

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.2

- Reference Docket No. CP97-276-000; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before November 14, 1997.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commenter a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

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

[Docket No. CP97-690-000]

#### Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed FGT 24" Calcasieu Pipeline Replacement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

October 15, 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 FGT 24" Calcasieu Pipeline Replacement 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

Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) proposes to reroute one section

and replace, within the same right-of-way, two sections of its 24-inch-diameter mainline pipeline in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. The sections to be replaced are between mileposts 425.99 and 426.92 (section 1), 430.53 and 432.09 (section 2), and 432.17 and 432.40 (section 3).

Below is an explanation of the work involved.

Section 1: Abandon, 5,070 feet of existing 24-inch-diameter mainline and install about 8,883 feet of new 24-inch-diameter pipeline.

Section 2: Abandon about 8,236 feet of existing 24-inch-diameter mainline and install about 7,586 feet of new 24-inch-diameter pipeline located 10 feet south of the existing pipeline. The remaining 650 feet of new 24-inch-diameter pipeline would be north of the existing pipeline.

Section 3: Abandon about 1,239 feet of existing 24-inch-diameter mainline, and install about 1,239 feet of new 24-inch-diameter pipeline located 10 feet south of the existing mainline.

All of the facilities are in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. The pipeline sections must be replaced to comply with Department of Transportation Regulations.

The proposed facilities would cost about \$3,762,161.

The general 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

The replacement and relocation of the 3 sections of the 24-inch-diameter mainline pipeline would affect about 23 acres with 7 acres being needed for Section 1, 10 acres for Section 2, and 2 acres for Section 3. Section 1 would require an additional 4 acres for a new permanent right-of-way.

Temporary work spaces would require about 3 acres. FGT proposes to deliver pipeline to the site by truck and string the pipeline directly along the construction right-of-way. All other pipe fittings would be stored in a leased warehouse facility.

#### 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 from the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Public safety
- Land use
- Cultural resources
- 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 EPA 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 FGT. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- A horizontal drill would be used to cross the Calcasieu River.
- A total of 11.9 acres of wetlands would be temporarily affected and 2.2 acres of wetlands would be permanently affected.

<sup>2</sup> 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, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

<sup>1</sup> Florida 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.

- Two residences are within 50 feet of the proposed construction work area along Section 2.

### 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, D.C. 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.2;
- Reference Docket No. CP97-690-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before November 14, 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, intervenor 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 scoping comments considered.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2188]

#### Montana Power Company; Notice of Intent To Hold Public Meetings in Great Falls and Ennis, Montana, To Discuss the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Relicensing of the Missouri-Madison Hydroelectric Project

October 15, 1997.

On September 22, 1997, the Commission staff mailed the Missouri-Madison Hydroelectric Project DEIS to the Environmental Protection Agency, resource and land management agencies, and interested organizations, and individuals. This document evaluates the environmental consequences of the proposed relicensing of the Missouri-Madison Hydroelectric Project. The nine dams (Hebgen, Madison, Hauser, Holter, Black Eagle, Rainbow, Cochrane, Ryan, and Morony dams) that are a part of this project are located between West Yellowstone and above Great Falls, Montana, on over 300 river miles of the Madison and Missouri Rivers.

The public meetings will be recorded by a court reporter and are scheduled as follows: (1) Tuesday, November 18, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Missouri Room of the Great Falls Civic Center, Great Falls, Montana and (2) Thursday, November 20, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ennis High School Library, Ennis, Montana. These meetings will focus on the DEIS and issues of concern to resource and land management agencies, interested organizations, and individuals. Another meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, November 19, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room of the State of Montana's Lee Metcalf Building, 1520 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, Montana. This meeting will focus on clarification of issues of primary concern to state and federal fish and wildlife agencies.

At the public meetings, Commission staff will summarize major DEIS findings and recommendations. Resource agency personnel and other interested persons will be provided an opportunity to submit oral and written comments about the DEIS for the Commission's public record. Written comments on the DEIS may also be sent to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. Comments must be received by December 2, 1997. All correspondence

should include the appropriate project name (Missouri-Madison Project) and number (Project No. 2188) on the first page of the correspondence.

The DEIS considers recommendations received from the license applicant, citizens, resource agencies, and organizations. Resource enhancements affect flow regulation, recreation, land use, fish, wildlife, water quality, reservoir shoreline erosion, vegetation resources and other resource issues proposed.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Agency Information Collection Activities Submission for OMB Review; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Halogenated Solvent Cleaning

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Subpart T, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Halogenated Solvent Cleaning, OMB number 2060-0273, expires 12/31/97. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 20, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** call Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, or download off the Internet from <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1652.03.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Subpart T, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Halogenated Solvent Cleaning (OMB Control No. 2060-0273; EPA ICR No. 1652.03) expiring 12/31/97. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** This ICR contains recordkeeping and reporting requirements that are mandatory for