

estimated number of likely respondents.)

DATES: Comments must be filed within 30 days of publication of this notice. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the time allowed by this notice, you should advise the OMB DOE Desk Officer listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-3084. (Also, please notify the EIA contact listed below.)

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Department of Energy Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to the Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Grace Sutherland, Statistics and Methods Group, (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585. Mrs. Sutherland may be telephoned at (202) 426-1068, FAX (202) 426-1081, or e-mail at gsutherland@eia.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review was:

1. EIA-1605 and EIA-1605EZ, "Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases".
2. Energy Information Administration, OMB No. 1905-0194, Extension of Currently Approved Collection; Voluntary.
3. EIA-1605 and EIA-1605EZ forms are designed to collect voluntarily reported data on greenhouse gas emissions, achieved reductions of these emissions, and carbon fixation. Data are used to establish a publicly available database. Respondents are participants in a domestic or foreign activity that either reduces greenhouse gas emissions or increases sequestration.
4. Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.
5. 6,240 hours (29.7 hours per response \times 1 response per year \times 210 respondents).

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

Issued in Washington, D.C., February 19, 1998.

Jay H. Casselberry,

Agency Clearance Officer, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP98-150-000 and CP98-151-000]

Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P. Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Change of Location for Scoping Meeting

March 9, 1998.

The location for the environmental scoping meeting in Binghamton, New York, on March 18, 1998, has been changed from the Binghamton High School to the following facility: East Middle School, 167 Frederick Street, Auditorium, Binghamton, New York.

For further information, call Paul McKee, Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. DR98-50-000]

PacificCorp; Notice of Filing

March 9, 1998.

Take Notice that PacifiCorp on January 14, 1998, tendered for filing a petition for approval of a change in depreciation rates for accounting purposes only. Copies of the filing have been served on the Utah Public Service Commission, Washington Public Service Commission, Idaho Public Service Commission, Montana Public Service Commission, and the Wyoming Public Service Commission.

Any persons desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before

April 7, 1998. 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. 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 10822-000 and 10823-000]

Summit Hydropower; Notice of Site Visit to Project Area

March 9, 1998.

On March 27, 1998, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission staff will visit the Upper and Lower Collinsville Projects, FERC Project Nos. 10822 and 10823, respectively. The projects are located on the Farmington River in the Village of Collinsville, Town of Canton, Hartford County, Connecticut.

The site visit is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Main Street entrance of the Canton Town Hall in Collinsville, Connecticut.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. James T. Griffin at (202) 219-2799.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-315-001, CP97-319-000, CP98-200-000]

Independence Pipeline Company, ANR Pipeline Company, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Independence Pipeline Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings and Site Visit

March 9, 1998.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of approximately 473 miles of natural gas transmission pipeline, three new and three modified compressor stations, metering and delivering facilities, other appurtenant facilities, and abandonment of approximately 39 miles of pipeline proposed in the Independence Pipeline Project.¹ This EIS will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner whose property will be crossed by the proposed project, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company may seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement relative to land use and access. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, the pipeline has the right to us eminent domain. Therefore, if negotiations fail to produce an agreement between the pipeline company and landowner, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law. A fact sheet addressing a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain, is attached to this notice as appendix 1.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Independence Pipeline Company (Independence) wants to build new natural gas pipeline transmission facilities in Ohio and Pennsylvania. The facilities would provide transportation services to shippers seeking to transport natural gas principally from expansion projects destined for the Chicago, Illinois area to the Leidy, Pennsylvania Hub, thereby facilitating access to gas markets in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and throughout the Eastern United States. The proposed facilities would have a summer design delivery capacity of 916.3 thousand cubic feet per day (Mcf/d) and a winter design delivery capacity of 1.0 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d). Independence requests Commission authorization, in Docket Nos. CP97-315-000, CP97-315-001, CP97-320-000, and CP97-321-000 to construct and operate the following facilities:

- 400.4 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline in Defiance, Henry, Wood, Seneca, Huron, Ashland, Wayne, Stark, Summit, and Columbiana Counties, Ohio, and Lawrence, Butler, Armstrong, Clarion, Jefferson, Elk, Forest, McLean, Cameron, Potter, and Clinton Counties, Pennsylvania. Of the 400.4 miles of pipeline, about 220.9 miles would be in Ohio and 179.5 miles would be in Pennsylvania.

