

consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Director of the Information Resources Group publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: November 27, 1996.

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Acting Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Postsecondary Education

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Recordkeeping Requirements for Institutions Participating in Student Financial Assistance Programs Authorized by Title IV, HEA.

*Frequency:* Recordkeeping.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 93,969.

Burden Hours: 753,003.

*Abstract:* The proposed rules require institutions to maintain records documenting their participation in student financial assistance programs authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (Title IV, HEA Program). Regulations also include requirements for audits and repayments.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Due Diligence by Guaranty Agencies and Lenders.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 5,829.

Burden Hours: 3,398.31.

*Abstract:* The due diligence regulations assure that guaranty agencies and lenders pursue collection activities vigorously on delinquent and

defaulted loans in the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP).

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Student Assistance General Provisions—Subpart K— Cash Management/Easy Access for Students and Institutions (EASI) Package.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 14,529,654.

Burden Hours: 1,218,717.8.

*Abstract:* These regulations revise the existing provisions of the Student Assistance General Provisions regulations regarding cash management. Information collection under these regulations relates to cash management requirements and practices for institutions participating in the Title IV, Higher Education Act programs.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Guaranty Agency Cost Allocation Plan.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 25.

Burden Hours: 2,500.

*Abstract:* A guaranty agency is a state or private non-profit entity that performs certain administrative role in the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program. Their reserve funds contain federal money. Some agencies are involved in separately funded non-FFEL guaranty activities. If such an agency uses personnel and resources to perform both its FFEL and other activities, it must develop and comply with a plan for allocating costs to ensure that federal funds are not used to subsidize the agency's non-FFEL guaranty activities. The agency will be required to submit its cost allocation to the Secretary upon request.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-144-000]

#### American Hunter Energy Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

November 27, 1996.

American Hunter Energy Inc. (American Hunter) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which American

Hunter will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. American Hunter also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, American Hunter requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by American Hunter.

On November 13, 1996, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by American Hunter 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).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, American Hunter is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves that right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of American Hunter's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is December 13, 1996.

Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER96-3112-000]

#### Burlington Resources Trading Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

November 29, 1996.

Burlington Resources Trading Inc. (Burlington Resources) submitted for

filing a rate schedule under which Burlington Resources will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Burlington Resources also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Burlington Resources requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Burlington Resources.

On November 14, 1996, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Burlington Resources should file a motion to intervene or protests 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).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Burlington Resources is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Burlington Resources' issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is December 16, 1996.

Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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### Dauphin Island Gathering System; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

November 27, 1996.

Take notice that on November 22, 1996, Dauphin Island Gathering System (DIGS), 1400 Woodloch Forest Drive, Suite 200, The Woodlands, Texas 77380, filed a petition for declaratory order in Docket No. CP97-119-000, requesting that the Commission declare that certain existing and proposed facilities located in state and federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico would have the primary function of gathering natural gas and would thereby be exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

DIGS states that its system is located in offshore Alabama and serves to gather natural gas in federal waters from the Mobile and Viosca Knoll areas and in Alabama waters. It is indicated that its facilities include no compression and consists of approximately 90 miles of pipe ranging in diameter from 8 to 20 inches in diameter and configured in an inverted Y. The facilities consist of 36.3 miles of 20-inch pipe; 42.7 miles of 12-inch pipe; and 6.8 miles of 8-inch pipe. DIGS indicates that gas gathered into DIGS can enter the interstate transportation grid into the facilities of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) and Koch Gateway Pipeline Company. DIGS states that the capacity of its system is 355 MMcf per day and that its maximum allowable operating pressure is 1440 psig and its maximum contract pressure is 1250 psig. It is indicated that DIGS has operated as a gathering facility since its inception.

DIGS indicates that it is now proposing to expand its system to connect with the new production facilities at Main Pass (MP) Block 261 and with the facilities of Main Pass Gathering System (MPS) at MP225 to compete for the new production in the Mobile, Viosca Knoll and Main Pass Areas, Offshore Louisiana and Alabama. DIGS states that it will expand its system in two phases. It is stated that Phase I will include approximately 65 miles of 24-inch pipeline with a capacity of 150 to 200 MMcf per day, and will extend from the existing facilities in Alabama State Block 73 to the new production facilities of DelMar at MP 261 and with the facilities of MPS in Main Pass Block 225. DIGS also

proposes to install several side valves to provide for the construction of a spine to production currently committed in various blocks. It is stated that Phase I will parallel the western leg of the existing facilities for about 30 miles, and include several short stub lines connecting it to the existing lines to manage system pressures and attach production along its entire length.

DIGS states that Phase II of the proposed facilities consist of 13 miles of 24-inch pipe and will extend from the northern terminus of Phase I onto shore, looping DIGS's existing 20-inch line.

DIGS indicates that no gas processing will occur on the system, and there are no interstate pipelines in the immediate vicinity of Phases I and II or the existing facilities. It is also stated that the proposed facilities are located in waters shallower than 200 meters but that the integrated system is designed to receive gas produced in both shallow waters and in waters deeper than 200 meters.

DIGS states that the existing facilities are currently owned by DIGS. It is indicated that DIGS is comprised of Dauphin Island Gathering Company, L.P. (DIPC), (one percent), a non-jurisdictional limited partnership, the general partner of which is OEDC; MCNIC Mobile Bay Gathering Company (MCNIC), (59 percent), a non-jurisdictional subsidiary of MCN Corporation, and PanEnergy Dauphin Island Company (PDI), (40 percent), a non-jurisdictional affiliate of several interstate pipeline companies including Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company and Trunkline Gas Company.

DIGS states that the proposed facilities meet the criteria. In support of its claim that the facilities are gathering as set forth in a February 28, 1996, Statement of Policy with respect to OCS facilities, 74 FERC ¶ 61,222 as well as the gathering criteria set forth in *Farmland Industries, Inc.*, 23 FERC ¶ 61,063, as modified in later orders. DIGS states that the Commission in its OCS Policy Statement added a new element to its analysis, granting a presumption of gathering to facilities designed to collect gas produced from water depths of 200 meters or greater, with the presumption extending to facilities up to the point or points of potential connection with the interstate pipeline grid.

DIGS states that, as a second element of the gathering policy, the Commission indicated that where proposed OCS facilities are in proximity to existing interstate pipelines, the Commission will determine jurisdictional status on