appeal periods to run concurrently. Should the Commission issue Maritimes a Certificate for the proposed action, it would be subject to a 30-day rehearing period.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208–1088.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96–153–004]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statements for the Proposed Amended North Alabama Pipeline Project

June 19, 1998.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this Draft Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Supplement) for the North Alabama Pipeline Project and it addresses the environmental impact of the amended natural gas pipeline project proposed by Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) in the above-referenced docket.

The staff prepared the Supplement to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that the Amended North Alabama Pipeline Project would result in limited adverse environmental impact if it is constructed as planned and with the additional mitigation recommended in this Supplement. This document supplements the *North Alabama Pipeline Project Final Environmental Impact Statement* (FEIS) that was noticed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register** on May 30, 1997. The Supplement only examines the route changes north of milepost 95.25 (about milepost 91.2 of the route previously studied in the FEIS). There are no changes in the facilities south of milepost 95.25.

The Supplement assesses the potential environmental effects of construction and operation of the following Southern facilities:

- About 27.1 miles of interstate natural gas pipeline (26.9 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline and 0.2 mile of 12-inch-diameter pipeline); and
- Two new meter stations, and related facilities.

Facilities required by two local distribution companies to receive natural gas from Southern are also examined.

The purpose of Southern's proposed facilities would be to transport a total of 69,000 thousand cubic feet per day of natural gas to one existing and two new customers in northern Alabama.

Comment Procedure

Written Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the Supplement may do so. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Reference *Docket No. CP96–153–004;*
- Send *two* copies of your comments to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A, Washington, D.C. 20426.
- Label *one* copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch II, PR 11.2; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before *August 10, 1998.*

Public Meeting Schedule

A public meeting to receive comments on the Supplement will be held on July 30, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the: Hartselle Civic Center, 406 Nanceford Road, Hartselle, AL 35640.

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the environmental impacts described in the Supplement. Anyone who would like to speak at the public meeting may get on the speakers list by signing up at the public meeting. Priority will be given to persons representing groups. A transcript will be made of the meeting.

After these comments are reviewed, any significant new issues are investigate, and modifications are made to the draft Supplement, a final Supplement will contain the staff's responses to timely comments received on the draft Supplement.

The Supplement 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, D.C. 20426, (202) 208–1371.

A limited number of copies are available at this location.

Copies of the Supplement have been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding. Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person may file a timely motion to intervene during the comment period on the basis of the Commission staff's draft Supplement (see 18 CFR 380.106 and 385.214). *You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.*

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208–1088.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 2699–001, 2019–017, 11452–000, 11563–002, and 11477–000 California]

Utica Power Authority and Northern California Power Agency; Notice of Intent to Conduct Public Scoping Meetings and Site Visit

June 19, 1998.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) received applications from Utica Power Authority and Northern California Power Agency (applicants) to relicense the Angels, Utica, and Upper Utica Projects as follows:

Project No.	Project name	Applicant
—2699–001	Angels	Utica Power Authority.
—2019–017	Utica	Utica Power Authority.
11452–000	Angels	Northern California Power Agency.
11477–000	Utica	Northern California Power Agency.

Project No.	Project name	Applicant
11563–000	Upper Utica	Northern California Power Agency.

The projects are located in Calaveras, Alpine, and Toulumne Counties, California. The Commission will hold agency and public scoping meetings on July 22, and 23, 1998, for preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the issuance of licenses for the projects.

Scoping Meetings

FERC staff will conduct one agency scoping meeting and two public meetings. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGO) concerns, while the public scoping meetings are primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or all the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Agency Meeting

Wednesday, July 22, 1998, 10:00 am, Bret Harte High School, Music Room, 364 Murphys Grade Road, Angels Camp, California

Public Meetings

Wednesday, July 22, 1998 7:00 pm, Bret Harte High School Music Room, 364 Murphys Grade Road, Angels Camp, California

Thursday, July 23, 1998, 7:00 pm, Bear Valley Lodge, 3 Bear Valley Road, Bear Valley, California

To help focus discussions, we will distribute a Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed at the meetings to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 also will be available at the scoping meetings.

Site Visit

The applicants and Commission staff will conduct project site visits as follows:

Angels and Utica Projects

Tuesday, July 21, 1998 9:00 am.

Meet in front of the Utica Power Authority Building, 1168 Booster Way, Angels Camp, California.

Those interested in participating should contact Mr. Dennis Dickman at (209) 754–4230 in advance.

Upper Utica Project

Thursday, July 23, 1998 10:00 am.

Meet in front of the Bear Valley Lodge, 3 Bear Valley Road, Bear Valley, California.

Those interested in participating should contact: Mr. Hari Modi at (916) 781–4204 in advance.

All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend. All participants are responsible for their own transportation to the sites.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the relative depth of analysis for issues to be addressed in the EA; and (5) identify resources issues that are of lesser importance, and, therefore, do not require detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the projects. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to clearly identify themselves for the record. Speaking time for attendees at the meetings will be determined before the meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session. All speakers will be provided at least 5 minutes to present their views.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EA.

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on the issues, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record at the meeting. In addition, written scoping comments may be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, not later than August 24, 1998. All filings should contain an original and eight copies, and must clearly show at the top of the first page the project names(s) and project number(s).

For further information, please contact Hector M. Perez at (202) 219–2843.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of National Strategy for the Development of Regional Nutrient Criteria

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of National Strategy for the Development of Regional Nutrient Criteria, and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the availability of a National Strategy for the Development of Regional Nutrient Criteria. The Strategy describes the aspproach the Agency is taking to develop scientific information relating to nutrient overenrichment of the Nation's surface waters and to working with States to assure that State water quality standards reflect this nutrient information.

This Strategy has been through Agency review and external peer review. If you have comments on this document please provide them to the address below. They will be addressed in future updates of the Strategy.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted to the person listed by August 24, 1998.

Comments should be sent to: Nicholas A. Baer, Health and Ecological Criteria Division (4304), Office of Science and Technology, Office of Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460.

ADDRESSES: This notice contains a summary of the National Strategy for the Development of Regional Nutrient Criteria. Copies of the complete document or a fact sheet summarizing the Strategy may be obtained from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,