

Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

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.

*Comment Date:* May 15, 2003.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL00-95-045 and EL00-98-042]

**San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Complainant, v. Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services Into Markets Operated by the California Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange, Respondents: Investigation of Practices of the California Independent System Operator and the California Power Exchange; Notice of Technical Conference**

April 24, 2003.

As directed by the Commission Order issued on March 26, 2003, in Docket No. EL00-95-045 and EL00-98-042, 102 FERC ¶ 61,317 (2003), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Staff is convening a technical conference to address issues concerning the information that will be submitted with generators' fuel cost allowance claims. Staff will issue an agenda the week of May 12, 2003. The conference will be held at FERC headquarters, 888 First

Street, NE, Washington, DC, on May 22, 2003, beginning at 9 a.m.

For additional information concerning the conference, interested persons may contact Leonard Tao at *Leonard.Tao@ferc.gov* or Rahim Amerkhail at *Rahim.Amerkhail@ferc.gov*. No telephone communication bridge will be provided at this technical conference.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP03-79-000, CP03-33-000, CP03-34-000 and CP03-35-000]

**National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Wyckoff Gas Storage Company, LLC; Supplemental Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation Line Z-67 Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

April 24, 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 the National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) Line Z-67 Project in Steuben County, New York.<sup>1</sup> This project is related to Wyckoff Gas Storage Company, LLC's (Wyckoff) proposed Wyckoff Gas Storage Project in Docket Nos. CP03-33-000, CP03-34-000 and CP03-35-000, involving construction and operation of natural gas storage facilities in Steuben County, New York. We<sup>2</sup> issued a notice of intent to prepare an EA for Wyckoff's project on February 10, 2003. The EA being prepared for the Wyckoff project will be expanded to include National Fuel's Line Z-67 Project. The facilities National Fuel proposes to abandon include about 6.8 miles of 8-inch-diameter pipeline (Line Z-67), one block valve, and two bridle valve connections. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

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 Wyckoff 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

National Fuel states that it would abandon its facilities only if the Wyckoff Storage Project is developed. After completion of abandonment activities, Wyckoff would exercise its option to acquire National Fuel's right-of-way under the right-of-way agreements, subject to a reservation allowing National Fuel to use the right-of-way for a single pipeline. This would be consistent with the terms and conditions of the applicable right-of-way agreements. National Fuel's facilities that would be abandoned would consist of:

- 35,670 feet of 8-inch-diameter pipeline Line Z-67, would be abandoned in place near the Towns of Troupsburg and Jasper, Steuben County, New York. Landowners request that the pipeline be removed. If pipeline sections are removed at the request of landowners, that work would be performed by Wyckoff. One block valve and two bridle valve connections would be abandoned by removal along Line Z-67.
- One 100-horsepower nonjurisdictional skid mounted field compressor would also be retired by removal.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>3</sup>

### Land Requirements for Construction

Abandonment of the proposed facilities would require less than 0.1 acre of land, and the work would be performed on National Fuel's existing right-of-way. At milepost (MP) 0.0, an approximate 5-foot by 15-foot bell hole would be dug over the existing trench line on the edge of an agricultural field in order to cut and remove the

<sup>3</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available on the Commission's Web site at the "FERRIS" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to FERRIS refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.