

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 recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

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 Transco, National Fuel, and Tennessee. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list. The list of issues may be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our analysis. For Transco's proposed SeaBoard Expansion Project the issues are:

- Effects of blasting on water wells, structures, septic systems, and other utilities;
- Crossing of Pine and Lycoming Creeks, two of the largest waterbodies crossed in Pennsylvania;
- Crossing of high quality, trout stocked or coldwater fisheries in Pennsylvania, including North Fork Tombs Run, Lower Pine Bottom Run, and Staver Run;
- Crossing of significant wetlands associated with Woodbridge Creek, Marshes Creek, and Rahway River in New Jersey;
- Clearing of trees and disturbance of wildlife habitat;
- Construction through Tiadaghton State Forest and State Game Land No. 89 in Pennsylvania;
- Crossing of potential geologic and soil hazard areas, including areas of severe erosion (slopes greater than 6 percent grade) or areas prone to rock failure in Pennsylvania;
- Potential to expose contaminated soils in New Jersey;
- Potential to encounter acid soils in New Jersey;
- Crossing of a property eligible for the National Register of Historic Places;

- Construction in heavily congested residential, commercial, and industrial areas; and

- Potential to increase noise levels.
- For National Fuel's proposed 1997 Niagara Expansion Project, which includes Tennessee's proposed Niagara Spur Loop Line Project, the issues are:
- Construction in residential, commercial, and industrial areas; and
 - Potential to increase noise levels.

Public Participation and Scoping Meeting

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:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426;
- Reference Docket Nos. CP96-545-000 and CP96-545-001 for Transco's SeaBoard Expansion Project; CP96-671-000 for National Fuel's 1997 Niagara Expansion Project; and CP96-721-000 for Tennessee's Niagara Spur Loop Line Project.
- Send a *copy* of your letter to: Ms. Lauren O'Donnell, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 72-57, Washington, DC 20426; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before October 28, 1996.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Ms. O'Donnell at the above address.

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).

The date for filing of 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 scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Ms. Lauren O'Donnell, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-0325.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Project Nos. 2631-000, et al.]

Hydroelectric Applications [International Paper Company, et al.]; Notice of Applications

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

1a. *Type of filing:* Notice of Intent to File An Application for a New License.

b. *Project No.:* 2631.

c. *Date filed:* August 8, 1996.

d. *Submitted By:* International Paper Company, current licensee.

e. *Name of Project:* Woronoco.

f. *Location:* On the Westfield River, near the Town of Russell, Hampden County, Massachusetts.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Effective date of original license:* May 1, 1965.

i. *Expiration date of original license:* September 1, 2001.

j. The project consists of: (1) The 985-foot-long, 30-foot-high North Dam having a 320-foot-long concrete-gravity spillway surmounted by 2.5-foot-high flashboards and having a 6-foot-wide, 6-foot-high steel sluice gate, and a 655-foot-long earthfill section; (2) the 350-foot-long, 53-foot-high concrete-gravity South Dam having an overflow spillway surmounted by 2.5-foot-high flashboards and having a 6-foot-wide, 6-foot-high steel sluice gate; (3) a reservoir having a 46-acre surface area at normal pool elevation 231.5 feet msl; (4) a headgate house containing a trash rack with power rake and a timber gate; (5) an 11-foot-diameter, 550-foot-long steel penstock; (6) a powerhouse containing three generating units with a total installed capacity of 2,690-kW; (7) a switching station; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

k. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.7, information on the project is available

at: International Paper Company, 34 Valley View Avenue, Woronoco, MA 01097.

l. *FERC contact*: Charles T. Raabe (202) 219-2811.

m. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by September 1, 1999.

