

Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) attached as appendix 2.

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by § 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 scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. John Wisniewski, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-1073.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP95-118-000]

East Tennessee Natural Gas Co.; Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Roanoke Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

February 7, 1995.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or the Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the Roanoke Expansion Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is required and whether or not to approve the project.

Summary of the Proposed Project

East Tennessee Natural Gas Company (East Tennessee) wants Commission authorization to construct and operate 5.2 miles of pipeline loop to provide Roanoke Gas Company, in Roanoke, Virginia, with up to 9,789 decatherms per day of continued firm transportation service. East Tennessee's proposed facilities would consist of:

- 5.2 miles of 12-inch-diameter loops in Washington county, Virginia (3.06 miles of loop between milepost (MP) 3311-1+0.04 and MP 3311-1+3.10 and 2.14 miles of loop between MP 3310-1+8.82 and MP 3310-1+10.96); and
- A 980-horsepower uprate of existing compressor units at East Tennessee's Compressor Station 3110 in Wartburg, Morgan County, Tennessee.

¹ East Tennessee Natural Gas Company's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

The locations of these facilities are shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

The proposed loops would be built adjacent to existing pipeline rights-of-way (ROW). The construction ROW would typically be 75 feet wide consisting of a 50-foot-wide permanent ROW and a 25-foot-wide temporary ROW. Following construction, the disturbed area would be restored and the 25 feet of temporary ROW would be allowed to revert to its former land 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 taken into account 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
- Land use
- Cultural resources
- Hazardous waste
- Air quality and noise

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

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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 recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

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 East Tennessee. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list; the list of issues will be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our own analysis. Issues are:

- One wetland (palustrine forested/scrub-shrub/emergent) and six small perennial streams would be affected.
- There is one residence and one cemetery located within 50 feet of the construction ROW.
- There may be additional noise impact on nearby noise-sensitive areas from the uprate in compression at Compressor Station 3110.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter with your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP95-118-000;
- Send a *copy* of your letter to: Mr. John Wisniewski, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., N.E. Room 7312, Washington, D.C. 20426; and

• Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before March 10, 1995.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Mr. Wisniewski at the above address.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". 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 copies of its filings to all other parties. 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) attached as appendix 2.

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Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. John Wisniewski, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-1073.

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Northern Natural Gas Co.; Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed East Leg Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

February 7, 1995.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or the Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the East Leg Expansion Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether to approve the project.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) wants to expand the capacity of its facilities in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin to transport an additional

¹ Northern 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.

107,600 million British thermal units per day of natural gas to four local distribution companies and one electric cogeneration plant. Northern requests Commission authorization, in Docket No. CP95-130-000, to construct and operate the following facilities needed to transport those volumes:

Phase I Facilities (1995)

- 6,000 horsepower (hp) of electric motor-driven compression at the new Hubbard Compressor Station in Hardin County, Iowa;
- Modification and repiping of the existing Waterloo Compressor Station in Black Hawk County, Iowa;
- 14,000 hp of gas turbine-driven compression at the new Earlville Compressor Station in Delaware County, Iowa;
- A new Quad Cities town border station (TBS) in Dubuque County, Iowa for deliveries to the Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company;
- Modification of the existing Galena Compressor Station in Jo Daviess County, Illinois;
- Modification of the existing Beloit TBS near Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin for deliveries to the Wisconsin Power and Light Company; and
- A new LS Power TBS in Walworth County, Wisconsin for Deliveries to the LS Power-Whitewater Limited Partnership (LS Power).

Phase II Facilities (1996)

- 3,200 hp of compression (two 1,600-hp gas turbine-driven compressors) at the new Belleville Compressor Station in Green County, Wisconsin.

The general location of the project facilities and specific locations for facilities on new sites are shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 26.9 acres of land. Following construction about 8.6 acres would be maintained as new above-ground facility sites. The remaining 18.3 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

The EA Process

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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
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- Vegetation and wildlife
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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.

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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. Keep in mind that this is a

³ According to the applicant, the project will not affect any waters of the United States. We will report any potential impacts, or their absence, under this heading.