- Three new compressor stations with a total of 60,000 horsepower (hp) of compression:

- East Defiance Compression Station (30,000 hp) in Defiance County, Ohio.

- Cannan Compression Station (15,000 hp) in Wayne County, Ohio.

- Porter Compression Station (15,000 hp) in Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

- One pig launcher and receiver located at the proposed Canaan and Porter Compressor Stations.

- Three new meter stations located in Defiance County, Ohio, and Elk and Clinton Counties, Pennsylvania.

- Other associated aboveground facilities, including six taps in Wood (1), Ashland (1), Wayne (2), and Columbiana (1) Counties, Ohio and Lawrence County, Pennsylvania (1).

- A total of 28 mainline block valves, 16 located in the following counties in Ohio: Defiance (1), Henry (1), Wood (2), Seneca (2), Huron (2), Ashland (1), Wayne (2), Summit (1), Stark (2), and Columbiana (2); and 12 located in the following counties in Pennsylvania: Lawrence (2), Butler (1), Armstrong (1), Clarion (1), Jefferson (2), Elk (1), McKean (1), Cameron (1), Potter (1) and Clinton (1).

ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) wants to expand its existing Michigan Leg South and Tieline facilities to provide incremental transportation between Joliet, Illinois and Defiance, Ohio. This would allow ANR's existing Northern Zone to become an economical link between the Chicago Hub and Independence's proposed pipeline facilities. ANR's proposed facilities would have a design delivery capacity of 750 MMcf/d. ANR requests Commission authorization, in Docket No. CP97-319-000, to construct and operate the following facilities:

- 72.4 miles of 42- and 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop extending from Joliet, Illinois to Defiance, Ohio:

- Joliet Loop—15.9 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline in Kendall and Will Counties, Illinois.

- St. John West Loop—5.5 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline in Will County Illinois and Lake County, Indiana.

- St. John East Loop—20.9 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline in Lake and Porter Counties, Indiana.

- Bridgman Loop—16.0 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline in Berrien County, Michigan.

- Defiance Loop—14.1 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline in Defiance County, Ohio.

- 15,000 hp additional compression at the existing Bridgman Compressor Station in Berrien County, Michigan, and Modifications not involving compression change at the existing Lagrange Compressor Station in Lagrange County, Indiana and Defiance Compressor Station in Defiance County, Ohio.

- Associated aboveground facilities, including the installation of pig receivers at the St. John and Defiance Compressor Stations, and at the end of the Bridgman Loop facilities in Berrien County, Michigan. Also, new pig launchers would be installed at the St. John and Bridgman Compressor Stations, at the beginning of the Joliet Loop in Kendall County, Illinois, and on the Defiance Loop in Defiance County, Ohio.

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) wants to abandon, primarily by removal, three contiguous sections of its existing natural gas pipeline facilities in Pennsylvania to facilitate construction of Independence's proposed pipeline in that area. National Fuel would also make minor changes to its remaining facilities in that area to maintain service to existing customers. National Fuel requests Commission authorization, in Docket No. CP98-200-000, to:

- Abandon by removal 13.3 miles of its 12-inch-diameter Line K, from Eshbaugh to Eldred in Clarion and Jefferson Counties, Pennsylvania.

- Abandon by removal 8.6 miles of its 12-inch-diameter Line C and 22-inch-diameter Line K-197, from Eldred to Overbeck in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania.

- Abandon by removal 17.4 miles of its 12-inch-diameter Line C and 22-inch-diameter Line K-197, from Overbeck to Lamont in Jefferson, Elk and Forest, Counties, Pennsylvania.

- Relocate taps, regulator stations, and inlet piping from Line C to Line K, and install gas heaters and pipeline jumpers, in Jefferson and Elk Counties, Pennsylvania.

- Perform an automation upgrade at its existing Knox Compressor Station in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania.

