

ADDRESSES: Send pleadings referring to Finance Docket No. 32723 to: (1) Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Petitioner's representative: Paul A. Cunningham, Harkins Cunningham, 1300 19th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 927-5610. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 927-5721.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Commission's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: Dynamic Concepts, Inc., Interstate Commerce Commission Building, 1201 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 2229, Washington, DC 20423. Telephone: (202) 289-4357/4359.

Decided: July 28, 1995.

By the Commission, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Owen, and Commissioners Simmons and McDonald.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION

Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico.

ACTION: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Based on an environmental assessment prepared by Quisto Energy Corporation (Quisto) to construct, operate, and maintain a gas well located on the Main Floodway of the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project (LRGFCP), the United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico (USIBWC) finds that the proposed action to issue a license to Quisto for such works is not a major federal action that would have a significant adverse effect on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Final Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508); and the U.S. Section's Operational Procedures for Implementing Section 102 of NEPA, published in the **Federal Register** September 2, 1981 (46FR44083-44094); the USIBWC hereby gives notice that an

environmental impact statement will not be prepared for the proposed action.

ADDRESS: Mr. Yusuf E. Farran, Division Engineer, Environmental Management Division, United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, 4171 North Mesa Street, C-310, El Paso, Texas 79902-1441. Telephone: 915/534-6704.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Action

The action proposed is for the USIBWC to issue a license to Quisto to construct, operate, and maintain a gas well and install related features within Meyerhoff No. 5. Drilling Unit, Lot 271, Kelly-Pharr Subdivision, Hidalgo County, Texas. The gas well is proposed to be located on privately owned land within the Main Floodway of the USIBWC LRGFCP approximately 8 kilometers southeast of the town of Pharr. Access to the drilling site is by way of existing county and private roads.

Alternatives Considered

Three alternatives were considered in the Environmental Assessment (EA):

The Proposed Action Alternative is for Quisto to construct, operate, and maintain a gas well is a cultivated field within the Main Floodway of the USIBWC LRGFCP. This proposed action will require the USIBWC to issue a license to ensure that such works do not cause an obstruction to flood flows within the floodway or interfere with the operation and maintenance of the LRGFCP.

The No Action Alternative is for Quisto to not construct, operate, and maintain a gas well within the Main Floodway of the LRGFCP. The no action alternative will not require the USIBWC to issue a license since no work will be done within the LRGFCP. The no action alternative will result in the denial of access to the mineral owner to rightfully owned minerals, loss of tax revenues to the State of Texas, and result in an unrecoverable clean energy source.

The Directional Well Alternative is for Quisto to drill a well from outside the Main Floodway to a depth below the proposed surface location. The directional well alternative will not require the USIBWC to issue a license since no work will be done within the LRGFCP. The directional well alternative is considered not workable because of a lack of an available surface drillsite outside the Main Floodway and technical problems associated with a bottomhole location some 457 meters or more from the surface location.

Environmental Assessment

The USIBWC received from Quisto a completed Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed gas well and related features. The EA is currently available for review and comment.

Finding of the Environmental Assessment

The EA finds that the proposed action for Quisto to construct, operate, and maintain a gas well within the Maine Floodway of the USIBWC LRGFCP (and the USIBWC to issue a license for such work) does not constitute a major federal action which would cause a significant local, regional, or national adverse impact on the environment based on the following facts:

1. The United States Army Corps of Engineers has determined that no waters of the United States including wetlands will be impacted by the proposed gas well and related features.

2. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service has determined that federally listed endangered or threatened species are unlikely to be adversely affected by the proposed gas well and related features.

3. The Texas Historical Commission has determined that no survey is required and the project may proceed.

4. The USIBWC has determined that the proposed gas well and related features will have no significant effect upon the flood carrying capacity of the Main Floodway.

On the basis of the Quisto EA, the USIBWC has determined that an environmental impact statement is not required for the issuance of license to Quisto to construct, operate, and maintain a gas well and install related features within the Main Floodway of the USIBWC LRGFCP and hereby provides notice of a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). An environmental impact statement will not be prepared unless additional information which may affect this decision is brought to our attention within thirty (30) days of the date of this Notice. A limited number of copies of the EA and FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address.

Dated: August 2, 1995.

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