

Comment date: December 17, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

25. Connecticut Valley Electric Company Inc.

[Docket No. ER99-748-000]

Take notice that on November 27, 1998, Connecticut Valley Electric Company Inc. (Connecticut Valley), tendered for filing the determination of the 1998 payment to Connecticut Valley as provided by the Transmission Service Agreement with Woodsville Water & Light Department (Woodsville) dated December 15, 1975. Such agreement was originally filed in Docket No. ER94-637-000 and designated at Rate Schedule FERC No. 12.

Comment date: December 17, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

26. Florida Keys Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.

[Docket No. ES99-13-000]

Take notice that on November 23, 1998, Florida Keys Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. (FKEC) submitted for filing an application to issue securities pursuant to section 204 of the Federal Powers Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. § 824c, and Part 34 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations (18 CFR Part 34). FKEC's filing is available for public inspection at its offices in Tavernier, Florida.

FKEC respectfully requests that the Commission (1) exempt FKEC from any requirement to use competitive bidding or negotiated placement in relation to the debt, (2) authorize long-term borrowing pursuant to a mortgage, and (3) authorize borrowing pursuant to two credit lines for the two-year period beginning January 4, 1999.

Comment date: December 23, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

27. Tampa Electric Company

[Docket No. OA97-642-000]

Take notice that on November 30, 1998, Tampa Electric Company (Tampa Electric) amended its pending filing in this docket by submitting revised tariff sheets for inclusion in the open access transmission tariff that Tampa Electric filed on July 14, 1997, in compliance with Order No. 888-A.

Tampa Electric states that the tendered tariff sheets: (1) update the tariff administrator's title and address information; (2) correct inadvertent errors and omissions in the text of the tariff; (3) conform the scheduling procedures to current regional practices; and (4) update the specified real power loss factor.

Tampa Electric proposes that the tariff sheets updating the real power loss factor be made effective on May 1, 1998, and that the other tariff sheets be made effective on May 3, 1997, or such other date that the Commission specifies as the effective date for the tariff.

Copies of the amendatory filing have been served on all persons on the official service list in this docket and the Florida Public Service Commission.

Comment date: December 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

[Docket No. CP98-800-000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Revised Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 1999 System Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

December 3, 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 Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company's (Eastern Shore) proposal to construct about 4.5 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline in Chester County, Pennsylvania; 3.5 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline in New Castle County Delaware; and one 1,085 horsepower (hp) compressor unit in New Castle

County proposed in the 1999 System Expansion Project.¹ The application and other supplemental filings in this docket are available for viewing on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.fed.us). Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions.

This EA will be used by the Commission in its decisionmaking process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

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

Eastern Shore seeks authorization for the following:

- Install a 1,085 hp compressor unit at its existing Del City Compressor Station, 3 miles west of Delaware City, New Castle County, Delaware;
- Construct about 4.5 miles of 16-inch-diameter loop in Chester County, Pennsylvania;
- Construct about 3.5 miles of 16-inch-diameter loop in New Castle County, Delaware.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 2.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 56.1 acres of land. Following construction, about 36.1 acres would be maintained as new permanent right-of-way. The remaining 20.0 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

¹ Eastern Shore Natural Gas 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, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

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.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Public safety.
- Air quality and noise.
- Hazardous Waste.

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 pages 4 and 5 of this notice.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention

based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Eastern Shore. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- One federally listed threatened species, the bog turtle, may occur in the proposed project area.
- Nineteen streams and thirteen wetlands would be crossed by the project.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, 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/routes), 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 St., NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.2;
- Reference Docket No. CP98-800-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 4, 1999.

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 3). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file later 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 Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

December 3, 1998.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent license.

b. *Project No.:* 1981-010.

c. *Date filed:* February 25, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* Oconto Electric Cooperative.

e. *Name of Project:* Stiles Project.

f. *Location:* On the Oconto River, near the City of Oconto Falls, Oconto County, Wisconsin. This project would not utilize federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Tony Anderson, General Manager, Oconto Electric Cooperative, 7479 REA Road, P.O. Box 168, Oconto Falls, WI 54154-0168, (920) 846-2816.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Patti Leppert-Slack, E-mail address patricia.leppertslack@ferc.fed.us or telephone (202) 219-2767.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P.