

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

Docket No. CP01-76-000

Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership, Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Cove Point Lung Project

July 18, 2001.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities proposed by Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership (Cove Point) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the proposed project which includes the resumption of LNG deliveries by tanker to the Cove Point LNG import terminal in Calvert County, Maryland. Cove Point proposes to:

- Reactivate and refurbish the offshore marine terminal;
- Reactivate and refurbish certain onshore facilities;
- Decommission the liquefaction facilities;
- Construct an 850,000-barrel double-wall LNG storage tank;
- Construct an 485,000 standard cubic feet per hour nitrogen separation plant;
- Construct a meter station; and
- Construct an addition to the administration building.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to

ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Group 1;
- Reference Docket No. CP01-76-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before August 17, 2001.

Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

In addition to accepting written and electronically filed comments, a public meeting to receive comments on the EA will be held at the following: Thursday, August 2, 2001, 7 pm, Holiday Inn, Solomons, Maryland.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).¹ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.gov) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the

¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Intent To File Application for a New License**

July 18, 2001.

Take notice that the following notice of intent has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of filing:* Notice of Intent to File an Application for New License.
- b. *Project No:* 632.
- c. *Date filed:* June 19, 2001.
- d. *Submitted By:* Monroe City.
- e. *Name of Project:* Lower Monroe Canyon Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* Project located at the mouth of Monroe canyon in Sevier County, of the state of Utah.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6.
- h. Pursuant to Section 16.19 of the Commission's regulations, the licensee is required to make available the information described in Section 16.7 of the regulations. Such information is available from the licensee at Monroe City office, 10 N. Main, Monroe, Utah 84754. Interested parties can contact Doug Gadd, Public Works Director, Monroe City Public Works Dept.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Gaylord Hoisington, 202 219-2756, Gaylord.Hoisington@Ferc.Fed.Us.
- j. *Expiration Date of Current License:* February 14, 2006.
- k. The principal project features include a small intake structure, penstock, and powerhouse with appurtenances. The installed capacity of the hydro power plant is 250 kilowatts (kw).
- l. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No.632 Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.9(b)(1) each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by February 14, 2004.
- m. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available