

(Dayton), submitted service agreements establishing MidCon Power Services Corp., as a customer under the terms of Dayton's Market-Based Sales Tariff.

Dayton requests an effective date of one day subsequent to this filing for the service agreements. Accordingly, Dayton requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. Copies of this filing were served upon MidCon Power Services Corp. and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

*Comment date:* July 14, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## 12. Northeast Utilities Service Company

[Docket No. ER97-3315-000]

Take notice that on June 13, 1997, Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO), on behalf of The Connecticut Light & Power Company, tendered for filing pursuant to § 205 of the Federal Power Act and 35.13 of the Commission's Regulations, a rate schedule change for sales of electric energy to The Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC).

NUSCO states that a copy of this filing has been mailed to CMEEC.

NUSCO requests that the rate schedule become effective on July 1, 1997.

*Comment date:* July 14, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## 13. Allegheny Power Service Corporation, on behalf of Monongahela Power Company The Potomac Edison Company, and West Penn Power Company (Allegheny Power)

[Docket No. ER97-3316-000]

Take notice that on June 13, 1997, Allegheny Power Service Corporation on behalf of Monongahela Power Company, The Potomac Edison Company and West Penn Power Company (Allegheny Power), filed Supplement No. 19 to add GPU Energy and Southern Company Services, Inc. to Allegheny Power Open Access Transmission Service Tariff which has been submitted for filing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Docket No. OA96-18-000. The proposed effective date under the Service Agreements is May 19, 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, the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

*Comment date:* July 14, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## 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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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 1933-011 & 2198-007]

### Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

July 1, 1997.

A draft environmental assessment (DEA) is available for public review. The DEA analyzes the environmental impacts of an application by Southern California Edison Company (licensee) to reconstruct project facilities. The licensee proposes constructing a new penstock to replace part of the existing flowline for the Santa Ana River (SAR) 1 and 2 Project No. 1933-011 and all of the flowline for the SAR 3 Project, No. 2198-007. The licensee proposes to construct a new powerhouse to replace both the SAR 2 and SAR 3 powerhouses. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is building a new flood control dam in the Santa Ana River Canyon below the SAR 1 and 2 Project. The Seven Oaks Dam will inundate and destroy the SAR 2 powerhouse and SAR 3 flowline rendering both projects inoperable. The licensee's proposed construction would allow it to continue to operate the projects. Both projects are on the Santa Ana River and its tributaries in San Bernardino, California.

The DEA finds that the application to reconstruct project facilities would not constitute a major federal action

significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The DEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture—Forest Service, San Bernardino National Forest, Big Bear Ranger District. Copies of the DEA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371.

Please submit any comments on the DEA within 30 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports, or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Comments should be addressed to: Ms. Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix Project No. 1933-011 and/or 2198-007 to all comments. For further information, please contact the project manager, Steve Hocking, at (202) 219-2656.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-526-000]

### Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed East Tennessee Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

July 1, 1997.

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 construction and operation of the facilities proposed by the Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) for its East Tennessee Expansion Project.<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

Southern proposes to expand the capacity of certain of its facilities in

<sup>1</sup> Southern's application was filed with the Commission on May 15, 1997 under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama to meet requests from 15 shippers for firm transportation service totaling about 65,000 thousand cubic feet per day of natural gas. Southern seeks authority to construct and operate the following facilities:

- East Tennessee Lateral—2.9 miles of 8-inch-diameter pipeline, in Catoosa County, Georgia and Hamilton County, Tennessee.
- Ocmulgee-Atlanta Loop<sup>2</sup>—8.0 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline, in Spalding and Henry Counties, Georgia.
- 2nd North Main Loop—2.8 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline, in Pickens County, Alabama.
- South Main 3rd Loop—4.6 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline, in Perry County, Alabama.
- Macon Branch Loop Line—replace 10.0 miles of existing 12-inch-diameter pipeline with 16-inch-diameter pipeline, in Fulton and Clayton Counties, Georgia.
- Cartersville Gate Regulator Station—new regulator station at milepost (MP) 41.6 on Southern's Chattanooga Line in Floyd County, Georgia.
- East Tennessee Meter Station—new meter station at the terminus of Southern's proposed East Tennessee Lateral, in Hamilton County, Tennessee.
- Cleveland Branch Meter Station—expand an existing meter station at MP 21.1 on Southern's Cleveland Branch Line, in Bradley County, Tennessee.
- Rome Compressor Station—new 4,700 horsepower (hp) compressor station at MP 51.2 on Southern's Chattanooga Line in Floyd County, Georgia.
- York Compressor Station—uprate two existing compressor units from 6,500 hp each to 9,160 hp, in Sumter County, Alabama.
- Auburn Compressor Station—uprate two existing compressor units from 6,500 hp each to 9,160 hp, in Lee County, Alabama.
- Bell Mills Compressor Station—add a new 1,600 hp compressor unit to an existing compressor station, in Cleburne County, Alabama.
- Chattanooga Line—increase the maximum allowable operating pressure from the existing 1,114 pounds per square inch gage (psig) to 1,200 psig in two segments, from about MP 0.8 to MP 41.6 and MP 51.2 to MP 114.9.

