

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Notice of Closed Meeting of the United States Naval Academy Board of Visitors**

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given that the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy will meet on October 30, 1997, at the Senate Russell Office Building, at 8:30 a.m. This meeting will be closed to the public.

The purpose of the meeting is to make such inquiry as the Board shall deem necessary into the state of morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, and academic methods of the Naval Academy. During this meeting inquiries will relate to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Academy, may involve on-going criminal investigations, and include discussions of personal information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Accordingly, the Under Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the special committee meeting shall be closed to the public because the meeting will be concerned with matters as outlined in section 552(b) (2), (5), (6), (7) and (9) of Title 5, United States Code.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS MEETING CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander Gerral K. David, U.S. Navy, Executive Secretary to the Board of Visitors, Office of the Superintendent, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402-5000, telephone number (410) 293-1503.

Dated October 14, 1997.

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LCDR, JAGC, USN, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP98-15-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Section 4 Filing

October 20, 1997.

Take notice that on October 15, 1997, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing pursuant to Section 4 of the Natural Gas

Act, a notice of termination of gathering services which Natural provides on uncertificated and certificated gathering facilities known as the Wise County Gathering Systems in Wise, Jack, Parker, Palo Pinto and Dento Counties, Texas. Natural states that it will sell the entire gathering system to Mitchell Gas Services, Inc, a non-affiliate. Natural further states that no contracts for transportation service with Natural will be terminated.

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. Under § 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations, all such motions or protests should be filed on or before October 27, 1997. 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**

[Docket Nos. EC96-7-000 and 001; ER96-677-000 and 001; ER96-679-000 and 001; and EL98-1-000]

Union Electric Company and Central Illinois Public Service Company; Notice of Initiation of Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

October 20, 1997.

Take notice that on October 15, 1997, the Commission issued an order in the above-indicated dockets initiating a proceeding in Docket No. EL98-1-000 under Section 206 of the Federal Power Act.

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL98-1-000 will be 60 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP97-765-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for The Proposed Wisconsin Loop Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

October 20, 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 constructing and operating about 11.4 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop proposed in the Wisconsin Loop Expansion Project.¹ 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

ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) wants to expand the capacity of its facilities in Wisconsin to transport an additional 116 million cubic feet per day of natural gas to shippers in the Chicago hub markets. ANR seeks authority to:

- Construct and operate 11.4 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop on its existing Wisconsin mainline in Waukesha County, Wisconsin;
- Relocate an existing pig receiver from ANR's existing mainline station No. 10 to a parcel of land adjacent to ANR's existing mainline station No. 12 in Waukesha County, Wisconsin;
- Construct a valve station at milepost 7.70 along the proposed 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop; and
- Construct a new meter station (Somers Meter Station) at milepost 13.14 along ANR's existing Racine lateral in Kenosha County, Wisconsin.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.² If you are interested in obtaining procedural information, please write to the Secretary of the Commission.

¹ ANR Pipeline Company's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

² 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.

Land Requirements for Construction

ANR proposes to use a construction right-of-way width of 75 feet. ANR would construct about 1.2 miles of the loop adjacent to its existing 18-inch-diameter mainline and 20-inch-diameter loop, and the remaining 10.2 miles of pipeline would deviate from these existing facilities. Construction of the proposed pipeline loop facilities would require about 123.96 acres of land. Following construction, ANR would maintain about 54.02 acres as new aboveground facility sites. The remaining 69.94 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

In addition, constructing the proposed Somers Meter Station would permanently impact 0.52 acres of land and temporarily impact 0.26 acres of land; relocating the pig receiver would permanently require 0.19 acres of land and temporarily impact 0.04 acres of land; and constructing the proposed valve station would permanently require 0.2 acres of land.

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.
- Public safety.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Endangered and threatened species.

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 our recommendations to the Commission.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified two issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by ANR. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- The proposed pipeline right-of-way would cross about 1.2 miles of residential areas; a total of six residences are within 50 feet of the proposed construction work area.
- The proposed project would cross about 19,680 linear feet of wetlands, and temporarily impact about 34.80 acres of wetlands.

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, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP97-765-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before November 18, 1997.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become 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. 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 is October 20, 1997. Parties seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by § 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 comments considered.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5485-5]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information, (202) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed October 13, 1997 Through October 17, 1997 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 970401, FINAL EIS, FHW, CA, US 101 Realignment Construction, near Cushing Creek from Mile Post 20.3 to 22.3 South of Crescent City, Funding and COE Permits, Del Norte County, CA, Due: November 24, 1997, Contact: John R. Schultz, (916) 551-1314.

EIS No. 970402, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, EPA, TX, Oak Hill Surface Lignite Mine (formerly known as the Martin Lake D Area Mine) Expansion Project into the DIII Area, Modification/Reissuance of a New Source NPDES Permit, Rusk County, TX, Due: November 24, 1997, Contact: Robert D. Lawrence, (214) 665-2258.

EIS No. 970403, FINAL EIS, USN, WA, Puget Sound Naval Station, Sand Point, Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, King County, WA,