

Specifically, NGT proposes to abandon Line ST-17, composed of approximately 374 feet of 8-inch pipe, in the W.C. Gray Survey A-245 in Panola County, Texas. NGT says this line was constructed in 1982 and certificated in Docket No. CP91-400, to receive gas supply from the discharge side of the Champlin Compressor Station and deliver it through an interconnection with Texas Gas Transmission Corporation. NGT indicates that as a result of changes in its business, this interconnection is no longer needed and has not been utilized for an extensive period.

NGT plans to abandon Line ST-17, in its entirety, along with an 8-inch dual meter run, 6-inch dual regulatory, and above ground appurtenant equipment. NGT relates that it will reclaim a 63 foot segment of ST-17 starting at the yard piping in the Champlin Compressor Station yard and abandon in place the remaining 311 feet of pipe. NGT says the 63 feet of pipe will be junked and the cost to reclaim this pipe is estimated to be \$2,370.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before May 28, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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 385.211 and 385.214) 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 in any proceeding herein 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 the jurisdiction conferred upon the 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 permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 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 NGT to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9985-024]

Rivers Electric Company, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

May 7, 1998.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA is for an application to amend the license for the Mill Pond Hydroelectric Project. The application is to increase the operating level of the project impoundment 2 feet that would result in more efficient operation of the project. The EA finds that approval of the amendment would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The project is located on Catskill Creek, near Leeds, New York.

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

Comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix Project No. 9985-024 to all comments. For further information, please contact John K. Novak, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, at (202) 219-2828.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Amendment of License To Enlarge Project Boundary

May 7, 1998.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of License to Enlarge Project Boundary.

b. *Project No.:* 2743-034.

c. *Dated filed:* April 27, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* Alaska Energy Authority.

e. *Name of Project:* Terror Lake.

f. *Location:* The project is located approximately 25 miles southwest of the City of Kodiak, Alaska on the Terror and Kizhuyak rivers and their tributaries.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Stan Sieczkowski, Operations Manager, Alaska Energy Authority, 480 West Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, Phone: (907) 269-3000.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mohamad Fayyad, (202) 219-2665.

j. *Comment Date:* June 19, 1998

k. *Description of Amendment:* The licensee proposes to revise its erosion control system, which would consist of a dike structure armored with gabions and Reno mattresses, along the westerly side of the Kizhuyak River in the vicinity of the powerhouse. The construction of this dike requires modifying the project boundary to include an additional 20 acres. The purpose of the dike is to provide protection of project's facilities from erosion and flooding by the Kizhuyak River. The licensee proposes to complete the work in 1998.

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 Procedure, 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 be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-50840; FRL-5789-2]

Receipt of a Notification to Conduct Small-Scale Field Testing of a Genetically Engineered Microbial Pesticide

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt from DuPont Agricultural Products of a notification (352-NMP-A) of intent to conduct small-scale field testing involving baculoviruses, which have been genetically engineered to express synthetic genes which encode for an insect-specific toxin. The tests will be small-scale and will not involve more than a cumulative total of 10 acres per pest per year. Any food or feed crops shall be destroyed or consumed only by experimental animals. The Agency has determined that the notification may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency is soliciting public comments on this notification. Q02

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to: Rm. 1119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 1119 at the Virginia address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William R. Schneider, PM 90, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: 5th floor CS1 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8683, e-mail:

schneider.william@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of receipt of this notification does not imply a decision by the Agency on this notification.

EPA received a notification from DuPont Agricultural Products of Delaware (352-NMP-A). The proposed small-scale field trials involve the introduction of genetically engineered isolates of nuclear polyhedrosis baculoviruses, which have been genetically engineered to express a synthetic gene which encodes for an insect-specific toxin. The purpose of the proposed testing will be to assess and compare the efficacy of formulated and unformulated genetically engineered constructs, formulated and unformulated wild type nuclear polyhedrosis baculoviruses, and various controls against agriculture pest insects. These tests are similar to testing previously approved by EPA in 1996 (notification 352-NMP-4) and 1997 (notification 352-NMP-5). Following review of DuPont's notification and any comments received in response to this notice, EPA may approve the tests, ask for additional data, require additional modifications to the test protocols, or require an Experimental Use Permit application to be submitted. In

accordance with 40 CFR 172.50, under no circumstances shall the proposed tests proceed until the submitter has received notice from EPA of its approval of such tests.

II. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this document, as well as the public version, has been established for this document under docket control number "OPP-50840" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official record is located at the Virginia address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comment and data will also be accepted on disks in Wordperfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number "OPP-50840." Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Dated: April 29, 1998.

Kathleen F. Knox,

Acting Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00535; FRL-5786-8]

Changes to Registration Priority System Involving Organophosphate (OP) Alternatives and Reduced Risk Candidates

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: EPA is soliciting comments on a draft, updated policy for the prioritization and expedited review of applications for significant OP alternative new active ingredients and new use registration applications for