

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 12667-029]

**City of Hamilton, Ohio American Municipal Power, Inc.; Notice of Application for Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene**

April 28, 2010.

On February 26, 2010, City of Hamilton, Ohio (Hamilton) and American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) filed an application for a partial transfer of license of the Meldahl Hydroelectric Project No. 12677. The project would be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Captain Anthony Meldahl Lock and Dam on the Ohio River, near the City of Augusta, Bracken County, Kentucky.

Applicants seek Commission approval to transfer the license for the Meldahl Project from Hamilton to Hamilton and AMP.

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*FERC Contact:* Patricia W. Gillis, (202) 502-8735.

*Deadline for filing comments and motions to intervene:* 30 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments and motions to intervene may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii)(2009) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. More information about this project can be viewed or printed on the eLibrary link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-12667-029) in the docket number field to access the document. For

assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. PF10-7-000]

**Questar Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Mainline 104 Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

April 29, 2010.

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 Mainline 104 Expansion Project, involving construction and operation of facilities by Questar Pipeline Company (Questar) in Uintah County, Utah. 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 announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on May 29, 2010.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

**Summary of the Planned Project**

Questar plans to construct and operate about 23.3 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Uintah County, Utah. The Mainline 104 Expansion

Project would loop<sup>1</sup> the western end of Questar's existing Mainline 40 between its existing Green River Block Valve and its Fidler Compressor Station. According to Questar, its project would allow existing shippers to amend the primary receipt-point capacity eastward to Fidler.

*The Mainline 104 Expansion Project would consist of the following facilities:*

- 23.5 miles of 24-inch-diameter looping pipeline;
- four mainline block valves;
- two pig launchers/receivers;<sup>2</sup>
- six taps; and
- minor modifications at the existing Fidler Compressor Station.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>3</sup>

**Land Requirements for Construction**

Construction of the planned facilities would disturb about 336 acres of land for the above ground facilities and the pipeline. Following construction, about 142 acres would be maintained for permanent operation of the project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and allowed to revert to former uses. About 70 percent of the planned pipeline route parallels existing pipeline, utility, or road rights-of-way.

**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<sup>4</sup> to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as scoping. The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received will be considered during the preparation of the EA.

*In the EA, we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the*

<sup>1</sup> A pipeline loop is constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity.

<sup>2</sup> A "pig" is a tool that is inserted into and moves through the pipeline, and is used for cleaning the pipeline, internal inspections, or other purposes.

<sup>3</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

<sup>4</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.