The general location of the proposed project facilities are shown in appendix

1.<sup>3</sup> Southern indicated the project would cost \$52,179,005, and seeks an in-service date of November 1998.

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would disturb a total of about 353 acres. Of this, about 181 acres is currently existing permanent right-of-way, and about 27 acres would be added as new permanent right-of-way. The other 145 acres of temporary construction right-of-way 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. 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 under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Air quality and noise
- Endangered and threatened species
- Cultural resources
- Land use
- 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 recommendations to the Commission.

#### 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 environmental information provided by Southern. These issues include:

- Karst features, sinkholes, caves, and limestone deposits in the vicinity of the East Tennessee Lateral and South Main 3rd Loop.
- Potential for landslides or ground failure in the vicinity of the East Tennessee Lateral and Rome Compressor Station.
- Potential for paleontological resources in the vicinity of the South Main 3rd Loop.
- Prime farmland in the vicinity of the East Tennessee Lateral, Ocmulgee-Atlanta Loop, 2nd North Main Loop, South Main 3rd Loop, Rome Compressor Station, and East Tennessee Meter Station.
- Crossing 32 perennial waterbodies, all classified as warmwater fisheries, of which two streams (Cahaba River and a tributary to the Cahaba) are over 100 feet wide.
- Crossing 36 wetlands totaling 9.5 acres.
- Crossing three streams with the potential for sensitive mussel species.
- Eleven archaeological sites identified along proposed project components.
- Eighteen residences within 50 feet of the construction right-of-way.

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

#### Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations and routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your

<sup>2</sup> A loop is a segment of pipeline installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to the existing line on both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the pipeline system.

<sup>3</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.

comments are received and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your comments to:

Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, D.C. 20426;

- Reference Docket No. CP97-526-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before August 4, 1997.

#### 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." Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies 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 2).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed, having ended June 23, 1997. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by Section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

Secretary.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5854-7]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Information Requirements for Importation of Nonconforming Vehicles; Information Requirements for Importation of Nonconforming Nonroad Small SI Engines

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C.

3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the following Information Collection Requests (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval:

Information Requirements for Importation of Nonconforming Vehicles, OMB Control Number 2060-0095;

Information Requirements for Importation of Nonconforming Nonroad Small SI Engines, OMB Control Number 2060-0294. The ICRs describe the nature of the information collections and expected burden and cost; where appropriate, they include the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 7, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL:** Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 10.08 or 1673.02.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Information Requirements for Importation of Nonconforming Vehicles, OMB #2060-0095, expiration date 7/31/97; Information Requirements for Importation of Nonconforming Nonroad Small SI Engines, OMB #2060-0294, expiration date 7/31/97. This is a request for extension of currently approved collections.

**Abstract:** Individuals and businesses importing on and off-road motor vehicles, motor vehicle engines, or nonroad engines, including nonroad engines incorporated into nonroad equipment or nonroad vehicles report and keep records of vehicle importations, request prior approval for vehicle importations, or request final admission for vehicles conditionally imported into the U.S. The collection of this information is mandatory in order to ensure compliance of nonconforming vehicles with Federal emissions requirements. Joint EPA and Customs regulations at 40 CFR 85.1501 *et seq.* and 89.601 *et seq.* and 19 CFR 12.73 and 12.74 promulgated under the authority of Clean Air Act sections 203 and 208 give authority for the collection of information. This authority was extended to nonroad engines under section 213(d). The information is used by program personnel to ensure that all Federal emission requirements concerning imported nonconforming motor vehicles are met. Any information submitted to the Agency for which a claim of confidentiality is made is safeguarded according to policies set forth in Title 40, chapter 1, part 2, subpart B—Confidentiality of Business Information (see CFR 2), and the public is not permitted access to information containing personal or organizational

identifiers. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15. The **Federal Register** Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 3/21/97 (62 FR 13611); no comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.8 hours per response (OMB #2060-0095), and 0.5 hours per response (OMB #2060-0294) respectively. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

#### OMB #2060-0095

**Respondents/Affected entities:** Individuals and businesses importing motor vehicles, motor vehicle engines, or large compression-ignition nonroad engines, including those incorporated into nonroad equipment or vehicles.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 11,000.

**Frequency of Response:** 1.1 responses/year.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 9,705.

**Estimated Total Annualized Costs Burden:** \$961,130.

#### OMB #2060-0294

**Respondents/Affected entities:** Individuals and businesses importing small spark-ignition nonroad engines, including those incorporated into nonroad equipment or vehicles.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 500.

**Frequency of Response:** 100.4 responses/year.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 25,100.