Take notice that the Commission received the following electric securities filings:

Docket Numbers: ES07-3-000. Applicants: MDU Resources Group,

Description: MDU Resources Group, Inc. submits its Application for authorization of the issuance of securities and authorization to engage in methods of issuance other than competitive bidding and negotiated offers.

Filed Date: 10/18/2006. Accession Number: 20061020-0222. Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, November 8, 2006.

Take notice that the Commission received the following public utility holding company filings:

Docket Numbers: PH06-109-001; PH06-110-001; PH06-111-001; PH06-112-001; PH06-113-001; PH06-114-001.

Applicants: Plainfield Direct Institutional Offshore Feeder Fund Limited; Plainfield Direct Offshore Feeder Fund Limited: Plainfield Direct Onshore Feeder Fund LP: Plainfield Special Situations Institutional Offshore Feeder Fund Limited; Plainfield Special Situations Offshore Feeder Fund Limited; Plainfield Special Situations Onshore Feeder Fund LP.

Description: Plainfield Direct Institutional Offshore, et al. submit a Notice of Material Change in Facts.

Filed Date: 10/10/2006.

Accession Number: 20061010-5068. Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, October 31, 2006.

Docket Numbers: PH06-115-001. Applicants: D. E. Shaw & Co., II, Inc. Description: D. E. Shaw & Co. II, Inc. submits a Notice of Material Change in Facts.

Filed Date: 10/19/2006.

Accession Number: 20061019-5044. Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, November 9, 2006.

Docket Numbers: PH07-1-000. Applicants: Central Vermont Power Service Corporation.

Description: Central Vermont Power Service Corp. submits a Waiver Notification pursuant to Section 366.3(c)(1).

Filed Date: 10/19/2006.

Accession Number: 20061019-5016. Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, November 9, 2006.

Docket Numbers: PH07-2-000. Applicants: Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated.

Description: Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated submits a petition of waiver pursuant to sections 366.21, 366.22, and 366.23.

Filed Date: 10/20/2006.

Accession Number: 20061020-5070. Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, November 13, 2006.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric reliability filings:

Docket Numbers: RR06-1-003. Applicants: North American Electric Reliability Council and North American Electric Reliability Corporation.

Description: North American Electric Reliability Council and North American Elec Reliability Corp submit a compliance filing addressing nongovernance issues.

Filed Date: 10/18/2006.

Accession Number: 20061018-5067. Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, November 17, 2006.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in any of the above proceedings 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) on or before 5 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. It is not necessary to separately intervene again in a subdocket related to a compliance filing if you have previously intervened in the same docket. 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. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. In reference to filings initiating a new proceeding, interventions or protests submitted on or before the comment deadline need not be served on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at http:// www.ferc.gov. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceedings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also 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 dockets(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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11392-008-NC]

J&T Hydro Corporation; Notice of **Availability of Environmental** Assessment

October 18, 2006.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47879), the Office of Energy Projects reviewed the application for surrender of project license for the Ramseur Hydroelectric Project, located on the Deep River in the Town of Ramseur, Randolph County, North Carolina, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). In the EA, Commission staff analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the project and conclude that surrender of the project license as proposed would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at http:// www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-11392) excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-

free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any comments should be filed by November 20, 2006, and should be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please reference the project name and project number (P-11392) on all comments. Comments may be filed electronically via Internet

in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "eFiling" link. For further information, contact Chris Yeakel at (202) 502–8132.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 516-417]

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

October 24, 2006.

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 an application for non-project use of project lands and waters at the Saluda Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 516), and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed non-project use. The project is located on Lake Murray, in Lexington County, South Carolina.

In the application, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company requests Commission authorization to permit the use of almost 2.0 acres of project lands that lie below the 360-foot-msl-contour (full pool elevation) to construct a 100slip docking facility and a boat launch for the residents of Pintail Point subdivision. The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the probable environmental impacts of the proposal and concludes that approving the licensee's application, with staff's recommended measures and modifications, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA is attached to a Commission order titled "Order Modifying and Approving Application for Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters," which was issued October 10, 2006, and is available for review and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at http://www.ferc.gov using the "elibrary" link.

Enter the project number (prefaced by P–) and excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF06-32-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line
Corporation; Notice of Intent To
Prepare an Environmental Assessment
for the Proposed Sentinel Expansion
Project; Request for Comments on
Environmental Issues and Notice of
Public Scoping Meeting

October 18, 2006.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation's (Transco's) planned Sentinel Expansion Project located in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. This notice explains the scoping process that will be used to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on November 18, 2006.

Comments may be submitted in written form or verbally. In lieu of sending written comments, you are invited to attend the public scoping meeting that has been scheduled in the project area in Exton, Pennsylvania, on November 8, 2006. Further details on how to submit written comments and additional details of the public scoping meeting area are provided in the public participation section of this notice.

The FERC will be the lead Federal agency for the preparation of the EA. The document will satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and will be used by the FERC to consider the environmental impacts that could result if it issues Transco a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

With this notice, the FERC staff is asking other Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated Transco's proposal relative to their responsibilities. Agencies that would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described later in this notice.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; Federal, State, and local government representatives and agencies; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties in this proceeding; and local libraries and newspapers. We encourage government representatives to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a Transco representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the FERC, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with State law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC, "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Web site (http://www.ferc.gov). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including those focusing on the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the FERC's proceedings.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Transco proposes to expand its natural gas transmission system to provide incremental firm service of 151,000 dekatherms per day (Dt/d) in Transco's market area. More specifically, Transco seeks authority to construct the following facilities in various counties in Pennsylvania and New Jersey:

- Construct approximately 10.58 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Chester County, Pennsylvania (Downingtown Loop);
- Construct approximately 5.48 miles of 42-inch-diameter extension in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania (Conygham Loop);