UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE REVISED UPLAND EROSION CONTROL, REVEGETATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN AND THE WETLAND AND WATERBODY CONSTRUCTION AND MITIGATION PROCEDURES

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The Office of Energy Projects (OEP) staff has revised the Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation and Maintenance Plan (Plan) and the Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures (Procedures) referred to at 18 CFR 157.206(b)(3)(iv) of the Commission's regulations. The effective date of the revised Plan and Procedures is January 17, 2003.

The staff's Plan and Procedures were last updated December 2, 1994. The latest revisions incorporate comments gathered over the past 12 months from the natural gas pipeline industry, public, and other agencies. Many of the changes better address regional issues by making some measures clearer or more specific and by converting others into performance-based measures. Other modifications provide necessary updates to reflect current laws and regulations. These 2003 versions replace the 1994 versions of the Plan and Procedures.

The revised Plan and Procedures are available on our website at http://www.ferc.gov/gas/environment/guidelines.htm.

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