

Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect an electric transmission line across the U.S. border with Mexico. The proposed action has the potential to impact on a floodplain/wetlands. In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain/wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR Part 1022), a floodplain or wetlands assessment will be performed for the proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within potentially affected floodplain and wetlands.

**DATES:** Comments are due to the address below no later than July 30, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments, questions about the proposed action, and requests to review the draft environmental assessment should be directed to: Ellen Russell, Office of Coal & Power Import/Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350. Fax: (202) 287-5736, or e-mail: [Ellen.Russell@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Ellen.Russell@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Richard Ahern (Program Attorney—NEPA) 202-586-3692.

*For Further Information on General DOE Floodplain and Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements Contact:* Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0119; Phone: 202-586-4600 or leave a message at 800-472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and 10 CFR Part 1022, Compliance with Floodplain-Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements ([http://tis-nt.eh.doe.gov/nepa/tools/regulate/nepa\\_reg/1022/1022.htm](http://tis-nt.eh.doe.gov/nepa/tools/regulate/nepa_reg/1022/1022.htm)), notice is given that DOE is considering an application from Sharyland for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain and connect a 138,000-kilovolt (138-kV) transmission lines across the U.S. border with Mexico in the vicinity of McAllen and Mission, Texas, to interconnect with similar facilities of the Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national electric utility of Mexico. Notice of filing of the Sharyland Presidential permit application appeared in the **Federal Register** on October 2, 2003 (68 FR 56825).

Before making a final decision on granting or denying a Presidential permit, DOE will prepare an

environmental assessment (EA) to address the environmental impacts that would accrue from the proposed project and reasonable alternatives. The EA will be prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Because the proposed action has the potential to impact on a floodplain/wetlands, the EA will include a floodplain and wetlands assessment. A floodplain statement of findings will be included in any Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) that may be issued following completion of the EA. Copies of the EA and FONSI may be requested by telephone, facsimile, or e-mail from the address given above.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-388-000]

#### Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Tariff Filing

July 9, 2004.

Take notice that on July 1, 2004, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1 and First Revised Volume No. 2, the revised tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, to become effective August 1, 2004.

Algonquin states that the purpose of this filing is to reduce the Gas Research Institute (GRI) surcharges to zero effective August 1, 2004 in compliance with the January 21, 1998, Stipulation and Agreement Concerning GRI Funding (Settlement) approved by the Commission in *Gas Research Institute*, 83 FERC ¶ 61,093 (1998), *order on reh'g*, 83 FERC ¶ 61,331 (1998).

Algonquin states that by letter dated May 25, 2004, GRI notified its member companies that actual collections under the funding surcharges approved by the Commission are projected to reach the approved amounts provided for in the Settlement by August 1, 2004.

Algonquin states that copies of the filing have been served upon all affected customers of Algonquin and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion

to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the e-Filing link.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-369-000]

#### ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 9, 2004.

Take notice that on July 1, 2004, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), filed in Docket No. CP04-369-000 an application pursuant to ANR's blanket authority granted on September 30, 1982, in Docket No. CP82-480-000 for authorization to construct and operate a delivery point to serve an end-user, located in Rock County, Wisconsin, as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

ANR proposes to construct, own and operate facilities necessary to deliver natural gas to serve Frito-Lay Inc.'s (Frito-Lay) plant in Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin. ANR proposes to install a 4-inch hot tap on its 8-inch Line 2-210, which will serve as a bypass of the Wisconsin Power and Light Company, the local distribution company currently