

Company (Union Light), 139 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, filed in Docket No. CP98-70-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to modify the service currently provided under Rate Schedule X-4, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

It is stated that under Rate Schedule X-4, Union Light provides for the transportation of gas to The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company (Cincinnati) for the account of Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia). It is further stated that for such service, Union Light bills Columbia and then Cincinnati reimburses Columbia. Union Light states that Columbia's involvement in the transportation service is no longer necessary due to changed delivery points. Therefore, Union Light states that it proposes to modify the service currently provided under Rate Schedule X-4 to reflect that the service rendered by Union Light to Cincinnati no longer requires Columbia's involvement and that the gas transported by Union Light on behalf of Cincinnati may include customer-owned gas.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 4, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public

convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Union Light to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-53-000 *et al.*]

NE Hub Partners, L.P.; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed NE Hub Partners, L.P. Tioga Storage Project

November 13, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on both the natural gas storage field and pipeline facilities proposed by NE Hub Partners, L.P. (NE Hub) in the above-referenced docket and the related brine evaporation/salt plant proposed by United Salt Northeast, L.L.C. (USN).

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of NE Hub's proposed underground gas storage facility and related pipeline facilities, including:

- A freshwater intake pumping station at the Cowanesque Reservoir;
- 3.9 miles of 12-inch-diameter freshwater pipeline to transport water to the leaching operation;
- Two cavern leaching/natural gas storage wells;
- Two gas storage caverns with a capacity of 3 billion cubic feet each;
- A leaching plant facility including electrical substation, emergency generator, warehouse, office/control room, four 300,000 barrel storage tanks, six 4,000 barrel storage tanks, and other appurtenant facilities;
- A gas system facility, including a compression facility (18,750 horsepower

total) with exhaust mufflers and aftercoolers for gas injection to and withdrawal from *et al.*

- The storage caverns, meter station, electrical substation, emergency generator, and other appurtenant facilities;
- Four segments of 26-inch-diameter transmission pipeline totaling 12.3 miles;
- 7.7 miles of 12-inch-diameter brine and freshwater pipelines;
- 5.0 miles of 4-inch-diameter fuel gas and residual/mineral salt purge pipelines;
- 1.4 miles of 12-inch-diameter freshwater, mid-brine return, mid-brine, and saturated brine pipelines;
- 3.7 miles of 24-inch-diameter gas storage pipeline; and
- Two meter stations.

In conjunction with these facilities, USN proposes to construct and operate the following:

- A railroad siding turnout and truck/hopper railcar bulk loading station to ship commercial salt products; and
- A brine evaporation/salt plant to dispose of the brine by production of commercial salt products, and other facilities to the extent needed for salt production, storage, and transportation.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to provide two high deliverability natural gas storage caverns with a capacity of up to 3 billion cubic feet per cavern. The storage facility near Tioga, Pennsylvania would be interconnected with certain interstate and intrastate pipelines. The gas injection/withdrawal facilities would be designed to allow the gas storage facility to withdraw natural gas from various existing pipelines during periods of low gas demand and inject the gas under high pressure into the storage caverns. During periods of high gas demand, the natural gas would be withdrawn from the caverns and released into the various pipelines at the appropriate pressure. The injection/withdrawal facilities would be designed to inject 250 million cubic feet of gas a day and withdraw 500 million cubic feet of gas a day. The injection/withdrawal cycle would be 20 days/10 days.

In conjunction with the storage facilities, USN, would receive the brine from NE Hub via pipeline and develop a commercial salt business at a site about 1.5 miles northeast of Tioga, Pennsylvania.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and 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 EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time 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, DC 20426;

- Label *one* of those copies for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch II, PR-11.2;

- Reference Docket No. CP96-53-000; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before December 15, 1997.

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

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. 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 comments considered.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Project No. 11393-001 Alaska

City of Saxman; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

November 13, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for an original license for the major, unconstructed, Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Project. The project would be located on Upper Mahoney lake and Upper Mahoney Creek near Ketchikan in Southeast Alaska.

On July 14, 1997, the Commission staff issued and distributed to all parties a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) on the project, and requested that comments be filed with the Commission within 30 days. Comments were filed and are addressed in the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA).

The FEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters

November 13, 1997.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Non-project Use of Project Lands and Waters.

b. *Project No.:* 1494-146.

c. *Date Filed:* September 4, 1997.

d. *Applicant:* Grand River Dam Authority.

e. *Name of Project:* Pensacola.

f. *Location:* The proposed facilities would be located on Monkey Island on Grand Lake O' the Cherokees in Delaware County, Oklahoma.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mary Von Drehle, Grand River Dam Authority, P.O. Box 409, Vinita, OK 74301, (918) 256-5545.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jon Confrancesco, (202) 219-0079.

j. *Comment Date:* December 18, 1997.

k. *Description of Project:* Grand River Dam Authority, licensee for the Pensacola Project, requests Commission authorization to permit Glenn Tucker, d/b/a Newport Village (permittee) to install five new floating, covered boat docks, containing a total of 57 slips and 7 additional slips to an existing, covered, floating, boat dock with 9 slips. The existing and proposed dock facilities contain a total of 73 slips. The proposed docks would be used by the local homeowner's association.

1. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedures, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title, "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also