

ACTION: Notice of scoping meeting and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice announces BPA's scoping meeting for its Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This notice also extends the close of comment for scoping from the previously published April 27, 2000, to October 2, 2000. BPA has established this scoping period during which all interested and affected persons and agencies are invited to comment on the scope of the proposed EIS. Scoping will help BPA ensure that a full range of issues related to the development and implementation of this project is addressed in the EIS, and also will identify significant or potentially significant impacts that may result from the project. The Draft EIS is scheduled to be available for review and comment next year.

DATES: Comments may be made at an EIS scoping meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2000, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the address below. At the informal meeting, several members of the project team will be available to answer questions and accept oral and written comments. Written comments may also be sent to the address below no later than Monday, October 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Maple Valley Community Center, 22010 SE 248th Street, Maple Valley, Washington. Send comment letters and requests to be placed on the project mailing list to Communications, Bonneville Power Administration—KC-7, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon, 97212. The phone number of the Communications office is 503-230-3478 in Portland; toll-free 1-800-622-4519 outside of Portland. Comments may also be sent to the BPA Internet address: comment@bpa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lou Driessen, Project Manager, Bonneville Power Administration—TNP-3, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621; phone number: 503-230-5525; or e-mail: lcdriessen@bpa.gov. You may also contact Gene Lynard, Environmental Project Manager, Bonneville Power Administration—KECN-4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621; phone number: 503-230-3790; fax number: 503-230-5699; or e-mail: gplynard@bpa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BPA is preparing an EIS on the proposed construction of a transmission line in central King County, Washington. The

new 500-kilovolt (kV) line would connect an existing transmission line (near the community of Kangley) with our existing Echo Lake Substation, a distance of about nine miles. The major reason for this proposal is to improve system reliability in the King County area. Under normal growth in demand, system instability could develop as early as the winter of 2002-03 with an outage of the existing Raver to Echo Lake 500-kV line. Another reason is to enhance the United States' delivery of power to Canada as required under the Columbia River Treaty of 1961. Several routes are being considered. Four are east of our existing 500-kV line that runs between the Raver and Echo Lake Substations, all of which cross the Cedar River Municipal Watershed. Three possible routes lie west of the watershed. Under all seven options, easements would need to be acquired for new rights-of-way and access roads. Once the environmental review is complete, BPA will decide whether and how to proceed with the project. If BPA decides to proceed, construction would likely begin in 2002.

Maps and further information are available from BPA at the address above.

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Thomas C. McKinney,
NEPA Compliance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted the energy information collection listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and three-year extension under sections 3507(h)(1) and 3506(c) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

The entry contains the following information: (1) The collection numbers and title; (2) a summary of the collection of information, including the sponsor (i.e., the Department of Energy component), current OMB document number (if applicable), type of request

(i.e., new, revision, extension, or reinstatement), and response obligation (i.e., mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits), (3) a description of the need and proposed use of the information; (4) a description of the likely respondents; and (5) an estimate of the total annual reporting burden (i.e., the estimated number of likely respondents times the proposed frequency of response per year times the average hours per response).

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before October 2, 2000. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the time allowed by this notice, you should advise the OMB DOE Desk Officer listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible. The OMB DOE Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-3084. (Also, please notify the EIA contact listed below.)

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Department of Energy Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to the Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Grace Sutherland, Statistics and Methods Group, (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0670. Ms. Sutherland may be contacted by telephone at (202) 426-1068, FAX at (202) 426-1081, or e-mail at Grace.Sutherland@eia.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review was:

1. Forms EIA-851 and EIA-858, "Uranium Data Program"
2. Energy Information Administration; OMB Number 1905-0160; Three-year extension with revisions of currently approved collections; Mandatory
3. EIA's Uranium Data Program collects basic data necessary to meet EIA's legislative mandates as well as the needs of EIA's public and private customers. Data collected include uranium exploration, reserves, production, processing, and marketing. The data are used for analyses and publications. Respondents are companies comprising the U.S. uranium industry.
4. Business or other for-profit
5. 2,424 hours (18.36 hours per response x 1.22 responses per year x 108 respondents).

Statutory Authority: Sections 3507(h)(1) and 3506(c) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

Issued in Washington, DC, August 24, 2000.

Jay H. Casselberry,

Agency Clearance Officer, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-503-000]

Crossroads Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

August 25, 2000.

Take notice that on August 21, 2000, Crossroads Pipeline Company (Crossroads), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1 the following revised tariff sheets to be effective March 27, 2000.

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 6
First Revised Sheet No. 60
First Revised Sheet No. 61
First Revised Sheet No. 62
First Revised Sheet No. 63
First Revised Sheet No. 69

Crossroads indicated the that the purpose of the filing is to comply with the requirements of Order Nos. 637 and 637-A with respect to the revised rules governing capacity releases.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/>

rims.htm (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-502-000]

Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

August 25, 2000.

Take notice that on August 21, 2000, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1 the following revised tariff sheets to be effective March 27, 2000.

Third Revised Sheet No. 297
Second Revised Sheet No. 300
Second Revised Sheet No. 301

Granite State indicated that the purpose of the filing is to comply with the requirements of Order Nos. 637 and 637-A with respect to the revised rules governing capacity releases.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/> rims.htm (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP00-428-000 and RP91-143-050]

Great Lakes Gas Transmission; Notice of Extension of Comment Period

August 25, 2000.

On August 21, 2000, the Public Service Commission of the State of New York (New York), filed a request for an extension of time to September 5, 2000, within which to file comments in the above-docketed proceeding. New York avers it only recently learned of the subject filing and needs more time to secure a copy and an opportunity to review it. As more fully detailed below, New York's motion is granted.

On July 31, 2000, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) filed a Joint Stipulation and Agreement Regarding Rates (Settlement) pursuant to Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures. In its motion, New York further states it has an interest in the proceeding as it impacts the terms of service and the rates charged ratepayers in the state of New York.

Upon consideration, notice is hereby given that an extension of time within which parties may file comments in the above-docketed proceeding is granted. Initial Comments on the Settlement will now be due on September 5, 2000, and Reply Comments will now be due on September 14, 2000.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP00-40-000 and -001]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Supplemental Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed FGT Phase V Expansion Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting and Site Visit

August 25, 2000.

On August 1, 2000, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) filed, in Docket No. CP00-40-001, to amend its pending application for the Phase V