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**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-532-000]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 1999 Zone EF Expansion and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

July 27, 1999.

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 1999 Zone EF Expansion involving modification of the Farmington Compressor Station by Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern Natural) in Dakota County, Minnesota.<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

Northern Natural proposes to increase its mainline capacity in Zone EF upstream of Farmington, Minnesota by uprating an electric motor driven reciprocating compressor at the Farmington Compressor Station from the current certificated 1,250 rated brake-horsepower (bhp) to 2,250 bhp. The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

The uprating involves modifying the unit controls of the compressor and would involve no construction or ground disturbance. All activities would be confined within the existing fenced-in station yard.

<sup>1</sup> Northern Natural's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

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

#### 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. 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.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

#### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commenter, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations), 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: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., 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. CP99-532-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before August 26, 1999.

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA 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 filing by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. 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 3). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered. Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the

CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

July 27, 1999.

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

a. *Application Type:* Transfer of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2611-037.

c. *Date Filed:* July 2, 1999.

d. *Applicants:* Kimberly-Clark Tissue Company (Kimberly-Clark), UAH-Hydro Kennebec Limited Partnership (UAH), and Madison Paper Industries (Madison Paper).

e. *Name and Location of Project:* The Hydro-Kennebec Project is on the Kennebec River in Kennebec and Somerset Counties, Maine. The project does not occupy federal or tribal lands.

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

g. *Applicant Contacts:* For Kimberly-Clark: Ms. Nancy J. Skancke, Grammer Kissel Robbins Skancke & Edwards, 1225 Eye Street, NW, Suite 1225, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 408-5400. For UAH: Mr. Philip K. Dutton, United American Energy Corporation, 50 Tice Boulevard, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07675, (201) 307-1818. For Madison Paper: Mr. Michael J. Kurman, Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn, PLLC, 1050 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036-5339, (202) 857-6345.

h. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to James Hunter at (202) 219-2839, or e-mail address: james.hunter@ferc.fed.us.

i. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* September 7, 1999.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Please include the project number (P-2611-037) on any comments or motions filed.

j. *Description of Proposal:* Applicants propose a partial transfer of the license for Project No. 2611 from Kimberly-Clark and UAH to UAH and Madison

Paper. Substitution of Madison Paper for Kimberly-Clark as co-licensee for this project is being sought in connection with Madison Paper's intended purchase of certain generation resources from Kimberly-Clark.

k. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm](http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm) (Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the addresses in item g above.

l. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

*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.

*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, NE, Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

*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.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

July 27, 1999.

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

a. *Application Type:* Transfer of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2615-031.

c. *Date Filed:* July 2, 1999.

d. *Applicants:* Kimberly-Clark Tissue Company (Kimberly-Clark), Madison Paper Industries (Madison Paper), FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC (FPL), The Merimil Limited Partnership (Merimil), and The Brassua Hydroelectric Limited Partnership (Brassua).

e. *Name and Location of Project:* The Brassua Project is on the Moose River in Somerset County, Maine. The project does not occupy federal or tribal lands.

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

g. *Applicant Contacts:* For Kimberly-Clark: Ms. Nancy J. Skancke, Grammer Kissel Robbins Skancke & Edwards, 1225 Eye Street, NW, Suite 1225, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 408-5400. For Madison Paper: Mr. Michael J. Kurman, Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn, PLLC, 1050 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036-5339, (202) 857-6345.

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i. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* September 7, 1999.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Please include the project number (P-2615-031) on any comments or motions filed.

j. *Description of Proposal:* Applicants propose a partial transfer of the license for Project No. 2615 from Kimberly-Clark, Madison Paper, FPL, Merimil, and Brassua to Madison Paper, FPL, Merimil and Brassua. Elimination of