and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

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. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01–384–000 and CP01–387–000]

Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.C., Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Islander East Pipeline Project

August 21, 2002.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Islander East Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Islander East) and Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) in the above-referenced docket.

The final EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The staff concludes that approval of the proposed Project with appropriate mitigating measures, as recommended, would result in limited adverse environmental impacts. The final EIS evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including system alternatives, route alternatives, and route variations.

The final EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities in New Haven County, Connecticut and Suffolk County, New York.

Algonquin's facilities would consist of:

- A new 12,028 horsepower Cheshire Compressor Station in New Haven County, Connecticut;
- The removal of two launchers from an existing mainline valve and interconnect facility in New Haven County, Connecticut;
- Retest and upgrade of about 27.4 miles of the existing C–1 and C–1L mainline in New Haven County, Connecticut; and
- An anomaly investigation along about 0.1 mile of the C–1 and C–1L mainline in New Haven County, Connecticut.

Islander East's facilities would consist of:

- About 44.8 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline from New Haven County, Connecticut to KeySpan Energy's existing facility in Suffolk County, New York;
- About 5.6 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline (the Calverton Lateral) in Suffolk County, New York to a planned power plant in Calverton, New York;
- Three new meter stations: the North Haven Meter Station, the Brookhaven Meter Station, and the AES Calverton Meter Station; and
- Five mainline valves (two in Connecticut and three in New York).

The purpose of the Islander East Pipeline Project is to provide transportation service for 285,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas from supply areas, including eastern Canada, to energy markets in Connecticut and New York (specifically Long Island and New York City).

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

A limited number of copies of the final EIS are available from the Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch identified above. In addition, the final EIS has been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, public interest groups, individuals, and affected landowners who requested a copy of the final EIS; public libraries; newspapers; and parties to this proceeding.

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, no agency decision on a proposed action may be made until 30 days after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes a notice of availability of an FEIS. However, the CEQ regulations provide an exception to this rule when an agency decision is subject to a formal internal appeal process which allows other agencies or the public to make their views known. In such cases, the agency decision may be made at the same time the notice of the FEIS is published, allowing both periods to run concurrently. The Commission decision for this proposed action is subject to a 30-day rehearing period.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1–866–208–FERC (1–866–208–3372) or on the FERC Web site (*http://www.ferc.gov*).[1] Click on the ''FERRIS'' link, enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the [Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance with FERRIS, the FERRIS helpline can be reached at (202) 502–8222, TTY (202) 208–1659. The application and supplemental filings in these dockets are available for viewing on FERRIS.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11942–001]

Hammond Hydroelectric Company; Notice of Surrender of Preliminary Permit

August 22, 2002.

Take notice that Hammond Hydroelectric Company, permittee for the proposed Big Creek Hydroelectric Project, has requested that its preliminary permit be terminated. The permit was issued on July 30, 2001, and would have expired on June 30, 2004. The project would have been located on Big Creek in Custer and Lemhi Counties, Idaho.

The permittee filed the request on July 24, 2002, and the preliminary permit for Project No. 11942 shall remain in effect through the thirtieth day after issuance of this notice unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday as described in 18 CFR 385.2007, in which case the permit shall

[1] On October 11, 2001, the Commission announced that, as the result of the September 11 terrorist attacks, the FERC would limit access to certain public documents (PL01–2–000). Documents containing specific information on energy facilities would not be available through its web site or on its public reference room. Individuals requiring such information are directed to file Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

remain in effect through the first business day following that day. New applications involving this project site, to the extent provided for under 18 CFR part 4, may be filed on the next business day.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Temporary Variance Request and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

August 22, 2002.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Request for Temporary Variance of Minimum Flow Requirement.

b. *Project No.:* 405–056.

c. *Date Filed:* August 15, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* Susquehanna Electric Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Conowingo Project.

f. *Location:* On the Susquehanna River, in Harford and Cecil Counties, Maryland and York and Lancaster Counties, Pennsylvania. The project does not utilize federal or tribal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 4.200.

h. *Applicant Contact:* John J. McCormick, Jr., Plant Manager, Susquehanna Electric Company, 2569 Shures Landing Road, Darlington, MD 21034, (410) 457–2401.

i. *FERC Contact:* John K. Novak, john.novak@ferc.gov, (202) 502–6076.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene and protest:* September 6, 2002.

Please include the project number (P–405–056) on any comments or motions filed. All documents (original and seven copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. 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. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. Please include the project number (P–405–056) on any comments or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Application:* Susquehanna Electric Company (SEC) has requested Commission approval of a variance of the minimum flow requirement of the project license. Due to drought conditions and low river flows in the Susquehanna River, SEC requests that it be allowed immediately to include plant leakage of about 800 cubic feet per second (cfs) in the required minimum flow discharge until November 30, 2002, or until flow conditions improve where the Conowingo Project no longer requires leakage be included as part of the minimum flow requirement. According to the license, for the period June 1 through September 14, annually, SEC must provide a minimum flow release (not including leakage) below the dam of 5,000 cfs, or inflow (as measured at the USGS gage at Marietta, PA), whichever is less. During the fall period, September 15 through November 30, SEC is required to release a minimum flow of 3,500 cfs not including leakage, or inflow to the project whichever is less, as measured at the Marietta gage.

The SEC is concerned about the ability of the Conowingo Project to maintain an adequate pond level and storage capacity during the current low flow period. Maintaining storage is necessary for generation and to ensure an adequate water supply for recreational and consumptive uses of the Conowingo Reservoir to include operation of Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station and Muddy Run Pumped Storage Project. Including plant leakage in the minimum flow discharge will contribute to the maintenance of these project water uses during this low flow period. During the period of the minimum flow variance the SEC will conduct daily monitoring of the Susquehanna River below the project for potential environmental effects. If any abnormal or adverse conditions are observed the SEC will promptly notify the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

l. *Locations of the Application:* Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http:www.ferc.gov* using the ''FERRIS'' link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance call (202) 502–8222 or for TTY (202) 208–1659.

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

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 385.2114. 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.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title ''COMMENTS'', ''RECOMMENDATION FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS'', ''PROTESTS, OR MOTION TO INTERVENE'', as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Agency Comments—Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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