

DETAILS FOR FERC-537, "GAS PIPELINE CERTIFICATES: CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, AND ABANDONMENT"—Continued
[Based on Fiscal Year 2010 information and records]

Regulation section 18 CFR	Regulation topic	Number of respondents	Number of filings or responses	Avg. hours to prepare a filing or application
157.201–209; 157.211; 157.214–218.	Blanket Certificates prior notice filings.		45	200
157.201–209; 157.211; 157.214–218.	Blanket Certificates—annual reports	145 companies (145 different)	336	50
284.11	NGPA Sec. 311 Construction—annual reports.			
284.8	Capacity Release—record keeping	168	168	75
284.126 (a) & (c)	Intrastate bypass, semi annual transportation & storage—reports.	50 companies (50 different)	100	30
284.221	Blanket Certificates—one time filing, inc. new tariff and rate design proposal.	20	20	100
284.224	Hinshaw Blanket Certificates—	2	2	75
157.5–.11; & 157.13–.20;	Non-facility certificate or abandonment applications ..	9	12	75
		(3 different)		
Totals	225 different	775	133 average, weighted.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 2558–030; 2445–023; 2558–029; 2445–023; 2558–029]

Vermont Marble Power, Division of Omya Inc.; Central Vermont Public Service Corporation; Notice of Application of Transfer of Licenses, Substitution of Relicense Applicant, and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

October 12, 2010.

On August 31, 2010, Vermont Marble Power, Division of Omya Inc. (transferor) and Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (transferee) filed an application for the transfer of licenses for the Otter Creek Hydroelectric Project No. 2558, and the Center Rutland Project No. 2445, located on the Otter Creek in Addison and Rutland Counties, Vermont. On October 8, 2010, the transferor and transferee filed a joint request to substitute the transferee for the transferor as the applicant in the pending application for a new license filed by the transferor in Project No. 2558–029.

The transfer application was filed within five years of the expiration of the license for Project No. 2558, which is the subject of pending relicensing applications. In *Hydroelectric Relicensing Regulations Under the Federal Power Act* (54 FR 23,756 FERC

Stats. and Regs., Regs. Preambles 1986–1990 30,854 at p. 31,437), the Commission declined to forbid all license transfers during the last five years of an existing license, and instead indicated that it would scrutinize all such transfer requests to determine if the transferor's primary purpose was to give the transferee an advantage in relicensing.

Applicant Contacts: For transferor: Todd Allard, Operations Engineer Omya, Inc., Vermont Marble Power, 9987 Carver Road, Suite 300, Cincinnati, OH 45252, (513) 387–4344. Andrew D. Qua, Project Manager, Klienschmidt Associates, 75 Main Street, P.O. Box 576, Pittsfield, ME 04967, (207) 487–3328. *For transferee:* Dale A. Rocheleau, Esq., Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, 77 Grove Street, Rutland, VT 05701–3400, (802) 747–5355.

FERC Contact: Kim Carter (202) 502–6486.

Deadline for filing comments and motions to intervene: 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. Comments and motions to intervene may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original plus

seven copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. More information about this project can be viewed or printed on the eLibrary link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P–2558, P–2445) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1–866–208–3372.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF10–23–000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Northeast Upgrade Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

October 8, 2010.

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 Northeast Upgrade Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company

(TGP) in northeastern Pennsylvania northern New Jersey. 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.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission

will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on November 12, 2010.

Comments may be submitted in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice. In lieu of or in addition to sending written comments, you are invited to attend the public scoping meetings listed below.

Date and Time	Location
Monday, November 1, 2010 7 p.m. EDT	Eleanor G. Hewitt Elementary School Gymnasium, 266 Sloatsburg Road, Ringwood, NJ 07456.
Wednesday, November 3, 2010 7 p.m. EDT	Delaware Valley High School Auditorium, 252 Routes 6 & 209, Milford, PA 18337.
Thursday, November 4, 2010 7 p.m. EDT	Wyalusing Valley Junior and Senior High School Auditorium, 11364 Wyalusing New Albany Road, Wyalusing, PA 18853.

This notice is being sent to the Commission’s current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

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 planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is 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 where compensation would be determined in accordance with Federal or state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled “An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?” is available for viewing on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). 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.

Summary of the Planned Project

TGP has announced its intention to build approximately 37 miles of 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in five loop¹ segments and other facilities in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The project would increase natural gas transmission capacity to the northeast region of the United States by about 636,000 dekatherms per day and would provide access to natural gas supplies in the Marcellus Shale supply area. The

¹ A pipeline loop is constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity.

project would not, however, involve facilities necessary to produce natural gas from the Marcellus Shale. TGP has signed binding precedent agreements with two shippers for all of the project’s additional firm transportation capacity.

The Northeast Upgrade Project would consist of the following components:

1. *Installation of five pipeline loop segments:*
 - Loop 317—Installation of 5.4 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Bradford County, Pennsylvania.
 - Loop 319—Installation of 2.0 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Bradford County, Pennsylvania.
 - Loop 321—Installation of 8.0 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Wayne and Pike Counties, Pennsylvania.
 - Loop 323—Installation of 14.0 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Pike County, Pennsylvania and Sussex County, New Jersey.
 - Loop 325—Installation of 7.7 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Passaic and Bergen Counties, New Jersey.