A general location map of the project facilities is shown in appendix 2.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of Independence's proposed facilities would affect a total of about 3,702 acres. Of this total, about

¹ Independence Pipeline Company, ANR Pipeline Company, and National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation's applications were filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

3,640 acres would be disturbed by construction of the pipeline. The remaining 62 acres would be disturbed by construction and operation of the three compressor stations and two meter stations. Mainline valves would be built within or adjacent to Independence's permanent right-of-way. Extra work areas would be needed for pipe installation at roads, railroads, waterbody and wetland crossings, additional topsoil storage, pipe and equipment yards, and access roads. Approximately 209.7 miles (52 percent) of the new pipeline would be installed adjacent to or within existing rights-of-way. Independence would generally use a 75- to 100-foot-wide construction right-of-way. Following construction and restoration of the right-of-way and temporary work spaces, Independence would retain a 50-foot-wide permanent pipeline right-of-way. Existing land uses on the remainder of the disturbed areas, as well as most land uses on the permanent right-of-way, would be allowed to continue following construction. Total land requirements for the permanent right-of-way would be about 2,426 acres.

Construction of ANR's proposed facilities would affect a total of about 1,222 acres. Of this total, about 1,124 acres would be disturbed by construction of the pipeline loops. The remaining 98 acres would be disturbed by extra work areas, contractor yards, and access roads. Approximately 63.7 miles (88 percent) of the new pipeline loops would be installed adjacent and parallel to the existing mainline. ANR would deviate from existing mainline in several locations to avoid environmental or engineering constraints. Construction of the pipeline loops would require a 75- to 145-foot-wide construction right-of-way. ANR would retain a 35- to 50-foot-wide permanent pipeline right-of-way. Existing land uses on the remainder of the disturbed areas, as well as most land uses on the permanent right-of-way, would be allowed to continue following construction. Total land requirements for the permanent right-of-way would be about 291 acres.

Removal of National Fuel's Lines K, C, and K-197, and modifications to its existing taps and regulator stations would be entirely within National Fuel's existing rights-of-way, and entirely within the construction work areas that would be affected by construction of the Independence Pipeline. National Fuel's proposed facilities would affect a total of about 319 acres.

The EIS 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. The EIS we are preparing will give the Commission the information to do that. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about the proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EIS 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 EIS. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EIS. We encourage state and local government representatives to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern. Local agencies are requested to provide information on other projects, either ongoing or planned, which might conflict with, or have cumulative effects when considered in combination with, the Independence Pipeline Project.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section on pages 8 and 9 of this Notice.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have identified a number of issues based upon our preliminary review of the proposed facilities, the environmental information provided by Independence, ANR, National Fuel, and interested parties. Some of these issues are listed below. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list, and is *not* a complete list of site-specific issues. We may add to, subtract from, or change the list of issues based on your comments and our analysis.

- Geology and Soils:
 - Temporary and permanent impact on prime farmland soils.
 - Mixing of topsoil and subsoil during construction.
 - Crossing of agricultural drainage systems.
 - Compaction of soil by heavy equipment.
 - Crossing of reclaimed and operating strip mines and abandoned deep coal mines.
 - Crossing of East Ohio Gas Company Storage Fields.
 - Effect of blasting during trench excavation.
 - Erosion control and restoration of the right-of-way.

- Water Resources:

- Crossing of 786 perennial and intermittent waterbodies.
- Crossing of 7 perennial waterbodies over 100 feet wide, including Des Plain, St. Joseph, Dowagiac, Allegheny, and Clarion Rivers, and Slippery Rock and Kettle Creeks.
- Effect on water supplies, including 57 private wells within 150 feet of the construction work area.
- Potentially contaminated sediments at waterbody crossings, including Middle Fork of Little Beaver Creek in Columbiana County, Ohio.

- Vegetation and Wildlife:

- Crossing of 135 acres of wetlands (totaling 13.7 miles).
- Clearing of about 1,290 acres of forest (totaling 169.6 miles) and removal of stumps, timber, and slash.
- Effect of construction on wildlife and fisheries habitat.
- Effect on federally listed endangered and threatened species, including bald eagle, Indiana bat, copper-belly watersnake, clubshell mussel, northern riffleshell mussel, northern monkshood, purple cats paw, and eastern prairie fringed orchid.

