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Please contact Kenneth Hogan by telephone at (202)502-8434 or by e-mail at Kenneth.Hogan@ferc.gov if you have any questions.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2246-047]

Yuba County Water Agency; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

November 28, 2005.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed an application for an amendment of license for the Yuba River Development Project (FERC No. 2246) and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed amendment. The project is located on the North Yuba River downstream of Englebright Dam in Yuba County, California, about 20 miles northeast of Marysville and about 24 miles upstream from the confluence of the Yuba and Feather Rivers.

The licensee requests approval to construct and operate a 3,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) synchronous flow bypass system and to revise flow reduction and fluctuation criteria under article 33(d) of the license for the Narrows II development. Currently, the licensee is only capable of bypassing 650 cfs through the plant, which has a capacity of 3,400 cfs under full generation load. The proposed bypass system will allow the licensee, especially during emergency shutdown periods, to be able to minimize flow fluctuations downstream. The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the probable environmental impacts of the proposal and concludes that approving the licensee's application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA is attached to a Commission order titled "Order Modifying and Approving Amendment of License,"

which was issued November 22, 2005, and is available for review and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the project number (prefaced by P-) and excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-018-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Essex-Middlesex Project; Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Site Visit and Public Scoping Meeting

November 28, 2005.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Essex-Middlesex Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee Gas) in Essex and Middlesex Counties, Massachusetts.¹ These facilities would consist of about 7.8 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline and aboveground pig receiver and tie-in facilities. This 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 acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys

¹ Tennessee Gas' application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

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 project notice Tennessee Gas provided to 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 Project

Tennessee Gas wants to increase its ability to receive and transport gas into the Northeast natural gas pipeline network by constructing its facilities in Essex and Middlesex Counties, Massachusetts to provide up to 82,300 decatherms per day of incremental firm transportation capacity. Tennessee Gas would connect its Beverly-Salem Line 270C-100 near Saugus, Massachusetts to its DOMAC Line 270C-1100 near Lynnfield, Massachusetts. The proposed alignment follows New England Power Company's (NEPCO) powerline right-of-way. Tennessee Gas seeks authority to construct and operate:

- 7.8 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Essex and Middlesex Counties, Massachusetts;
- One tie-in facility at the northern terminus, milepost 7.83;
- One new pig receiver at the north end, milepost 7.62; and
- One tie-in facility at the southern terminus, milepost 0.0.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 81 acres of land. Following construction, about 47 acres would be maintained as new permanent pipeline right-of-way. The remaining 34 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use. Tennessee Gas would use a total construction right-of-way width of 75 to 100 feet during construction. Following construction, Tennessee Gas would

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than Appendix 1 (maps), are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202)502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.