

authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-541-000]

#### Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Site Visit

September 19, 1997.

Between September 29 and October 2, 1997, the Office of Pipeline Regulation staff will conduct a compliance inspection of the Brunswick Loop, South Main 2nd Loop, South Main 3rd Loop, and 2nd North Main Loop portions of the Southern Natural Gas Company Zone III Expansion Project.

On September 29, the Brunswick Loop will be inspected in Jones and Twiggs Counties, Georgia. This inspection will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the 57 QuickStop, located on Route 19 at the corner of Route 57 and Ridge Road in Macon, Georgia.

On September 30, the South Main 2nd Loop will be inspected in Crawford and Monroe Counties, Georgia. This inspection will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Southern Natural Gas Company's Warehouse Site, located at 24 Industrial Park Drive in Roberta, Georgia.

On October 1, the South Main 3rd Loop will be inspected in Lee County, Alabama. This inspection will begin at 9 a.m. All persons wishing to attend must meet in the lobby of the Holiday Inn in Opelika, Alabama, located at I-85 at US Highway 280 and US Highway 431.

On October 2, the 2nd North Main Loop in Pickens and Tuscaloosa Counties, Alabama will be inspected. The inspection will begin at 10 a.m. All persons wishing to attend must meet in the lobby of the Best Western Catalina Inn in Northport, Alabama, located at 2015 US Highway 82 West.

All parties may attend. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation. For further

information, please contact Paul McKee at (202) 208-1088.

**Robert J. Cupina,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Pipeline Regulation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-344-000]

#### Texas Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

September 19, 1997.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding on Wednesday, October 8, 1997, at 10 a.m. and Thursday, October 9, 1997, at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact Kathleen M. Dias at (202) 209-0524 or Michael D. Cotleur at (202) 208-1076.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-746-000]

#### Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 19, 1997.

Take notice that on September 11, 1997, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), 200 North Third Street, Suite 300, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501, filed a request pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations thereunder to abandon two delivery taps and related facilities in McKenzie and Williams

Counties, North Dakota, all as more fully described in the filed application.

Williston states that both of these taps were installed to deliver gas to Phillips Petroleum Company for fuel to field gathering compressors which have been removed.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity is deemed to be authorized effective on the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission (Major License)

September 19, 1997.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Major License.
  - b. *Project No.:* P-11607-000.
  - c. *Date Filed:* August 29, 1997.
  - d. *Applicant:* Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant and Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company.
  - e. *Name of Project:* Holyoke Hydroelectric Project.
  - f. *Location:* On the Connecticut River in Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin Counties, Massachusetts.
  - g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
  - h. *Applicant Contact:* Roger W. Bacon, Director, Power Services Division, Massachusetts Wholesale Electric Company, Randall Road, P.O. Box 426, Ludlow, MA 01056, (413) 589-1041.
- Thomas E. Lewis, Jr., General Manager, Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant,

78 Central Street, P.O. Box 823,  
Ashburnham, MA 01430-4423, (508)  
827-4423

i. *FERC Contact*: Allan Creamer (202)  
219-0365.

j. *Comment Date*: 60 days from the  
filing date shown in paragraph (c).

k. *Description of Project*:

The proposed run-of-river project would consist of the following features: (1) An approximately 1,000-foot-long masonry dam to elevation 97.47 feet NGVD, topped with a 3.1-foot-high rubber dam; (2) upstream and downstream fish passage facilities; (3) the Fish Lift Park adjoining the dam; (4) a 2,290-acre reservoir that extends approximately 25 miles upstream; (5) a three-level canal system adjacent to the river with headgates at the dam; (6) six separate hydroelectric facilities, named Hadley Falls Station, Riverside Station, Boatlock Station, Beebe-Holbrook Units, Skinner Unit and Chemical Units, and, except for the Hadley Falls Station which has its intake structure adjacent to the canal headgate structure, the facilities withdraw water from the canal system; (7) a total nameplate capacity of 58,756 kW, consisting of the existing 43,756 kW project plus a 15,000 kW expansion at the Hadley Falls Station; (8) transmission line connections; and (9) appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates that the total average annual generation would be 212,000 MWh, which would increase to 257,600 MWh after completing the expansion in 2006.

l. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the *Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)*, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

m. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the filing date and serve a copy of the request on each of the applicants.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis

September 19, 1997.

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

a. *Type of Application*: Minor License.

b. *Project No.*: 11512-000.

c. *Date filed*: December 27, 1994, amended September 2, 1997.

d. *Applicant*: John H. Bigelow.

e. *Name of Project*: McKenzie.

f. *Location*: On the McKenzie River in Lane County, Oregon, Section 10, Township 16S, Range 6E, West Meridian.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a) —825(r).

h. *Applicant Contract*: Robert Parker, Community Planning Workshop, 1209 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403, (541) 346-3801.

i. *FERC Contact*: Héctor M. Pérez at (202) 219-2843.

j. The project would consist of: (1) A diversion dam constructed of large rocks at river mile 73.6 (partially breached); (2) a concrete headgate; (3) a power canal about 1,500 feet long; (4) a 32-foot-long and 5-foot-diameter penstock; (5) a powerhouse with an installed capacity of 76 kilowatts; (6) a 30-foot-long tailrace; and (7) other appurtenances.

The applicant amended the application to delete modifications proposed originally: Reconstruct the diversion structure, yearly removal of sediment in front of the headgate, and placement of adult fish barrier in the tailrace.

k. *Status of Environmental Analysis*: This application is now ready for environmental analysis—see attached paragraph D9.

l. *Deadline for comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions*: See paragraph D9.

m. *This notice also consists of the following standard paragraph*: A4 and D9.

n. *Available Locations of Application*: A copy of the application, as amended, is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address shown in item h above.

A4. Development Application—Public notice of the filing of the initial development application, which has already been given, established the due date for filing competing applications or notices of intent. Under the Commission's regulations, any competing development application must be filed in response to and in compliance with public notice of the initial development application. No competing applications or notices of intent may be filed in response to this notice.

D9. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

The Commission directs, pursuant to Section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of