- Cultural Resources:

- Impact on historic and prehistoric sites.
- Native American and tribal concerns.

- Land Use:

- Use of eminent domain to acquire rights-of-way.
- Impact on crop production.
- Proximity to schools and residential developments.
- Effect on 45 residences within 50 feet of the construction work area.
- Crossings of septic fields and drains.
- Effect on local roads.
- Crossing of scenic highways, including State Routes 424 and 65 in Ohio.
- Effect on Canton-Akron regional airport, Summit County, Ohio, and Willard Airport, Huron County, Ohio.
- Control of unauthorized access to rights-of-way.
- Recreation and Public Interest Areas:
 - Crossing of hiking trails, including the North Country National Trail System in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and the Buckeye Trail in Ohio.
 - Crossing of the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania.
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 - Crossing of Illinois and Michigan Canal in Illinois; Independence Dam State Park in Ohio; Clear Creek, McConnell' Mill, and Elk State Parks in Pennsylvania; and Elk, Sproul, and

- Susquehannock State Forests in Pennsylvania.
- Crossing of Channahon Community Park in Illinois, Plum Grove Reserve in Illinois/Indiana, Deep River County Park in Indiana, and F.H. Dutlinger Preserve in Pennsylvania.
- Crossing of one river included on the National Wild and Scenic River System (Little Beaver Creek, in Columbiana County, Ohio).
- Crossing of state designated or proposed wild, scenic, and recreational rivers, including Maumee and Sandusky Rivers in Ohio, and Allegheny and Clarion Rivers and Slippery Rock and Kettle Creeks in Pennsylvania.
- Socioeconomics:
 - Impact on property values.
 - Effect of construction workforce on demands for services in surrounding areas.
 - Air Quality and Noise:
 - Impact on local air quality during construction, and regional air quality during operation, of pipelines and compressor stations.
 - Noise impact on nearby areas from construction and operation of pipelines and compressor stations.
 - Reliability and Safety:
 - Assessment of hazards associated with national gas pipelines, including placement in vicinity of schools and residential developments.

• Cumulative Impact:

—Assessment of the combined effect of the proposed project with other projects which have been or may be proposed in the same region and similar time frame.

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. A number of alternatives have been identified to date, both in filings made by the applicants and in comments received. We will evaluate all feasible alternatives identified.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in a Draft EIS which will be mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for these proceedings. A 45-day comment period will be allotted for review of the Draft EIS. We will consider all comments on the Draft EIS and revise the document, as necessary, before issuing a Final EIS. The Final EIS will treat all comments received on the Draft EIS.

Public Participation and Scoping Meetings

You can make a difference by your specific comments or concerns about

the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EIS and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes or compressor station sties), 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:

- Reference Docket Nos. CP97-315-001, CP97-319-000. and CP98-200-000.
- Send *two* copies of your comments to: David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1.
- Please mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 29, 1998.

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, you are invited to attend one or more of the six public scoping meetings being held in the project area. An additional meeting(s) may be held in July or August. Meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, April 7, 1998	7:00 p.m	Joliet Central High School, Little Theatre, Corner of Van Buren and Herkimer, (815) 727-6743, Joliet, Illinois 60432.
Wednesday, April 8, 1998	7:00 p.m	Buchanan High School Auditorium, 401 W. Chicago, (616) 695-8403, Buchanan, Michigan 49107.
Monday, April 20, 1998	7:00 p.m	Tiffin Columbian High School Auditorium, 300 South Monroe Street, (419) 447-6331, Tiffin, Ohio 44883.
Tuesday, April 21, 1998	7:00 p.m	Hoover High School, Hoover Hall, 525 Seventh Street, NE, (330) 497-5600, North Canton, Ohio 44720.
Wednesday, April 22, 1998	7:00 p.m	Butler Intermediate High School Auditorium, 551 Fairground Hill Road, (724) 287-8721, Butler, Pennsylvania 16001.
Thursday, April 23, 1998	7:00 p.m	Royal Inn, US Route 219 Boot Jack Road, (814) 773-3153, Ridgeway, Pennsylvania 15853.