2a. *Type of filing*: Notice of Intent to File An Application for a New License.

b. *Project No.*: 2694.

c. *Date filed*: August 9, 1996.

d. *Submitted By*: Nantahala Power and Light Company, current licensee.

e. *Name of Project*: Queens Creek.

f. *Location*: On Queens Creek, in Macon County, NC.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: 18 CFR 16.6 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Effective date of original license*: May 1, 1965.

i. *Expiration date of original license*: September 30, 2001.

j. The project consists of: (1) A 78-foot-high, 382-foot-long earth and rock-fill dam having a low level conduit; (2) a reservoir having a 35 acre surface area and a 718-acre-foot useful storage capacity at normal pool elevation 3,025 feet U.S.C. & G.S. datum; (3) a 135-foot-long side-channel spillway excavated in rock; (4) a 24-inch-diameter, 6,590-foot-long steel penstock; (5) a powerhouse containing a generating unit with a capacity of 1,440-kW; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

k. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.7, information on the project is available at: Nantahala Power and Light Company, 17 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734, (704) 524-2121.

l. *FERC contact*: Charles T. Raabe (202) 219-2811.

m. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.19 and 16.20, each application for a new or subsequent license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by September 30, 1999.

3a. *Type of filing*: Notice of Intent to File An Application for a New License.

b. *Project No.*: 2090.

c. *Date filed*: August 29, 1996.

d. *Submitted By*: Green Mountain Power Corporation, current licensee.

e. *Name of Project*: Waterbury.

f. *Location*: On the Little River, in the Town of Waterbury, Washington County, Vermont.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Effective date of original license*: September 1, 1951.

i. *Expiration date of original license*: August 31, 2001.

j. The project consists of: (1) A powerhouse containing a 5,520-kW generating unit; (2) a substation; (3) a 4-mile-long, 33-kV transmission line; and (4) appurtenant facilities.

k. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.7, information on the project is available at: Green Mountain Power Corporation, 25 Green Mountain Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403, (802) 864-5731.

l. *FERC contact*: Charles T. Raabe (202) 219-2811.

m. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by August 31, 1999.

4a. *Type of Application*: Approval of Revised Exhibit Drawings and Amendment of License.

b. *Project No*: 2219-011.

c. *Date Filed*: March 1, 1995.

Supplemental Filing: July 1, 1996.

d. *Applicant*: Garkane Power Association.

e. *Name of Project*: Boulder Creek Hydropower Project.

f. *Location*: Garfield County, Boulder, Utah.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. Section 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Mike Avant, Garkane Power Association, 56 East Center Street, P.O. Box 790, Richfield, UT 84701, (801) 896-5403.

i. *FERC Contact*: Susan Tseng, (202) 219-2798.

j. *Comment Date*: October 31, 1996.

k. *Description of Project*: The licensee filed a revised exhibit K drawing showing that the project boundary has been decreased to 36.86 acres of federal lands.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

5a. *Type of Application*: Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters.

b. *Project Name and No*: Catawba-Wateree Project, FERC Project No. 2232-331.

c. *Date Filed*: August 9, 1996.

d. *Applicant*: Duke Power Company.

e. *Location*: Mecklenburg, North Carolina, Overlook Subdivision on Mountain Island Lake near Charlotte.

f. *Filed pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

g. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. E.M. Oakley, Duke Power Company, P.O. Box 1006 (EC12Y), Charlotte, NC 28201-1006, (704) 382-5778.

h. *FERC Contact*: Brian Romanek, (202) 219-3076.

i. *Comment Date*: November 1, 1996.

j. *Description of the filing*:

Application to grant an easement of 5 acres of project land to Overlook Properties, Inc. to construct a private residential marina consisting of 180 floating boat slips. The proposed marina would provide access to the reservoir for residents of Overlook Subdivision. The proposed marina facility would consist of an access ramp and a floating slip facility. The slips would be anchored by using self-driving piles.

k. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, D2.

