

project and talk to FERC and Gulfstream staff directly. Examination will be by automobile and on foot. Representatives of Gulfstream will be accompanying the FERC staff.

Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation. Those interested in attending should meet at 10 a.m. (EST) in the parking lot of the public rest stop on State Hwy 76 at the Hwy 76/441 Intersection, on the east side of St. Lucie Canal Bridge.

For additional information, please contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-FERC.

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- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 3.
- Reference Docket Number CP00-006-014.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before October 9, 2006.

Please note that the Commission encourages electronic filing of comments. See 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper and save it to a file on your hard drive. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing."

The determination of whether to distribute the EA for public comment will be based on the response to this notice. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Requested (Appendix 3). An effort is

being made to send this notice to all individuals affected by the proposed project. This includes all landowners who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within distances defined in the Commission's regulations of certain aboveground facilities.

### Becoming an Intervenor

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### Environmental Mailing List

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### Additional Information

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Magalie R. Salas,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-433-000]

### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Palmyra North Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

September 12, 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 the Palmyra North Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) in Clay County, Kansas; Saunders, Washington, and Otoe Counties, Nebraska; Lincoln County, South Dakota; and Cherokee and Dickinson Counties, Iowa.<sup>1</sup> These facilities would consist of modifications to existing facilities and installation of new facilities. 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.

<sup>1</sup> On August 29, 2006, Northern filed its application with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations. The Commission filed its notice of application on September 6, 2006.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, 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 would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, 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 entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Northern provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

### Summary of the Proposed Project

Northern proposes to expand the capacity of its Palmyra North Facilities in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and South Dakota to transport approximately 32,100 dekatherms per day of natural gas in order to meet agricultural and ethanol customer demand and to increase incremental winter peak day service. Northern seeks authority to:

- Add a new Solar Centaur 40S-T4700 simple cycle turbine to a gas-fired-turbine compressor and relocate the compressor and all associated facilities from Clifton Compressor Station in Clay County, Kansas to Palmyra Compressor Station in Otoe County, Nebraska;
- Install a dual-run-regulator station with associated piping around an existing block valve at mile post (MP) 47.6 in Saunders County, Nebraska;
- Install a flow-limiting-control-valve to its existing Cargill Town Border Station at MP 16.9 in Washington County, Nebraska;
- Install a new meter station to an existing Northern line at MP 65.2 in Lincoln County, South Dakota;
- Install a new 9,240-foot-long, 6-inch-diameter branch line to existing pipelines and the Town Border Station to an existing Northern mainline and install a new 6-inch-diameter branch line in Dickinson County, Iowa; and
- Connect a 200-foot-long, 4-inch-diameter pipeline to an existing Town Border Station with a new 4-inch-diameter branch line and take-off valve in Cherokee County, Iowa.

Northern has proposed several nonjurisdictional facilities to be associated with the Palmyra North Expansion Project that include two new ethanol plants, one ethanol plant expansion, an expansion of an integrated corn processing plant, and a 20-mile-long, 6-inch-diameter pipeline to their Millennium Plant.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

### Land Requirements for Construction

Project activities will occur on property owned by Northern, with the majority of the project activities occurring within Northern's existing facilities. Construction of the proposed facilities would impact about 85.0 acres of land. Following construction, approximately 0.5 acres of new land would be maintained for operation. The remaining 84.5 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

### 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. This process is referred to as "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 staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to 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.

In the EA, we<sup>3</sup> will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and Soils
- Land Use

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than Appendix 1 (maps), are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

<sup>3</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

- Water Resources and Wetlands
- Cultural Resources
- Vegetation and Wildlife
- Air Quality and Noise
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Public Safety

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.

### 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 Northern. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- A total of 0.5 acre of agricultural land would convert to industrial use.
- Air and noise quality may be affected by added facilities.

Also, we have made a preliminary decision to not address the impacts of the nonjurisdictional facilities. We will briefly describe their location and summarize the status of state and local environmental reviews in the EA.

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- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before October 14, 2006.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created online.

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Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/>

[EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx](#) along with other related information.

Magalie R. Salas,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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

September 8, 2006.

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

- Application Type:* Transfer of License.
- Project No.:* 2902-019.
- Date Filed:* August 28, 2006.
- Applicants:* Nekoosa Packaging Corporation (NPC) and GP Big Island, LLC (GP Big Island).
- Name and Location of Project:* The Big Island Project is located on the James River, near the Town of Big Island and the City of Lynchburg, in Amherst and Bedford Counties, Virginia.
- Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- Applicant Contacts:* For NPC and GP Big Island: Mr. Richard C. Judy, Nekoosa Packaging Corporation, 9363 Lee Jackson Highway, Big Island, VA 24526, (434) 299-7331. Mr. Matthew D. Manahan, Pierce Atwood LLP, One Monument Square, Portland, ME 04101, (207) 791-1100.
- FERC Contact:* Etta L. Foster (202) 502-8769.
- Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene:* September 29, 2006.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper, see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. Please include the project number (P-2902-019) on any comments, protests, or motions filed. The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing a document with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an