

12. Cross-Sound Cable Company, LLC

[Docket No. ER03-600-000]

Take notice that on March 3, 2003, Cross-Sound Cable Company, LLC (CSC LLC) filed revised procedures for customers to reassign their firm transmission rights over the Cross Sound Cable (CSC). TransEnergie U.S., Ltd. filed procedures for the reassignment of CSC transmission rights in Docket No. ER00-1-002 on July 3, 2000 in compliance with the Commission's June 1, 2000 order, 91 FERC § 61,230 approving negotiated rates for transmission service over the CSC. CSC LLC requests that the Commission allow the new reassignment right procedures to become effective March 3, 2003.

CSC LLC states that a copy of this filing has been mailed to each person designated on the official service list complied by the Secretary of the Commission in Docket No. ER00-1-002.

Comment Date: March 24, 2003.

13. San Diego Gas & Electric Company

[Docket No. ER03-601-000]

Take notice that on March 7, 2003, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) tendered for filing a revised Transmission Owner Tariff (TO Tariff), FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 10. SDG&E states that the proposed change would increase the charges to End Use Customers by \$32.3 million based on the 12-month period ending April 30, 2004.

SDG&E states that the amendment to the TO Tariff is being made so that the TO Tariff will more accurately recover SDG&E's actual transmission revenue requirement. In addition, SDG&E states that it is revising the TO Tariff to adopt a formula rated to derive charges for transmission services. An effective date of May 1, 2003 has been requested for this amendment.

SD&G states that copies of the filing were served on the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Independent System Operator.

Comment Date: March 28, 2003.

14. West Penn Power Company

[Docket No. ER03-602-000]

Take notice that on March 7, 2003, West Penn Power Company, d/b/a Allegheny Power, filed Addenda to its Electric Service Agreement with PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, formerly Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, to add three delivery points. An effective date for the new delivery points of March 10, 2003 is requested.

West Penn Power Company states that copies of the filing have been provided to the customer, the Public Utilities

Commission of Ohio, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Maryland Public Service Commission, the Virginia State Corporation Commission, and the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

Comment Date: March 28, 2003.

Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). 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. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or 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 filed to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659. 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.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP03-49-000]

**National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation;
Notice of Intent To Prepare an
Environmental Assessment for the
Proposed Abandonment of Facilities at
Summit Storage Field and Request for
Comments on Environmental Issues**

March 13, 2003.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of a proposal by National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) to abandon certain facilities at its Summit Storage Field in Summit Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania.¹ These facilities consist of about 752 feet of 4-inch pipe, that would be disconnected and abandoned in place to minimize construction-related disturbances, and two injection/withdraw wells, and one observation well that would be plugged and abandoned. The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the abandonment of the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the projects are approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the notice National Fuel provided to affected landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

Summary of the Proposed Projects

National Fuel proposes to plug and abandon natural gas storage wells P-

¹ National Fuel's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

1511, P-1518 (indicator well), and P-1528, and to abandon in place the associated 4-inch-diameter well lines. The locations of the project facilities are shown in Appendix 1.² The abandonment of the wells and well lines would involve dismantling and removing the appurtenances at the well heads, including meters, valves, drips, and associated piping. The well lines connecting the wellhead to Line S-52 would be disconnected, purged, capped, and abandoned in place. The applicant states that deliverability from the wells has decreased over time, primarily due to deterioration of the facilities and they are not necessary for the continued operation of the storage field. All project components are located in the Summit Heights Mobile Home Park in Summit Township. All work would take place within the existing well sites and National Fuel's 35-foot-wide permanent right-of-way (ROW). No nonjurisdictional facilities are involved.

Land Requirements for Construction

The project area encompasses a total of approximately 1.19 acres of land, including the three well pad work areas and a 35-foot-wide ROW associated with each of the three well lines. Work space will be confined to National Fuel's existing 35-foot-wide permanent ROW and the three wellhead areas. No access roads other than public roadways and roadways within the Summit Heights residential community will be required to complete the proposed project. No improvements to these roads will be required for the proposed activities.

Following completion of the abandonment project, National Fuel would allow the easements associated with the permanent ROWs to revert back to the use of property owners in Summit Heights Mobile Home Park. The construction workspaces would be restored and allowed to revert to their previous land use and vegetative cover.

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 the Commission to discover and address

concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "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 considered 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 proposed abandonment project under these general headings:

1. Geology and soils
2. Land use
3. Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
4. Cultural resources
5. Vegetation and wildlife
6. Air quality and noise
7. Endangered and threatened species
8. Hazardous waste
9. Public safety

We will also evaluate reasonable 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 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 make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow

these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 3.
- Reference Docket No. CP03-49-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 14, 2003.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

We may mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (Appendix 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Becoming an Intervener

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "Intervener." Interveners play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, Interveners have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other Interveners. Likewise, each Intervener must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an Intervener you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see Appendix 2).⁴ Only Interveners have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register** nor will they be available on the Commission's website. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

⁴ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

Intervener 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 Intervener status to have your environmental comments considered.

Environmental Mailing List

This notice is being sent to individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. It is also being sent to all identified potential right-of-way grantors and residents adjacent to the proposed facilities. By this notice we are also asking governmental agencies, to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EA.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the FERRIS link. 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 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The FERRIS link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of the application and supplemental filings by National Fuel, and formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing

March 12, 2003.

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

a. *Type of Application*: Original Minor License.

b. *Project No.*: P-12449-000.

c. *Date filed*: February 28, 2003.

d. *Applicant*: Neshkoro Power Associates, LLC

e. *Name of Project*: Big Falls Milldam Hydroelectric Project

f. *Location*: On the Little Wolf River (north branch), near the Village of Big Falls, in Waupaca County, Wisconsin. The project does not affect any Federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)—825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Charles Alsberg, North American Hydro, Inc., P.O. Box 167, Neshkoro, Wisconsin 54960, 920-293-4628 ext. 11.

i. *FERC Contact*: Tim Konnert, Timothy.Konnert@ferc.gov (202) 502-6359

j. *Cooperating Agencies*: We are asking Federal, state, and local agencies and Indian tribes with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in item k below.

k. Pursuant to Section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an factual basis for complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days after the application filing and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: April 28, 2003.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on 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.

Additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link. After logging into the e-Filing system, select "Comment on Filing" from the Filing Type Selection screen and continue with the filing process.

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *Project Description*: The existing Big Falls Milldam Hydroelectric Project consists of the following facilities: (1) a 256-foot-long by 18-foot-high dam, topped with a 76-foot-long fixed crest ogee with 6-inch flashboards and one 16-foot-wide Taintor gate; (2) a 23.27-acre reservoir (Big Falls Flowage) with a negligible gross storage capacity at a normal elevation of 901.65 feet Mean Sea Level; (3) a 7-foot-diameter by 175-foot-long penstock leading to; (4) a powerhouse containing one, vertical-shaft Francis turbine-generator with an installed generating capacity of 350 kilowatts (kW), producing a total of 1,513,514 kilowatt-hours (kWh) annually; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

o. A copy of the application is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web 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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the WISCONSIN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (SHPO), as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

q. *Procedural schedule*: The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate. The Commission staff proposes to issue one environmental assessment rather than issue a draft and final EA. Comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, prescriptions, and reply comments, if any, will be addressed in an EA issued in the spring of 2004.

Issue Acceptance or Deficiency Letter—May 2003

Issue Scoping Document—June 2003
Notice that application is ready for environmental analysis—September 2003

Notice of the availability of the EA—January 2004