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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-433-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Station 35 Clean Air Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

December 4, 2001.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Station 35 Clean Air Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) in Harris County, Texas.¹ These facilities would consist of 14,910 horsepower (hp) of compression at an existing compressor station. The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner you might have also received previous notification from Transco. FERC regulations require the applicant to notify all landowners within one-half mile of the compressor station. However, the proposed facility modifications will take place entirely

within Transco property and no additional land will be required for this project.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Transco proposes to modify its existing compressor site at Compressor Station 35 in Harris County, Texas to comply with Clean Air Act Amendments (CAA) of 1990 and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for the Houston-Galveston Intrastate Air Quality Control Region. To reduce emissions and comply with the CAA, Transco proposes to:

- Install 2 electric motors driving two 7455 HP centrifugal compressors and associated equipment;
- Remove 4 existing gas-fired compressors;
- Construct a new 75 feet x 110 feet compressor building, a 35 feet x 72 feet auxiliary building, a 120 feet x 200 feet electrical auxiliary building and a 16 feet x 50 feet switchgear station;
- Demolish the old compressor building and remove associated equipment; and;
- Modify existing yard piping.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 4 acres of land in a completely fenced site that has been previously disturbed.

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 us² 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 considered 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:

⁴Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

¹Transco’s application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission’s regulations.

²“We”, “us”, and “our” refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

1. Geology and soils.
2. Land use.
3. Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
4. Cultural resources.
5. Vegetation and wildlife.
6. Air quality and noise.
7. Endangered and threatened species.
8. Hazardous waste.
9. Public safety.
10. Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.

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 make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section beginning on page 4.

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 Transco. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

11. Air quality effects.
12. Noise impact.
13. Land-use compatibility.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. 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 carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

14. Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

15. Label one copy of the comments for the attention of (Gas/Hydro Branch).

16. Reference Docket No. CP01-433-000.

17. Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before (January 15, 2002).

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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7114-8]

Equipment Containing Ozone Depleting Substances at Industrial Bakeries

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed bakery partnership program and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In today's **Federal Register** the Environmental Protection Agency announces a unique voluntary Partnership Program for the baking industry. EPA believes that there are many bakeries that are leaking ozone depleting substances, including chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), in excess of permitted levels, and therefore, intends to establish a voluntary program for reducing these emissions in an expeditious, highly cost-effective manner. This program generally requires participants to audit certain appliances and phase out Class I industrial process refrigeration appliances. It also provides incentives to replace existing appliances with non-ozone depleting systems, and requires compliance with the leak repair regulations.

Participation in the partnership program is purely voluntary, and this is not a rule, but it does combine the advantages of predictability and