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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP96-249-000, et al. and Docket No. CP97-238-000]

Portland Natural Gas Transmission System, Portland Natural Gas Transmission System and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed PNGTS Project and PNGTS/Maritimes Phase II Joint Facilities Project and Notice of Meeting Site Change

May 30, 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 Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS), and jointly by PNGTS and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. (Maritimes) in the above referenced dockets. The specific facilities addressed in this DEIS are referred to as the PNGTS Project and the PNGTS/Maritimes Phase II Joint Facilities Project (PNGTS and Phase II Joint Facilities).

The DEIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project would have limited adverse environmental impact if constructed as planned with the proposed and recommended mitigation.

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

- The PNGTS Project, which includes:
 - About 141.6 miles of 24-inch-diameter mainline between Pittsburg, New Hampshire and Westbrook, Maine;
 - About 0.7 mile of 8-inch-diameter pipeline (Groveton Lateral);
 - About 26.9 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline (Rumford Lateral);
 - About 16.6 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline (Jay Lateral); and
 - Three new meter stations and other associated aboveground facilities.
- The Phase II Joint Facilities, which include:

- About 35.2 miles of 30-inch-diameter mainline between Wells, Maine and Westbrook, Maine;
- About 3.8 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline (Westbrook Lateral); and
- Three new meter stations and other associated aboveground facilities.

Comment Procedure

Written Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the DEIS may do so. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Reference Docket Nos. CP96-249-000 and CP97-238-000;
- Send two copies of your comments to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Mail your comments so they will be received on or before July 21, 1997.

Public Meeting Schedule

Three public meetings to receive comments on the DEIS will be held at the following times and locations (please note that the date for the meeting in Colebrook, New Hampshire has changed):

Date	Time	Location
July 7, 1997.	7:00 p.m.	The Warren Library, 479 Maine Street, Westbrook, Maine.
July 8, 1997.	7:00 p.m.	Town and Country Inn, Route 2, Gorham, New Hampshire.
July 9, 1997.	7:00 p.m.	Colebrook Public Library, 149 Maine Street, Colebrook, New Hampshire.

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the environmental impacts described in the DEIS. Anyone who would like to speak at the public meetings may get on the speakers list by signing up at the public meetings. Priority will be given to persons representing groups. Transcripts will be made of the meetings.

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. The FEIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments received on the DEIS.

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., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

A limited number of copies are available at this location.

Copies of the DEIS have been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding. Any person may file a motion to intervene on the basis of the Commission staff's DEIS (see 18 CFR 380.106 and 385.214). You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

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

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00213; FRL-5720-7]

Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA) Projects; Open Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The four projects of the Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA) will hold meetings open to the public at the time and place listed below in this notice. The public is encouraged to attend the proceedings as observers. However, in the interest of time and efficiency, the meeting is structured to provide maximum opportunity for state, tribal, and EPA invited participants to discuss items on the predetermined agenda. At the discretion of the chair of the project, an effort will be made to accommodate participation by observers attending the proceedings.

DATES: The four projects will meet June 23, 1997, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a plenary session on EPA's National Environmental Goals Report from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and on June 24, 1997, from 8 a.m. to noon.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at The Embassy Suites Hotel, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darlene Harrod, Designated Federal Official (DFO), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7408), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (202) 260-6904, e-mail:

harrod.darlene@epamail.epa.gov. Any observer wishing to speak should advise the DFO at the telephone number or e-mail address listed above no later than 4 p.m. on June 16, 1997.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FOSTTA, a group of state and tribal toxics environmental managers, is intended to foster the exchange of toxics-related program and enforcement information among the states/tribes and between the states/tribes and EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) and Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA). FOSTTA currently consists of the Coordinating Committee and four issue-specific projects. The projects are the: (1) Toxics Release Inventory Project; Pollution Prevention Project; (3) Chemical Management Project; and (4) Lead (Pb) Project.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: May 27, 1997.

Susan B. Hazen,

Director, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

FEDERAL REGISTER NUMBER: 97-1275.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATE & TIME: Thursday, May 22, 1997 10:00 a.m. Meeting open to the public.

This meeting was cancelled.

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, June 10, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g, 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration. Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

DATE & TIME: Thursday, June 12, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (ninth floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes. Report of the Audit Division on Arlen Specter '96.

Petition for Rulemaking Filed by Five Members of Congress; Notice of Availability.

FY '98 Amended Budget Request. Administrative Matters.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 219-4155.

Marjorie W. Emmons,

Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Room 962.

Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Agreement No.: 224-201025

Title: Port of New Orleans/Maritrend, Inc. Lease Agreement

Parties: The Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Maritrend, Inc. ("Maritrend")

Synopsis: The proposed Agreement authorizes the Port to lease to Maritrend 9.33 acres, and improvements thereon, at the Port's Alabo Street facilities for a period of 90 days.

Dated: May 30, 1997.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Notice.

BACKGROUND: On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) delegated to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) its approval authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act, as per 5 CFR 1320.16, to approve of and assign OMB control numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board under conditions set forth in 5 CFR Part 1320 Appendix A.1. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Board-approved collections of information will be incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. A copy of the OMB 83-I and supporting statement and the approved collection of information instruments will be placed into OMB's public docket files. The following information collections, which are being handled under this delegated authority, have received initial Board approval and are hereby published for comment. At the end of the comment period, the proposed information collection, along with an analysis of comments and recommendations received, will be submitted to the Board for final approval under OMB delegated authority. Comments are invited on the following: a. whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Federal Reserve's functions; including whether the information has practical utility; b. the accuracy of the Federal Reserve's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; c. ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and d. ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. **DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 4, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments, which should refer to the OMB control number or agency form number, should be addressed to William W. Wiles, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551, or delivered to the Board's mail room between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., and to the security control room outside of those hours. Both the mail room and the security control room are accessible