

8. Bridgeport Harbor Power LLC, New Haven Harbor Power LLC, NRG Connecticut Power Assets LLC

[Docket Nos. ER01-1257-000, ER01-1258-000, ER01-1259-000]

Take notice that on February 20, 2001, Bridgeport Harbor Power LLC, New Haven Harbor Power LLC, and NRG Connecticut Power Assets LLC, [together the Applicants], limited liability corporations organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, filed, under section 205 of the Federal Power Act, requests that for each of the Applicants the Commission (1) accept for filing proposed market-based FERC Rate Schedules; (2) grant blanket authority to make market-based wholesale sales of capacity and energy under their appropriate FERC Rate Schedules; (3) grant authority to sell ancillary services at market-based rates within the New England Power Pool, as well as the control areas of the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. and the PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.; and (4) grant such waivers and blanket authorizations as the Commission has granted in the past to other nonfranchised entities with market-based rate authority.

Comment date: March 13, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2146-081 Alabama]

Alabama Power Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

February 26, 2001.

A final environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The final EA analyzes the environmental impacts of Alabama Power Company's application for a temporary variance to maintain water levels in Neely Henry Reservoir is part of the Coosa River Hydroelectric Project on the Coosa River in Calhoun, St. Clair and Etowah Counties, Alabama. This project does not occupy any federal lands.

The final EA was written by staff in the Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In our final EA, Commission staff conclude that approving Alabama Power Company's application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Copies of our final EA can be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rim.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. Copies are also available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-165-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Sundance Expansion Project

February 22, 2001.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline and compressor facilities proposed by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) in the above referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff

concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of Transco's proposed pipeline loops and the related expansion and modification of compressor units. Transco's proposed Sundance Expansion Project would include:

- A total of approximately 38 miles of 42-inch and 48-inch diameter pipeline looping¹ in four separate locations on existing pipelines;
- Piping modifications to existing Compressor Station No. 105;
- The addition of one new 18,975 horsepower (hp) electric motor-driven compressor, the uprating of an existing 15,000 hp electric motor-driven compressor, and the uprating of an existing 16,500 hp electric motor-driven compressor to 18,975 hp at the existing Compressor Station No. 115, thus increasing total certificated compression at the facility to 56,925 hp;
- The addition of one new 15,000 hp gas turbine-driven natural gas compressor and the uprating of an existing 4,000 hp compressor to 4,800 hp at existing Compressor Station No. 125, thus increasing total compression at the facility to 38,800 hp;
- The addition of gas coolers to the existing Compressor Station No. 150;
- The Installation of various pig launcher/receiver facilities and mainline block valves at the beginnings and ends of the proposed loops, with additional mainline block valves installed as needed on the loops.

The Sundance Expansion Project also includes nonjurisdictional facilities. These include a 6.5-mile-long, 24-inch-diameter pipeline (Wansley Lateral) from a tap on Transco's Mainline System at milepost 1000.9 to a planned electric generating facility (Wansley Plant) in Heard County, Georgia, set for commencement of service on June 1, 2002; and an 81.7-mile-long, 30-inch-diameter pipeline (Richmond Lateral) from a tap on Transco's Mainline System at milepost 1286.96 to an electric generating facility (Richmond Plant) in Richmond County, North Carolina, that is presently under construction.

Transco's proposed Sundance Expansion Project would expand the capacity of its existing mainline system

¹ A loop is a segment of pipeline that is installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it on both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the pipeline system.

to transport an additional 236,383 dekatherms per day of natural gas to accommodate firm transportation service.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and 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 EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Hydro Group;
- Reference Docket No. CP00-165-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before March 16, 2001.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentator a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-0004 or on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.fed.us) 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Declaration of Intention and Soliciting Comments Motions To Intervene, and Protests

February 26, 2001.

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Petition for Declaration of Intention.

b. *Docket No:* DI01-6-000.

c. *Date Filed:* February 8, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Northern Illinois Hydropower.

e. *Name of Project:* Brandon Road Hydropower Plant.

f. *Location:* The Brandon Road Hydropower Plant is located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Brandon Road Lock and Dam on the Illinois Waterway, in Will County, near Joliet, Illinois. The project does not occupy additional federal or Tribal land.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 817(b).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Dennis Cohil, 801 Oakland Avenue, Joliet, IL 60435, telephone (815) 723-6314, Fax number; (815) 725-5687 E-Mail damonzdunich@aol

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Henry Ecton at (202) 219-2678, or E-mail address: henry.ecton@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and/or motions:* March 26, 2001.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. Comments and protests 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 at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>

Please include the docket number (DI01-6-000) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed project will consist of: (1) A 61-foot-long by 90-foot-wide powerhouse; (2) three 3,000 mm tubulat turbines, with a rated capacity of 9.9 MW; and (3) appurtenant facilities. The power produced will be sold into an interstate grid.

When a Declaration of Intention is filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Power Act requires the Commission to investigate and determine if the interests of interstate or foreign commerce would be affected by the project. The Commission also determines whether or not the project: (1) Would be located on a navigable waterway; (2) would occupy or affect public lands or reservations of the United States; (3) would utilize surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) if applicable, has involved or would involve any construction subsequent to 1935 that may have increased or would increase the project's head or generating capacity, or have otherwise significantly modified the project's pre-1935 design or operation.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room located at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h. above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Protests or Motions to Intervene—* Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—* Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "Comments", "Recommendations for Terms and