

## The EPA 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 us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the Eas. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the Eas. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of these proposed actions and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The Eas will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed projects under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources, fisheries.
- Land use
- Cultural resources and wetlands.<sup>3</sup>
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Public safety.
- Hazardous waste.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed projects or portions of the projects, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the Eas. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the Eas may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for each proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the Eas are published. We will consider all comments on the Eas before we recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

## Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the

proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Columbia. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list. The list of issues may be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our analysis. Issues are:

Coco Transmission Project (Docket No. CP95-170-000):

- The project would cross four perennial streams and five wetlands.
- The project would cross or be near cultural resources/archaeological sites.

Coco Storage Field Project (Docket No. CP95-181-000):

- The project would cross six perennial streams at 13 locations, and 18 wetlands.
- The project would cross or be near cultural resources/archaeological sites.

## Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations/routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, D.C. 20426.

- Reference Docket No. CP95-170-000 and/or CP95-181-000;
- Send a copy of your letter to:

For the Coco Transmission Project (Docket No. CP95-170-000): Mr. Jeff Shenot, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street NE., Room 7312, Washington, D.C. 20426; and/or

For the Coco Storage Field Project (Docket No. CP95-181-000): Ms. Medha Kochhar, EA Project Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street NE., Room 7312, Washington, D.C. 20426; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before March 20, 1995.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Mr. Shenot or Ms. Kochhar, for Docket Nos. CP95-170-000 and CP95-181-000, respectively, at the above addresses.

## Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor".

Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) attached as appendix 2.

The dates for filing of timely motions to intervene for the Coco Transmission Project (Docket No. CP95-170-000) and Coco Storage Field Project (Docket No. CP95-181-000) are February 16, 1995 and February 23, 1995, respectively. After these dates, parties seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Jeff Shenot, Coco Transmission Project EA Manager, at (202) 219-0295, or from Medha Kochhar, Coco Field Project EA Manager, at (202) 208-2270.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

Secretary.

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## [Docket No. CP95-75-000]

### Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed MS-1 Pipeline Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

February 10, 1995.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or the Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of facilities proposed in the MS-1 Pipeline Project.<sup>1</sup> This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether to approve the project.

## Summary of the Proposed Project

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) wants to

<sup>1</sup> Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

<sup>3</sup> According to the applicant, the project will not affect any waters of the United States. We will report any potential impacts, or their absence, under this heading.

expand its facilities to transport natural gas to and from nonjurisdictional storage facilities (MS-1 Storage Facilities) that would be constructed in Covich County, Mississippi by Covich County Storage Company (Partnership).<sup>2</sup> The MS-1 Storage Facilities would be leased by MS-1 Distribution & Storage Corporation (MS-1 Distribution), a nonjurisdictional company, from Partnerships. Texas Eastern proposes to construct pipeline facilities that would be capable of transporting up to 600,000 thousand cubic feet of natural gas per day (Mcf/d). Texas Eastern wants Commission authorization to construct and operate the following facilities in Covich County, Mississippi:

- 1.88 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline extending from Texas Eastern's existing Line Nos. 14 and 18 near milepost 264 to the MS-1 Storage Facilities; and
- A tap and filter separator located at the MS-1 Storage Facilities.

The storage facilities are being constructed by Covich County Storage Company, currently a nonjurisdictional company, and as such may not fall within the Commission's jurisdiction.

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

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Texas Eastern's pipeline would be constructed on a new right-of-way. Texas Eastern proposes to use an 85-foot-wide construction right-of-way that would extend through a pine plantation and mixed oak-hickory forest. Clearing would be required along the entire construction right-of-way. Texas Eastern would retain a 50-foot-wide permanent right-of-way after construction is complete. Following construction, the disturbed area would be restored and the 35 feet of construction right-of-way not included in the permanent right-of-way could be allowed to revert to its former land use.

Additional right-of-way width would be required at steep side slopes. Additional working space would be required adjacent to streams.

<sup>2</sup> Covich County Storage Company is a partnership composed of Mistex Gas Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tejas Power Corporation, and Flex Star Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Panhandle Eastern Corporation.

<sup>3</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, Room 3104, 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

#### The EA Process

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

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Hazardous waste.

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

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

#### Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Texas Eastern. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list. The list of issues may

be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our analysis. Issues are:

- The proposed project would require clearing of forest along a new right-of-way.
- The proposed project may affect forested wetlands.
- The proposed project would require an 85-foot-wide construction right-of-way.

Also, we have made a preliminary decision not to address the impacts of the facilities described as nonjurisdictional. We will briefly describe their location and status in the EA and do a more in depth analysis in a subsequent document if appropriate.

#### Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street NE., Washington, D.C. 20426.
- Reference Docket No. CP95-75-000.

- Send a copy of your letter to: Ms. Jennifer Goggin, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street NE., Room 7312, Washington, D.C. 20426; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before March 20, 1995.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Ms. Goggin at the above address.

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) attached as appendix 2.

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed.

Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by § 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Ms. Jennifer Goggin, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-2226.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. CP95-199-000]**

**Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corp.; Notice of Application**

February 10, 1995.

Take notice that on February 7, 1995, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (TGPL), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in Docket No. CP95-199-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon a firm gas transportation service to Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (NGPL), which was authorized in Docket No. CP76-007-000, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

TGPL states that it seeks authorization to abandon TGPL's Rate Schedule X-75, effective as of April 29, 1995. TGPL states that NGPL no longer needs such service, and TGPL and NGPL have mutually agreed to terminate Rate Schedule X-75.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 3, 1995, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for TGPL to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. ER95-342-000]**

**PacifiCorp; Notice of Filing**

February 9, 1994.

Take notice that on January 23, 1995, Sierra Pacific Power Company, tendered for filing a Certificate of Concurrence in above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before February 23, 1995. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. MG88-51-008]**

**Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corp.; Notice of Filing**

February 10, 1995.

Take notice that on January 31, 1995, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company (Transco) filed a revised Code of Conduct pursuant to Order Nos. 566 and 566-A.<sup>1</sup> Transco states that the purpose of the filing is to reflect certain changes in accordance with Order Nos. 566 and 566-A.

Transco states that copies of this filing have been mailed to all parties to Docket No. MG88-51.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 or 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure 918 CFR 385.211 or 385.214). All such motions to intervene or protest should be filed on or before February 27, 1995. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket Nos. CP94-196-002; and CP94-197-002]**

**Williams Natural Gas Company Williams Gas Processing—Mid-Continent Region Co.; Notice of Filing**

February 10, 1995.

Take notice that on February 3, 1995, Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG), Post Office Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, tendered for filing a default contract to comply with the Commission's December 22, 1994, Order in Docket No. CP94-196-000, all as more fully set forth in the filing which

<sup>1</sup> Standards of Conduct and Reporting Requirements for Transportation and Affiliate Transactions, Order No. 566, 59 FR 32885 (June 27, 1994), III FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 30,997 (June 17, 1994); Order No. 566-A, *order on rehearing*, 59 FR 52896 (October 20, 1994), 69 FERC ¶ 61,044 (October 14, 1994); Order No. 566-B, *order on rehearing*, 59 FR 65707, (December 21, 1994); 69 FERC ¶ 61,334 (December 14, 1994); *appeal docketed sub nom. Conoco, Inc. v. FERC*, D.C. Cir. No. 94-1745 (December 13, 1994).