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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP02-6-000]

Trunkline Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

October 4, 2001.

Take notice that on October 1, 2001, Trunkline Gas Company (Trunkline) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed in Appendix A attached to the filing, to become effective November 1, 2001.

Trunkline states that this filing is being made in accordance with Section 22 (Fuel Reimbursement Adjustment) of Trunkline's FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1. The revised tariff sheets listed on Appendix A reflect: a 0.38% increase (Field Zone to Zone 2), a 0.39% increase (Zone 1A to Zone 2), a 0.33% increase (Zone 1B to Zone 2), a 0.12% increase (Zone 2 only), a 0.52% increase (Field Zone to Zone 1B), a 0.53% increase (Zone 1A to Zone 1B), a 0.47% increase (Zone 1B only), a 0.31% increase (Field Zone to Zone 1A), a 0.32% increase (Zone 1A only) and a 0.25% increase (Field Zone only) to the currently effective fuel reimbursement percentages.

Trunkline states that copies of this filing are being served on all affected shippers and interested state regulatory agencies.

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, NE., Washington, DC 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

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[Project No. 4515-010 and -014]

E.R. Jacobson; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

October 4, 2001.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects staff has reviewed the application for an amendment of license for the Jacobson Hydro No. 1 Project (FERC No. 4515-010 and -014). A final environmental assessment (FEA) is available for public review. The FEA was attached to an Order Amending License and Lifting Stay (96 FERC ¶ 61,298) issued and distributed by the Commission on September 13, 2001. The project is located on the Colorado River near the town of Palisade, Mesa County, Colorado. The FEA finds that approval of the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The FEA was written by staff in the Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the FEA are available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 or by calling (202) 208-1371. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. The FEA may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the

instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP98-150-000, et al. and CP98-151-000]

Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P., Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for The Proposed Millennium Pipeline Project

October 4, 2001.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Millennium Pipeline Company (Millennium) and Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) in the above-referenced dockets.

The FEIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project with the appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact. The FEIS also evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including an alternative called the ConEd Offset/Taconic Parkway Alternative that is preferred; major route alternatives, including system alternatives; and route variations.

The FEIS addresses the potential environmental effects of:

1. Construction and operation of these facilities in New York:

- 373.5 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline;
- 43.8 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline;
- 3 measurement and regulating stations and 1 regulator station; and
- associated pipeline facilities, including pipeline and block valves, pig launchers and receivers, blowdown valves, and cathodic protection rectifier beds.

2. Acquisition from Columbia of:

- 6.7 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Rockland County, New York, that would be used for the new pipeline system between mileposts 376.4 and 383.3; and

- 20.1 miles of laterals and 28 metering and regulation stations in New York and Pennsylvania, and one compressor station in Pennsylvania.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to transport about 700,000 decatherms per day of natural gas to eight transportation customers with delivery points in the State of New York.

The FEIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the FEIS have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, individuals who have requested the FEIS, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding. Copies of the Executive Summary have been mailed to individuals who filed form letters but did not request a copy of the FEIS.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.gov) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

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. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP01-384-000 and CP01-387-000]

Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.C., Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Site Visit and Summary of Scoping Issues; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

October 4, 2001.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Islander East Pipeline Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues (NOI) on July 3, 2001, stating that we¹ would prepare either an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed project. The Islander East Pipeline Project would involve construction of facilities by Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Islander East) and related facilities constructed by Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) in New Haven County, Connecticut and Suffolk County, New York.² Islander East's facilities would consist of about 50.4 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline and lateral, including 22.6 miles offshore in Long Island Sound, and three new meter stations. Algonquin would retest and uprate about 27.4 miles of its existing pipelines from Cheshire to North Haven, Connecticut, and construct a new compressor station.

In the NOI, we solicited public comments to identify significant environmental issues that would be used in deciding whether an EA or EIS would be prepared. Based on the issues raised, we have decided to proceed with preparation of an EIS for this project.

Summary of Issues Identified

We have received over 70 letters or interventions from concerned landowners, state and local agencies, townships, and environmental groups. The issues raised are summarized into the following general categories:

Need for Project and Location

What is the need for the project and how would it benefit their areas

¹ "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

² The Islander East and Algonquin applications were filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

(especially in Connecticut)? Prefer various other alternatives, including ones away from their communities; an alternative Long Island Sound crossing location; following more existing pipelines or roads; and use of existing capacity.

Landowner Issues

Proximity to homes—property devaluation, safety, noise from construction activities and the directional drill; septic system impacts from poor drainage; drinking water well disruption or contamination; blasting impacts to the granite/bedrock and potential for foundation cracking; disruption near a school; previous damage from Algonquin pipeline installation; and unauthorized all terrain vehicle (ATV) usage along the pipeline right-of-way (ROW).

Tidal and Inland Ecological Impacts

Potential for impacts to tidal and inland wetlands and wildlife preserves including the Central Pine Barrens in New York and compatibility with the Long Island Pine Barrens Protection Act; impacts to surface water and groundwater drainage; invasive species introduction; wildlife impacts; soil erosion/sedimentation impacts from tree and upland buffer removal; impacts to threatened and endangered species/desire for species surveys; impacts to the Carmans and Peconic Rivers; Islander East's adherence to local environmental regulations; impacts from pesticides; and impacts to the Thimble Islands.

Human and Socioeconomic Impacts

Tourism and recreational impacts to local towns; economic and social impacts; proximity to Branford Steam Railroad (new open corridor and safety concerns); procedures for handling a gas emergency (concern that some volunteer fire departments could not handle a gas emergency); impacts to public lands preserved for open spaces or beaches in the affected towns; future zoning/development issues; noise impacts from screening tree removal along Interstate 95; and scenic highways/visual impacts.

Long Island Sound Ecological Impacts

Impacts to the ecosystem of the Long Island Sound including impacts to shellfish, lobsters, and commercial fishing; directional drilling impacts on shellfish beds in the event of a frac-out or spill; spawning and nesting windows; impacts from anchoring and cable sweep from barges; general water quality degradation; and a preference for complete burial of the underwater pipeline.