New York: The Middle Raquette River Project, FERC No. 2320, consisting of the Highley, Colton, Hannawa, and Sugar Island developments; and the Lower Raquette River Project, FERC No. 2330, consisting of the Norwood, East Norfolk, Norfolk, and Raymondville developments.

The Commission staff will prepare and issue a draft multiple-project environmental impact statement (EIS) for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the draft EIS will be analyzed by the FERC staff and considered in a final EIS.

One element of the EIS process is scoping. This activity is initiated early to:

- Identify reasonable alternative operational procedures and environmental enhancement measures that should be evaluated in the EIS;
- Delineate significant environmental issues related to the operation of the existing projects;
- Determine the depth of analysis for issues that will be discussed in the EIS;
  and
- Identify resource issues that are of lesser importance and, consequently, do not require detailed analysis in the EIS.

#### **Scoping Meetings**

The FERC staff will conduct two scoping meetings: The evening meeting is designed to obtain input from the general public, while the morning meeting will focus on resource agency concerns. All interested individuals, organizations, agencies, and Indians Tribes are invited to attend either or both meetings in order to assist staff in identifying the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the multiple-project EIS.

To help focus discussions, a preliminary EIS scoping document outlining subject areas to be addressed at the meetings will be distributed by mail to all person and entities on the FERC mailing lists for the Middle and Lower Raquette River Projects. Copies of the preliminary scoping document also will be made available at the scoping meetings.

The evening meeting for the general public will be held from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 1995, in Room 177 of the New York State Center for Advanced Materials Processing in Potsdam, New York. This facility is located on Clarkson University's Hill Campus, adjacent to the Cheel Campus Center. Attendees should use the Maple Street entrance to the University and Parking Area 9.

The agency-oriented meeting will be held at the same location on

Wednesday, March 22, 1995, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

#### **Scoping Meeting Procedures**

Both meetings, which will be recorded by a stenographer, will become part of the formal record of the Commission's proceeding on the Middle and Lower Raquette River Projects. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to sign in before the meetings start and to identify themselves for the record.

Concerned parties are encouraged to speak during the public meetings. Speaking time allowed for individuals at the evening public meeting will be determined before that meeting, based on the number of person wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session. All speakers will be provided at least five minutes to present their views.

### **Scoping Meeting Objectives**

At the scoping meetings, the staff will:

- Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the multiple-project EIS;
- Identify resource issues that are of lesser importance and, therefore, do not require detailed analysis:
- Solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, concerning significant local resources; and
- Encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS.

# **Information Requested**

Federal and state resource agencies, local government officials, interested groups, area residents, and concerned individuals are requested to provide any information they believe will assist the Commission staff to evaluate the environmental impacts associated with relicensing the two projects. The types of information sought included the following:

- Data, reports, and resource plans that characterize the physical, biological or social environments in the vicinity of the projects; and
- Information and data that helps staff identify or evaluate significant environmental issues.

Scoping information and associated comments should be submitted to the Commission no later than April 21, 1995. Written comments should be provided at the scoping meetings or mailed to the Commission, as follows: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

All filings sent to the Secretary of the Commission should contain an original

and 8 copies. Failure to file an original and 8 copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefit of your comments in a timely manner. See 18 CFR 4.34(h).

All correspondence should show the following caption on the first page:

FERC No. 2320–005—NY, Middle Raquette River Project

FERC No. 2330–007—NY, Lower Raquette River Project

Intervenors and interceders (as defined in 18 CFR 385.2010) who file documents with the Commission are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure requiring them to serve a copy of all documents filed with the Commission on each person whose name is listed on the official service list for this proceeding. See 18 CFR 4.34(b).

For further information, please contact Jim Haimes in Washington, DC at (202) 219–2780

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# Northern Natural Gas Company; Compliance Filing

January 27, 1995.

On December 30, 1994, the Commission issued an order accepting and suspending tariff sheets subject to refund and conditions and establishing a technical conference in the above referenced docket. Ordering Paragraph (B) of that order required Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) to file workpapers and other data in support of the proposed increase.

Take notice that on January 17, 1995, Northern in response to the Commission's order filed workpapers and schedules further detailing support for the revised Reconciliation Adjustment (RA). Northern states that it is filing Revised Schedule Nos. 1, 2 and 4 and 4a to the December 1, 1994 filing which include additional footnotes which more specifically detail the adjustments made by Northern.

Northern states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all of Northern's customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure 18 CFR 385.211. All such protests should be