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q. At this time, the Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment for the project, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

r. *Scoping Meetings*: Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings in the vicinity of the project, at the time and place noted below. The daytime meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization concerns, while the evening meeting is primarily for receiving input from the public. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend one or both meetings, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the environmental document. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

#### Daytime Scoping Meeting

*Date and Time*: January 26, 2005 from 3 to 5 p.m. (EST), and continuing on January 27 at 9 a.m.

*Location*: First Baptist Church, 502 South Main St., Gretna, VA 24557.

*Phone*: (434) 656-2600.

#### Evening Scoping Meeting

*Date and Time*: January 27, 2005 at 7 p.m. (EST).

*Location*: First Baptist Church, 502 South Main St., Gretna, VA 24557.

The scoping meetings are posted on the Commission's calendar, located on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx>, along with other related information.

#### Site Visit

Appalachian Power Company will conduct a site visit of the project on January 26, 2005, beginning at 9 a.m. All participants should meet at the First Baptist Church, located at 502 South Main St. in Gretna, VA. We will tour the Smith Mountain dam and powerhouse, and the Leesville dam and powerhouse, and view Smith Mountain and Leesville Lakes from the facilities. Participants should be prepared to provide their own transportation. Anyone with questions about the site visit should contact Frank Simms of Appalachian Power Company at (540) 985-2875. Those individuals planning to participate should notify Mr. Simms of their intent, on or before January 19, 2005.

#### Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Initiate scoping of the issues; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activities that incorporates the time frames provided for in part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss the appropriateness of any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of our environmental document.

#### Meeting Procedures

The scoping meetings will be recorded by a court reporter and all statements, oral and written, will become part of the Commission's official public record for this project.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR05-4-000]

#### Consumers Energy Company; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

December 27, 2004.

Take notice that on November 24, 2004, Consumers Energy Company (Consumers) filed pursuant to section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations, a petition for rate approval requesting that the Commission approve the proposed rates as fair and equitable for firm and interruptible transmission services performed under section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA).

Consumers states that it is an intrastate pipeline company providing services through its facilities located in Michigan.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate filing must file 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 notice of intervention or motion to intervene, on or before the date as indicated below. Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling link" at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Intervention and Protest Date*: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on January 18, 2005.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP05-131-000]

#### Dauphin Island Gathering Partners; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 27, 2004.

Take notice that on December 20, 2004, Dauphin Island Gathering Partners (Dauphin Island) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, tariff sheets included in Appendix A to the filing, to become effective January 20, 2005. Dauphin Island states that these tariff sheets reflect the addition of negotiated rates language to the FT1 (DI) and FT-1 (MP) Rate Schedules.

Dauphin Island states that copies of the filing are being served contemporaneously on its customers and other interested parties.