

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 116 acres of land consisting of 35 acres of existing right-of-way (ROW), 60 acres of temporary ROW and staging areas, 18 acres of new permanent ROW, and a 3-acre contractor's yard. Following construction, the ROW would be restored and the temporary ROW would be allowed to revert to its former land use.

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 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 EA. All comments received are taken into account during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

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.
- Public safety.

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,

available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, Room 3104, 941 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

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 Columbia. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list; the list of issues will be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our own analysis. Issues are:

- Twelve wetlands (palustrine/emergent and palustrine forested) and 6 intermittent streams at 9 locations would be affected.
- There is one residence and one business located within 50 feet of the construction ROW.
- There are trees in the project area that may be suitable habitat for the Indiana Bat, a federally listed endangered species.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter with 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, 835 North Capitol St., NE, Washington, DC 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP95-531-000;
- Send a copy of your letter to: Mr. John Wisniewski, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., NE, Room 7312, Washington, DC 20426; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 31, 1995.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Mr. Wisniewski 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) (see 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 section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for later intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. John Wisniewski, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-1073.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP95-569-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Application

June 26, 1995.

Take notice that on June 19, 1995, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP95-569-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, requesting permission and approval to abandon the transportation authority that Natural secured in Docket No. CP79-71, to provide service for ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

It is stated that pursuant to a gas transportation agreement with ANR dated September 18, 1978 and Natural's Rate Schedule X-108, that Natural was obligated to redeliver equivalent volumes of natural gas to ANR. Specifically, Natural agreed to accept producer delivered volumes of up to 1,000 Mcf per day for the first three years and up to 700 Mcf per day thereafter in West Cameron Block 181 for redelivery to ANR near Lake Arthur

in Cameron Parish, Louisiana (via Natural's capacity on the system of Stingray Pipeline Company).

It is further stated that by letter agreement dated March 13, 1995, Natural and ANR agreed to terminate the transportation that Natural was obligated to perform for ANR.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before July 17, 1995, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 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 Natural to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Mojave Pipeline Company; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Mojave Northward Expansion Project

June 26, 1995.

The staffs of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and California State Lands Commission (SLC) have prepared this final environmental impact report/environmental impact statement (EIR/EIS) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Mojave Pipeline Company (Mojave) in the above dockets.

The EIR/EIS was prepared under the direction of the FERC and SLC staffs to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act. The staffs of the FERC and SLC conclude that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigation measures and receipt of necessary permits and approvals, has the potential to significantly impact the environment. The final EIR/EIS evaluates alternatives to Mojave's proposal.

The FERC and SLC staffs assessed the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed Mojave Northward Expansion Project, which consists of between 585 and 637 miles of pipeline, depending on final project configuration, including the following facilities:

- A North Mainline about 240 miles long from near Bakersfield northward to Martinez.
- A Sacramento Mainline about 63 miles long from Ripon to southwest Sacramento.
- Shorter segments, which may include segments to Lindsay, Famoso, Coalinga, Kingsburg, Sanger, Livingston, Turlock, Ceres, Modesto, Tracy, Antioch, Fremont, McFarland, Malaga, Madera, Fairmead, Ripon, Lathrop, Hunters Point, and San Francisco.
- A maximum of about 56 miles of pipeline loops on the existing Mojave Mainline and Mojave-Kern River East Side Lateral.
- A total of 73,088 to 78,758 horsepower (hp) of compression at three new compressor stations in California at Amboy, Daggett, and either Famoso or Lindsay plus the addition of 24,470 hp of compression to Mojave's existing compressor station at Topock, Arizona.

- Either 53 or 58 new meter stations depending on the final project configuration.

The final EIR/EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and SLC and is available for public inspection at the following locations:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Division of Public Information, 941 North Capitol Street NE, Room 3104, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371

California State Lands Commission, 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South, Sacramento, CA 95825-8202, (916) 574-1814

Copies of the EIR/EIS have been mailed to the appropriate Federal, state, and local agencies and public libraries. Copies of either the EIR/EIS or an Executive summary have been mailed to those public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding which requested them.

A limited number of copies of the final EIR/EIS may also be available from either of the following individuals:

Mr. Michael Boyle, Environmental Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Pipeline Regulation, Room 7312, 825 North Capitol Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0839

Ms. Mary Griggs, Environmental Project Manager, California State Lands Commission, 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South, Sacramento, CA 95825-8202, (916) 574-1814

The EIR/EIS will be used in the regulatory decision-making process at the FERC. While the period for filing interventions in this case has expired, motions to intervene out-of-time can be filed with the FERC in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures, 18 CFR 285.214(d). Further, anyone desiring to file a protest with the FERC should do so in accordance with 18 CFR 385.211.

The SLC is expected to certify the EIR/EIS and act on the application of the Mojave Pipeline Company at a regularly scheduled meeting later this year. The SLC will accept written comments at the address above. If you have any questions regarding the SLC hearing, or wish to testify, please contact Mary Griggs at (916) 574-1814.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

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Take notice that on June 21, 1995, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., Charleston, West Virginia 25314-1599, filed a request with the