to deliver on a firm basis up to 120,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of natural gas to PECO Energy Company (PECO) and 8,000 Dth/d to Mobil Oil Corporation (Mobil). Texas Eastern seeks authority to:

- Reactivate about 22.7 miles of the 20-inch-diameter Line 1-A in Chester and Delaware Counties, which includes:
  - Investigation and repair, if needed, of 180 anomaly sites (irregularities in the pipe wall which are typically caused by mechanical damage or corrosion); and
  - Hydrostatically test the pipeline.
- Install the following:
  - New regulating facilities and a pig launcher at the Eagle Compressor Station (milepost (MP) 0.0);

- Delivery tap off of Line 1-A for Texas Easterns existing Planebrook Measurement and Regulation (M&R) Station (MP 6.8)<sup>2</sup>
- Mainline valves at MP 6.8, MP 12.6, and MP 16.0;
- Delivery taps off Lines 1-H and 1-A (MP 10.0) for the Hershey Mills M&R to be constructed by PECO; and
- Delivery taps off Line 1-A and 1-H, and a pig receiver at the new Brookhaven M&R Station at Chester Junction (MP 22.7).

The proposed facilities would cost about \$12,800,000.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>3</sup> If you are interested in obtaining procedural information, please write to the Secretary of the Commission.

#### Nonjurisdictional Facilities

PECO plans to construct a new meter station near MP 10 on Line 1-A, regulation and heating facilities at the new Brookhaven M&R Station, and a new 24-inch-diameter distribution line, of an unspecified length, downstream from the Brookhaven M&R Station to connect its existing distribution pipeline.

#### Land Requirements for Construction

##### a. Line 1-A Upgrading

The repair of the anomaly sites would temporarily disturb 91 areas within the existing permanent right-of-way, totaling about 30.94 acres. Hydrostatic testing of Line 1-A would disturb six manifold sites within the existing permanent right-of-way, totaling about 2.04 acres. Each of these 97 areas would be about 75-foot-wide and 200-foot-long.

A 5.2-acre staging area, a 3.0-acre laydown area, and a 0.12-acre staging area would be required at off-right-of-way locations. These areas would be temporarily disturbed, and would be restored to their original grade and reseeded.

##### b. Aboveground Facilities

Regulating and pig launching facilities would be installed at the existing Eagle Compressor Station. A 150-foot by 150-foot area (0.52 acre) would be disturbed to install the Brookhaven M&R Station, that includes a pig receiver, within the existing Chester Junction Facility aboveground site. The proposed mainline valves

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would require 20 feet by 30 feet within the existing right-of-way (0.014 acre each).

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- endangered and threatened species
- public safety
- land use
- cultural resources
- air quality and noise
- hazardous waste

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