6a. *Type of filing*: Notice of Intent to File An Application for a Subsequent License.

b. *Project No.*: 3052.

c. *Date filed*: August 9, 1996.

d. *Submitted By*: City of Black River Falls, current licensee.

e. *Name of Project*: Black River Falls.

f. *Location*: On the Black River, in the City of Black River Falls and the Towns of Brockway, Komensky, and Adams, Jackson County, WI.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: 18 CFR 16.6 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Effective date of original license*: April 1, 1962.

i. *Expiration date of original license*: August 30, 2001.

j. The project consists of: (1) Three separate concrete gravity non-overflow structures; (2) a 221-foot-long gated spillway with eight 20-foot-wide, 14-foot-high steel tainter gates; (3) a flashboard spillway section; (4) a forebay and headworks; (5) a 198-acre reservoir; (6) a concrete powerhouse containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 920-kW; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

k. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.7, information on the project is available at: Municipal Utilities, 119 North Water Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615, (715) 284-9463.

l. *FERC contact*: Charles T. Raabe (202) 219-2811.

m. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.19 and 16.20, each application for a new or subsequent license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by August 30, 1999.

7a. *Type of Application*: Surrender of License.

b. *Project No*: 3131-032.

c. *Date Filed*: August 16, 1996.

d. *Applicant*: SR Hydropower Inc.

- e. *Name of Project*: Brockway Mills.
 f. *Location*: Williams River, in Windham County, Vermont.
 g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. Section 791(a)-825(r).
 h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. John M. Rais, RR2, Box 372R, Chester, Vermont 05143, (802) 875-4053.
 i. *FERC Contact*: Hillary Berlin, (202) 219-0038.
 j. *Comment Date*: November 1, 1996.
 k. *Description of Application*: The licensee has applied to surrender the license because the equipment and property have been repossessed by the lender.
 l. The notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.
 8a. *Type of Application*: Surrender of Exemption.
 b. *Project Nos*: 8321-006.
 c. *Date Filed*: August 2, 1996.
 d. *Applicant*: Murray W. Thurston, Inc.
 e. *Name of Project*: Thurston Mill Dam Hydroelectric Project.
 f. *Location*: On the Swift River, Oxford County, Maine.
 g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
 h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Murray W. Thurston, P.O. Box H, Rumford, ME 04276, (207)364-7921.
 i. *FERC Contact*: Lynn R. Miles (202) 219-2671.
 j. *Comment Date*: November 5, 1996.
 k. *Description of the Proposed Action*: The exemption holder seeks to voluntarily surrender its exemption for the existing project.
 l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.
 9a. *Type of Application*: Surrender of Exemption.
 b. *Project No*: 8746-003.
 c. *Date Filed*: August 21, 1996.
 d. *Applicant*: Logan Hickerson.
 e. *Name of Project*: Fairfield Mill.
 f. *Location*: Garrison Fork Creek, in Bedford County, Tennessee.
 g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. Section 791(a)-825(r).
 h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Logan Hickerson, 123 Samsonite Blvd., Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37129, (615) 890-7901.
 i. *FERC Contact*: Hillary Berlin, (202) 219-0038.
 j. *Comment Date*: November 5, 1996.
 k. *Description of Application*: The exemptee has applied to discontinue the operation of this project and surrender the exemption.
 l. The notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

Standard Paragraphs

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Dated: September 20, 1996, Washington, D.C.

Lois D. Cashell,
 Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington,

DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days after the date this notice appears in the Federal Register.

Agreement No.: 203-011524-001.

Title: Star/Seatrade Cooperative Working Agreement.

Parties: Star Reefers, Seatrade Group N.V.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment would delete the authority of the parties to discuss and agree on rates and other transportation terms. The parties have requested a shortened review period.

Dated: September 27, 1996.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Ronald D. Murphy,
 Assistant Secretary.

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Ocean Freight Forwarder License; Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

Senrac Transportation Services, 7215 Logging Trail, Humble, TX 77346,
 Jeannine A. Herndon, Sole Proprietor
 Fracht FWO Inc., 2200 Propping Highway, Suite 240, Baltimore, MD 21224. Officers: Marie M. Wyatt, President, Mark D. Knox, Director.

Dated: September 30, 1996.

Joseph C. Polking,
 Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes