

Comment date: March 21, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

25. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

[Docket No. OA96-194-001]

Take notice that on February 27, 1997, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (Niagara Mohawk) tendered for filing its compliance report pursuant to the Commission's order issued January 29, 1997. Copies of the filing have been served by Niagara Mohawk upon the other parties to the above-captioned proceeding.

Comment date: March 21, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

26. Ohio Edison Company, Pennsylvania Power Company

[Docket No. OA97-556-000]

Take notice that on February 28, 1997, Ohio Edison Company, on behalf of itself and Pennsylvania Power Company, tendered for filing an amendment to the rate schedules for power sales offered under an its Interchange Agreement with the Allegheny Power System. This amendment was made in compliance with Order No. 888 to unbundle the charges for generation and transmission services for transactions after March 1, 1997. Copies of the filing have been provided to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Maryland Public Service Commission, the Virginia State Corporation Commission, and the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

Comment date: March 20, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

27. Ohio Edison Company

[Docket No. OA97-557-000]

Take notice that on February 28, 1997, Ohio Edison Company tendered for filing an amendment to the provisions for bulk power sales offered under its Interconnection Agreement with Dayton Power & Light Company. This amendment is made in compliance with Order No. 888 to unbundle the charges for generation and transmission services for transactions after March 1, 1997. Copies of the filing have been provided to the Public Utilities Commissions of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

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Standard Paragraph

E. Any person 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 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-153-000]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed North Alabama Pipeline Project

March 7, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) in the above-referenced docket.

The DEIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project with the appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact. The DEIS also evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including a system alternative called the Alabama-Tennessee System Alternative that is environmentally preferred; major route alternatives; and route variations, and requests comments on them.

The DEIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities:

- about 118.0 miles of new natural gas pipeline (109.5 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline and 8.5 miles of 12.75-inch-diameter pipeline);
- about 6,300 horsepower of new compression at two existing compressor stations; and
- two new meter stations, and related facilities.

Facilities required by two local distribution companies are also examined.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to transport about 74,850 thousand cubic feet per day of natural gas to five customers in Alabama and Georgia.

Specific Comment Request

The staff has identified and evaluated in detail one system alternative (the Alabama-Tennessee System Alternative), one major route alternative (the Tarrant Alternative), the Triana Variation, and 96 other route variations to the proposed facilities. Of the 97 route variations, the staff has recommended the use of 78 and has not recommended the use of 19 others at this time. Area residents, local or state governments, intervenors, Southern, and other interested parties are asked to provide specific comments on whether these alternatives and variations are reasonable and practicable and environmentally preferable to the proposed facilities. Comments should also address any effect on project timing and related cost/benefits.

Comment Procedures and Public Meeting

Any person wishing to comment on the DEIS may do so. Written comments must be filed on or before April 28, 1997, must reference Docket No. CP96-153-000, and be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

We will announce in a future notice, the location and time of at least one public meeting to receive comments on the DEIS.

After these comments are reviewed, any significant new issues are investigated, and modifications are made to the DEIS, a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will be published and distributed by the staff. The FEIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments filed on the DEIS.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentator 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).

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this DEIS. You must file your request to intervene as specified above. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

The DEIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the DEIS have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, individuals who have requested the DEIS, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding. A limited number of copies of the DEIS are available from the above address.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5709-1]

National Drinking Water Advisory Council; Operator Certification Working Group; Notice of Open Meeting

Under Section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory

Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Operator Certification Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S300f *et seq.*), will be held on March 25 and 26, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. The meeting is open to the public to observe but due to past experience, seating will be limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss options for how EPA might implement the Operator Certification provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996. The working group members are meeting to gather information and analyze relevant issues and facts. Statements will be taken from the public at this meeting as time allows.

For more information, please contact Kenneth M. Hay, Designated Federal Officer, Operator Certification Working Group, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (MC: 4606), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.

20460. The telephone number is (202) 260-5552 and the e-mail address is hay.ken@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: March 7, 1997.

Charlene Shaw,

Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Applications for Consolidated Hearing

1. The Commission has before it the following mutually exclusive applications for new noncommercial, educational FM construction permits:

Applicant	City/State	File No.	MM Docket No.
A. American Family Association	Marksville, Louisiana	BPED-940214MA	97-78
B. Educational Radio Foundation of East Texas, Inc ...	Jena, Louisiana	BPED-940804MA	97-78

2. Pursuant to Section 309(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the above applications have been designated for hearing in a consolidated proceeding upon the issues whose headings are set forth below. The text of each of the issues has been standardized and is set forth in its entirety under the corresponding heading at 51 Fed. Reg. 19347, May 29, 1986. The letters shown before each applicant's name above are used below to signify the issue in question applicable to that particular applicant.

Issue heading	Applicant(s)
1. 307(b)—Noncommercial Educational FM.	A, B
2. Ultimate	A, B

3. If there are any non-standardized issues in this proceeding, the full text of the issue and the applicant(s) to which it applies are set forth in an Appendix to this Notice. A copy of the complete HDO in this proceeding is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Dockets Branch (Room 230), 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The complete text may also be purchased from the

Commission's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037, telephone (202) 857-3800.

Linda B. Blair,

Chief, Audio Services Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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Applications for Consolidated Hearing

1. The Commission has before it the following mutually exclusive applications for new noncommercial, educational FM construction permits:

Applicant	City/State	File No.	MM Docket No.
A. Greater Washington Education Telecommunications Association, Inc..	Leonardtown, Maryland	BPED-930617MD	97-77
B. Columbia Union College Broadcasting, Inc.	Takoma Park, Maryland	BPED-930723MB	97-77