

the 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

Notice of Environmental Compliance and Applicant Environmental Report Preparation Training Courses

December 5, 1997.

The Office of Pipeline Regulation (OPR) staff will conduct the first of three planned sessions of its Environmental Compliance Training Course and the Environmental Report Preparation Course on January 27-29, 1998.

These courses are a result of the positive response to our outreach training courses held since 1992 and as recently as October of this year. We encourage interested organizations and the public to take advantage of the courses to gain an understanding of the requirements and objectives of the Commission in ensuring compliance with all environmental certificate conditions and meeting its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and other laws and regulations. We also encourage feedback, either at the courses or in reply to this notice, on how we can improve the courses.

Environmental Report Preparation Course

The Environmental Report Preparation Course presentation and its manual focus primarily on Section 7 filings. However, the course manual will address the following topics:

- A. The types of projects that require environmental filings.
 1. Natural Gas Act section 7
 2. Natural Gas Policy Act filings
 3. Section 2.55 replacements
- B. The filings required for each type of project.
- C. Information to include in each filing.
- D. Potential time saving procedures.
 1. Applicant-prepared DEA
 2. Third-party EA or EIS

The staff intends the manual to be a sourcebook for preparing environmental filings under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

If you have specific questions related to the subject matter of this course, or

if you would like the course to address a particular item, please call Mr. John Leiss at (202) 208-1106.

This one-day Environmental Report Preparation Course will be held on the date and at the location shown below. Attendees must call the number listed for the hotel by the reservation deadline and identify themselves as Federal Energy Regulatory Commission seminar attendees to receive the discounted group rate.

Session: January 27, 1998

Location: Fairmont Hotel, 123 Baronne Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70112, 1-800-527-4727, (504) 527-7111

Reservations by: January 5, 1998.

We also intend to have sessions in Chicago and Las Vegas in March and May, respectively. Information on those sessions (and registration forms) should be available by the middle of January through the telephone number given below under Pre-registration.

Environmental Compliance Training Course

The two-day Environmental Compliance Training Course and its manual will include the following topics:

- A. Post-certificate clearance filings.
- B. Environmental inspection as it relates to:
 1. Right-of-way preparation;
 2. Temporary erosion control;
 3. Cultural resources;
 4. Waterbody crossings;
 5. Wetland construction;
 6. Residential area construction;
 7. Right-of-way restoration; and
 8. Techniques for environmental compliance.

The Environmental Compliance Training Course will be held on the dates and at the location shown below. Attendees must call the numbers listed for the hotels by the reservation deadline and identify themselves as FERC seminar attendees to receive the discounted group rate.

Session: January 28-29, 1998

Location: Fairmont Hotel, 123 Baronne Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70112
Information: 1-800-527-4727, (504) 527-7111

Reservations by: January 5, 1998

We also intend to have sessions in Chicago and Las Vegas in March and May, respectively. Information on those sessions (and registration forms) should be available by the middle of January through the telephone number given below under Pre-registration.

Pre-Registration

The OPR staff and Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation, the

Commission's environmental support contractor for natural gas projects, will conduct the training. There is no fee for the courses, but you must pre-register because space is limited.

If you would like to attend either of these courses, please call the telephone number listed below to obtain a pre-registration form.¹ NOTE: IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND BOTH THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT PREPARATION COURSE AND THE SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE TRAINING COURSE, YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER SEPARATELY FOR EACH (ONLY ONE FORM IS NEEDED). Attendance will be limited to the first 150 people to pre-register in each course. Call or FAX requests for pre-registration forms to: Ms. Donna Connor, c/o Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210, Telephone or FAX (Menu driven): (508) 384-1424.

You will receive confirmation of pre-registration and additional information before the training course(s).

Additional training will be offered in the future. Please indicate whether you would like these courses to be offered again, or if you are interested in any other courses with different topics or audiences. Please indicate your preferences for location and time of year. Suggestions on format are welcome.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-97-000]

Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Carlton Delivery Looping Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

December 5, 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 about 3.9 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline

¹ The pre-registration forms referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the forms were sent to those receiving this notice in the mail.

loop and appurtenant facilities proposed in the Carlton Delivery Looping 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

Great Lakes Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) proposes to expand the capacity of its facilities in Minnesota and Wisconsin to transport an additional 6,500 dekatherms per day of natural gas to the City of Duluth, Minnesota and Northwest Natural Gas Company. Great Lakes seeks authority to construct and operate:

- About 2.1 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline loop from mileposts (MP) 22.7 to 24.8 on Great Lake's existing mainline facilities in Kittson County, Minnesota (Loop 1);
- About 1.8 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline loop from MPs 226.4 to 228.2 on Great Lake's existing mainline facilities in Itasca County, Minnesota (Loop 2);
- Three downstream crossover assemblies to tie-in the new loop facilities to Great Lake's existing loop and mainline facilities at MPs 24.8, 226.4, and 228.2.
- One new side tap to be located at an existing mainline valve site in Douglas County, Wisconsin at MP 299.28. This sidetap would include two aboveground tees and two aboveground valves, together with piping and supports.

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 57.3 acres of land. Operation of the proposed project facilities would permanently affect 12.3 acres of land associated with the new permanent pipeline right-of-way.

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.
- Land use.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Cultural resources.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Public safety.
- Endangered and threatened species.

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.

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

- A total of 7.7 acres of wetlands would be affected during construction of the proposed project.

- A total of 7.0 acres of forest land would be cleared for the proposed project.

No known nonjurisdictional facilities have been identified for this project.

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 carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time 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;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP98-97-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 5, 1998.

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 Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).

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

Notice of Intent To File An Application For A Subsequent License

December 5, 1997.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

¹ Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership'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 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, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.