The purpose of the scoping meetings is to obtain input from state and local governments and from the public. Federal agencies have formal channels for input into the Federal process (including separate meeting where appropriate). Federal agencies are expected to file their written comments directly with the FERC and not use the scoping meetings for this purpose.

Independence, ANR, and National Fuel will be invited to present a description of their proposals. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meetings and present oral comments on the environmental issues

which they believe should be addressed in the Draft EIS. A transcript will be made of the meetings and will be made part of the Commission's record in this proceeding. Written comments and oral comments will be treated equally in our review.

We are asking a number of Federal agencies to indicate whether they wish to cooperate with us in the preparation of the EIS. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated each proposal relative to their agencies'

responsibilities. The list of agencies is provided in appendix 3.²

On the above dates we will also be conducting limited site visits to the project area in the vicinity of each scoping meeting location. Anyone interested in participating in the site visit may contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs, identified at

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, NE., Washington, DC 20426, Room 2A or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

the end of this notice, for more details and must provide their own transportation.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EIS scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding, known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. 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 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy to all other parties on the Commission's service lists for these proceedings. 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 4). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed, having ended February 23, 1998. 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. However, you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Environmental Mailing List

Anyone offering scoping comments will be automatically kept on our environmental mailing list for the project. If you do not want to offer comments at this time but still want to keep informed and receive copies of the Draft and Final EISs, please return the Environmental Mailing List Information (appendix 5). If you do not return the card you will be taken off the mailing list.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Draft License Application and Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (PDEA)

March 9, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Major New License.

b. *Project No.:* 420-000.

c. *Applicant:* Ketchikan Public Utilities, City of Ketchikan, Alaska.

d. *Name of Project:* Ketchikan Lakes Hydroelectric Project.

e. *Location:* Partially within the Tongass National Forest, on Ketchikan and Granite Creeks, east of the city of Ketchikan, Alaska.

f. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Ron Settje, Ketchikan Public Utilities, 2930 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901, (907) 225-1000 (ext. 388).

Send Comments to: Mr. Larry Keith, Greystone, 5231 South Quebec Street, Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111, (303) 850-0930.

g. *FERC Contact:* Charles Hall (202) 219-2853.

h. Ketchikan Public Utilities mailed a copy of the PDEA and Draft License Application to interested parties on March 3. The Commission received a copy of the PDEA and Draft License Application on March 4.

i. As discussed in the Commission's September 18, 1996 letter to all parties, with this notice we are soliciting preliminary terms, conditions, and recommendations for the PDEA and comments on the draft license application.

j. All comments on the PDEA and draft license application for the Ketchikan Lakes Project should be sent to the address noted above in item (f) with one copy filed with the Commission at the following address: David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Dockets—Room 1A, 888 First Street, Washington, DC 20426.

All comments must (1) bear the heading "Preliminary Comments", "Preliminary Recommendations", "Preliminary Terms and Conditions", or "Preliminary Prescriptions"; and (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application. Any party interested in commenting must do so before June 3, 1998.

k. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the State Historic

Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Amendment of License

March 9, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2232-349.

c. *Date Filed:* September 22, 1997.

d. *Applicant:* Duke Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Catawba-Waterree Project.

f. *Location:* Gaston County, Mount Holly, North Carolina.

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

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

i. *FERC Contact:* Allyson Lichtenfels, (202) 219-3274.

j. *Comment Date:* April 20, 1998.

k. *Description of the Filing:* The licensee filed a revised exhibit K-7-B drawing to indicate removal of an island from the Catawba-Waterree Project boundary. The island is located within the Catawba River approximately four and one-half miles downstream of the Mountain Island Dam. The revised project boundary is based on an updated survey reflecting the filling of the canal which created the island. The land proposed to be removed lies entirely outside or up-slope of the 570-foot contour pond elevation of Lake Wylie. A 0.41 -acre parcel of land is to be conveyed to Squires Enterprises, Inc., in exchange for a 1.52-acre parcel of land to be conveyed to Duke Power Company.

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

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.