

20. Western Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. ER99-17-000]

Take notice of that on October 1, 1998, Western Resources, Inc., tendered for filing an agreement between Western Resources and Cargill-Alliant, LLC. Western Resources states that the purpose of the agreement is to permit the customer to take service under Western Resources' market-based power sales tariff on file with the Commission. The agreement is proposed to become effective September 4, 1998.

Copies of the filing were served upon Cargill-Alliant, LLC and the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Comment date: October 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

21. Allegheny Power Service Corp., on Behalf of Monongahela Power Co., the Potomac Edison Company and West Penn Power Company (Allegheny Power)

[Docket No. ER99-18-000]

Take notice that on October 1, 1998, Allegheny Power Service Corporation on behalf of Monongahela Power Company, The Potomac Edison Company and West Penn Power Company (Allegheny Power) filed Supplement No. 4 to add two (2) new Customers to the Market Rate Tariff under which Allegheny Power offers generation services.

Allegheny Power requests a waiver of notice requirements to make service available as of September 30, 1998, to Commonwealth Edison Company and Northeast Utilities Service Company.

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, and all parties of record.

Comment date: October 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

22. USGen New England, Inc.

[Docket No. ER99-19-000]

Take notice that on October 1, 1998, USGen New England, Inc. tendered for filing power sales agreements associated with service under its Rate Schedule FERC No. 1, as required by the Commission in New England Power Company, et al., 82 FERC 61,179 (1998).

Comment date: October 21, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

23. Baltimore Gas and Electric

[Docket No. ES98-49-000]

Take notice that on September 24, 1998, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) submitted an application, under Section 204 of the Federal Power Act, for authorization to issue short-term debt, with not more than \$700 million aggregate principal amount outstanding at any time, on or before December 31, 2000.

Comment date: October 30, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

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 these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 11282-001-RI]

Summit Hydropower, Incorporated; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

October 8, 1998.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for an original license for the Gainer Dam Hydroelectric Project, located in the town of Scituate, Providence County, Rhode Island, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. In the DEA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental

effects of rehabilitating and enlarging an existing project and has concluded that approval of the project, as proposed with additional staff-recommended measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P.

Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street N.E., Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Gainer Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 11282" to the top page of all comments. For any questions concerning preparation of the DEA for this proposed action, please contact Lee Emery, E-mail address, lee.emery@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219-2779, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Hydropower Licensing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP98-794-000]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Fort Lewis/Chehalis Enhancement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

October 8, 1998.

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 9,400 horsepower of temporary compression and appurtenant facilities, proposed in the Fort Lewis/Chehalis Enhancement 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.

This Notice of Intent is also being mailed to adjacent landowners to the

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

compressor station sites. If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law. A fact sheet addressing a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain, is attached to this notice as appendix 1.²

Summary of the Proposed Project

Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) wants to construct and install temporary compressor units and appurtenant facilities at the existing Chehalis Compressor Station and at a proposed new Fort Lewis Compressor Station. Northwest indicates that the proposed project would supplement the existing permanent compression on Northwest's system and increase Northwest's off-peak south flow capacity through the Fort Lewis area by as much as 75 Mdh/d to 130 Mdh/d, depending upon upstream market conditions.

Northwest states that it now owns two portable Solar Centaur compressor units which are currently dedicated to temporarily replacing out-of-service permanent compressor units under existing blanket certificate authority. In the instant application, Northwest requests additional blanket authority to establish a secondary function for these portable compressor units. Northwest requests blanket authority, with pre-granted abandonment, for temporary installation and operation of the existing portable compressor units, one each at the existing Chehalis Compressor Station and at the new Fort Lewis Compressor Station, but only when such portable units are not needed for their primary function of temporarily replacing out-of-service permanent compressor units. Northwest seeks authorization to install:

- A temporary portable 4,700-horsepower Solar Centaur T4700S turbine unit at the existing Chehalis

Compressor Station in Lewis County, Washington; and

- A temporary portable 4,700-horsepower Solar Centaur T4700S turbine unit at the new Fort Lewis Compressor Station located within the Fort Lewis Military Reservation Training Area 11 in the western half of Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 3 East, Pierce County, Washington.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 3.² If you are interested in obtaining procedural information, please write to the Secretary of the Commission.

Land Requirements for Construction

No additional land would be required for the proposed temporary compressor unit at the existing Chehalis Compressor Station. Construction of the proposed new Fort Lewis Compressor Station and appurtenant facilities would require about 3.8 acres of land. Following construction, the Fort Lewis Compressor Station would be about a 2.1-acre fenced site.

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 and wetlands
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Endangered and threatened species
- Land use
- Cultural resources
- Air quality and noise
- 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 our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section on page 4 of this notice.

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

- One federally-listed species, the northern spotted owl, could be present in the project area.
- The project would affect about 3.4 acres in the western hemlock zone, a state GAP Analysis Project high conservation priority area.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations, 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: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., 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. CP98-794-000; and

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.

• Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before November 12, 1998.

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". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. 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 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy 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). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding is on or before October 15, 1998. Parties 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 environmental comments considered. Additional information about the proposed project is available from M. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00556; FRL-6039-9]

State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal Working Committee; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal Working Committee will hold a 2-day meeting, October 26 and 27, 1998. This notice announces the

location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The SFIREG Working Committee on Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal will meet on Monday, October 26, 1998, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 27, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: The Ronald Reagan National Airport Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington-Crystal City, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Elaine Y. Lyon, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs (7506C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington-Crystal City, VA 22202, Crystal Mall 2 (CM #2), (703) 305-5306, (fax) (703) 308-1850; e-mail: lyon.elaine@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The tentative agenda of the SFIREG Working Committee on Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal includes the following:

1. Update on the Pesticide Management Plan.
2. Surface water issues.
3. Aquatic herbicide issues.
4. Aquatic herbicides labeling workgroup.
5. Drinking water levels of concern.
6. Tolerance assessment impacts from water residues under FQPA implementation.
7. Office of Pesticide Programs and Office of Water coordination on water assessments and issues: Goals and an action plan.
8. Use of immunoassay methods in monitoring.
9. Update on pesticide disposal.
10. National Environmental Performance Partnership System.
11. Status of Groundwater Restricted Rule.
12. Reports from committee members.
13. Update from the Office of Pesticide Programs.
14. Update from the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.
15. Other topics as appropriate.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: October 8, 1998.

Bruce A. Sidwell,

Acting Director, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00549; FRL-6025-7]

Pesticides; Notice to Solicit Public Comment on EPA's Proposal to Publish the Registration Division's Fiscal Year 1999 Workplan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is soliciting comments on its proposal to publish the fiscal year 1999 (FY99) workplan for the Registration Division (RD) in keeping with efforts to improve the transparency and flexibility in the pesticide registration process. The Agency is inviting views on the possible benefits and disadvantages of making RD's FY99 workplan publicly available.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 16, 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. 119, 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 III. 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. 119 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: By mail: Rick Keigwin, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 713, Crystal Mall #2, 1921