

generic amendment attached hereto, which reflects the changes to LLR approved by the Commission on December 18, 1998. Mid-Continent Area Power Pool, Docket No. ER98-3709-000, 85 FERC ¶ 61,352 (December 16, 1998), clarified, 85 FERC ¶ 61,396 (December 18, 1998) (conforming the nonfirm curtailment priorities of LLR to those set forth in the pro forma tariff). Alliant hereby provides notice that in accordance with the NERC Order it adopts NERC's Transmission Loading Relief Procedures (TLR) for Alliant East. In the event the Commission rejects MAPP's LLR, Alliant will adopt NERC's TLR for both Alliant-West and Alliant-East.

A copy of this filing has been served upon the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, the Iowa Department of Commerce, and the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

*Comment date:* February 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## 25. Cleco Corporation

[Docket No. ER99-1335-000]

Take notice that on January 15, 1999, Cleco Corporation, (Cleco), tendered for filing notice indicating that the Cleco Corporation open access transmission tariff should be considered modified by NERC's TLR Alternative Transmission Tariff Amendment noted as Attachment B in Docket No. EL98-52.

*Comment date:* February 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## 26. Central Vermont Public Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER99-1336-000]

Take notice that on January 15, 1999, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation tendered for filing notification that the ISO-New England, Inc., and the New England Power Pool are responsible for TLR procedures referred to in the above-captioned proceeding.

*Comment date:* February 4, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## 27. Boston Edison Company

[Docket No. ER99-1337-000]

Take notice that on January 15, 1999, Boston Edison Company tendered for filing notification that the ISO-New England, Inc., and the New England Power Pool are responsible for TLR procedures referred to in Docket No. EL98-52-000.

*Comment date:* February 4, 1999, 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 Final Environmental Assessment

January 22, 1999.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) 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 Gainer Dam Hydroelectric Project, located in the town of Scituate, Providence County, Rhode Island, and has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the project. In the FEA, 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 FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. The EA may also be viewed

on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us). Please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-21-000]

### Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Project 2000 and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 22, 1999.

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 Project 2000 involving construction and operation of facilities by Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana.<sup>1</sup> These facilities would consist of about 34.4 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline, and about 53,000 horsepower (hp) of compression. 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. The application and other supplemental filings in this docket are available for viewing on the FERC Internet website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)). Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions.

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

<sup>1</sup> Northern Border's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

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.<sup>2</sup>

### Summary of the Proposed Project

Northern Border requests authorization to:

- Construct about 34.4 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline from Manhattan, Illinois to North Hayden, Indiana;
- Construct two new compressor stations totaling 14,500 hp at existing sites in Johnson County, Iowa and Bureau County, Illinois;
- Increase compression totaling 38,500 hp at three existing compressor stations in Roosevelt County, Montana, McKenzie County, North Dakota, and Grundy County, Iowa;
- Construct a new meter station in Lake County, Indiana; and
- Construct four mainline valves and associated remote blow down valves in Will County, Illinois.

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

### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would disturb about 574.3 acres of primarily agricultural land (including all extra work spaces). All facilities would be within or adjacent to existing rights-of-way. Following construction, about 209.9 acres would be maintained as new permanent pipeline right-of-way. About 44.1 acres would be retained for the aboveground facilities, including 43.0 acres already owned by Northern Border. All areas would be restored after construction, and areas not needed for aboveground facilities would return to their former use.

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

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

- Five federally listed threatened or endangered species may occur in the proposed project area.
- The project would cross 14 perennial streams classified as warmwater fisheries.
- The project would cross 10 wetlands.

- The pipeline facilities would disturb about 485.6 acres of agricultural land.

### 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/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., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.2;
- Reference Docket No. CP99-21-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 22, 1999.

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Information Request (appendix 4). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

### 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

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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 Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://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. Access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission with regard to this docket, such as orders and notices, is also available on the FERC website using the "CIPS" link. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-606-001]

#### Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the CNG Lease Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 22, 1999.

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 CNG Lease Expansion Project involving construction and operation of the facilities by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) in Westmoreland and Juniata Counties, Pennsylvania.<sup>1</sup> These facilities would consist of about 3.98 miles of 36-inch-diameter loop, aboveground facilities to connect the loop to an adjacent existing pipeline; and modifications at an existing compressor station. 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. The application and

other supplemental filings in this docket are available for viewing on the FERC Internet website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)). Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions.

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#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Texas Eastern wants to amend its certificate to change the facilities necessary to provide CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG) leased capacity in the CNG Lease Expansion Project. The facilities would provide up to 19,500 decatherms per day (Dth/d) of leased capacity to CNG. In addition, the facilities would provide up to 50,000 Dth/d of capacity on Texas Eastern's Penn-Jersey System. Texas Eastern seeks authority to:

- Construct 3.98 miles of 36-inch-diameter loop downstream of the Delmont Compressor Station from milepost (MP) 2.90 to MP 6.88 and aboveground facilities to connect the loop to the adjacent existing pipeline facilities in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania; and
- Construct a 30-inch suction valve; remove a 12-inch valve; and install remote control capability on another 12-inch valve at its Perulack Compressor Station in Juniata County, Pennsylvania.

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

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#### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 29.9 acres of land. Following construction, about 12.1 acres would be maintained as new permanent right-of-way (ROW) and new aboveground facility sites. The remaining 17.8 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

#### The EA Process

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