2. *Modifications at four existing compressor stations:*

- *Compressor Station 319*—An inlet gas filter-separator, a blowdown silencer, and a relief valve would be installed and unit piping would be modified at the existing compressor station in Wyalusing Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania.
- *Compressor Station 321*—Approximately 10,310 horsepower (hp) of additional compression would be installed at the existing compressor station in Clifford Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. An inlet gas filter-separator, a blowdown silencer, and a relief valve would also be installed.
- *Compressor Station 323*—Approximately 10,310 hp of additional compression would be installed at the existing compressor station in

Lackawaxen Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania. An existing compressor unit would be restaged, unit piping would be modified, and an inlet gas filter-separator, a blowdown silencer, and a relief valve would also be installed.

- *Compressor Station 325*—An inlet gas filter-separator, a blowdown silencer, and a relief valve would be installed at the existing compressor station in Wantage Township, Sussex County, New Jersey.

3. Construction or modification of other aboveground facilities including one meter station, two pig² receivers, three mainline block valves, and other appurtenant facilities.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.³

Land Requirements for Construction

TGP is still in the planning phase for the Northeast Upgrade Project, and workspace requirements have not been finalized at this time. As currently planned, construction would disturb approximately 638 acres of land for the aboveground facilities and the pipeline. Following construction, about 112 acres would be maintained for permanent operation of the project facilities. The remaining acreage would be restored and allowed to revert to former uses. As planned, the new pipeline loops would primarily be installed adjacent to TGP’s existing pipeline system.

² A pig is a tool that is inserted into and moves through the pipeline, and can be used to clean and/or dry the pipeline, for internal inspection, or other purposes.

³ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the link called “eLibrary” 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.

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 us⁴ 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, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received will be considered during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the planned project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
- Vegetation, wildlife, and endangered and threatened species;
- Cultural resources;
- Land use and cumulative impacts;
- Air quality and noise; and
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the planned project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Although no formal application has been filed, we have already initiated our NEPA review under the Commission's pre-filing process. The purpose of the pre-filing process is to encourage early involvement of interested stakeholders and to identify and resolve issues before an application is filed with the FERC. As part of our pre-filing review, we have begun to contact some Federal and state agencies to discuss their involvement in the scoping process and the preparation of the EA.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be presented in the EA. The EA will be placed in the public record and, depending on the comments received during the scoping process, may be published and distributed to the public. A comment period will be allotted if the EA is published for review. 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 beginning on page 6.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated the proposal relative to their responsibilities. Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

Consultations Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are using this notice to initiate consultation with applicable State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.⁵ We will define the project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPOs as the project is further developed. On natural gas facility projects, the APE at a minimum encompasses all areas subject to ground disturbance (examples include construction right-of-way, contractor/pipe storage yards, compressor stations, and access roads). Our EA for this project will document our findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the planned facilities and the environmental information provided by TGP. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis:

- Route alternatives on and near the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in Pike County, Pennsylvania and Sussex County, New Jersey;
- Crossing the Appalachian Trail in Sussex County, New Jersey;

- Crossing the Susquehanna River in Bradford County, Pennsylvania; and
- Crossing the New Jersey Highlands in Passaic and Bergen Counties, New Jersey.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before **November 12, 2010**.

For your convenience, there are four methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (PF10-23-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or efiling@ferc.gov.

1. You may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to Documents and Filings. An eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

2. You may file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing";

3. You may attend and provide either oral or written comments at a public scoping meeting. A transcript of each meeting will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded and included in the public record; or

4. You may file a paper copy of your comments at the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

⁴ "Us," "we," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.

⁵ The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 800. Historic properties are defined in those regulations as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register for Historic Places.

Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission’s regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the planned project.

If the EA is published for distribution, copies will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version, or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (appendix 2).

Becoming an Intervenor

Once TGP files its application with the Commission, you may want to become an “intervenor” which is an official party to the Commission’s proceeding. Intervenor’s play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission’s final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are included in the User’s Guide under the “e-filing” link on the Commission’s Web site. Please note that the Commission will not accept requests for intervenor status at this time. You must wait until a formal application for the project is filed with the Commission.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on “General Search” and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, PF10-23). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. 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. The eLibrary link also provides access to the text of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission’s calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER08-656-007; EL10-83-000]

Shell Energy North America (US), LP; Notice of Institution of Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

October 12, 2010.

On October 12, 2010, the Commission issued an order that instituted a proceeding in Docket No. EL10-83-000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e (2005),

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concerning the justness and reasonableness of Shell Energy North America (US), LP’s market-based rate authority in the Central and Southwest balancing authority area. *Shell Energy North America (US), LP*, 133 FERC ¶ 61,033 (2010).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL10-83-000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

October 14, 2010.

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to section 3(a) of the government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. 94-409), 5 U.S.C. 552b:

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

DATE AND TIME: October 21, 2010, 10 a.m.

PLACE: Room 2C, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Agenda
*Note—Items listed on the agenda may be deleted without further notice.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Telephone (202) 502-8400.

For a recorded message listing items struck from or added to the meeting, call (202) 502-8627.

This is a list of matters to be considered by the Commission. It does not include a listing of all documents relevant to the items on the agenda. All public documents, however, may be viewed on line at the Commission’s Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link, or may be examined in the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

Item No.	Docket No.	Company
Administrative		
A-1	AD02-1-000	Agency Administrative Matters.
A-2	AD02-7-000	Customer Matters, Reliability, Security and Market Operations.