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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-151-000]

#### Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, Notice of Proposed Changes In FERC Gas Tariff

February 3, 2004.

Take notice that on January 30, 2004, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LLC (Panhandle) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the revised tariff sheets listed in Appendix A attached to the filing, to become effective March 1, 2004.

Panhandle states that this filing is being made to add an additional discount category to the forms of service agreement for transportation and storage services. Panhandle proposes to offer its shippers a fluctuating index-based or formula rate for discounted transactions.

Panhandle further states that copies of this filing are being served on all affected customers and applicable state regulatory agencies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Any initial questions regarding these applications should be directed to Ms. Tetsuko Egawa, Assistant Director, Development, Sound Energy Solutions, 301 East Ocean

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-58-000]

#### Sound Energy Solutions; Notice Of Application

February 2, 2004.

Take notice that on January 26, 2004, Sound Energy Solutions (SES); 301 East Ocean Boulevard, Suite 1510, Long Beach, California 90802, filed an application pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act and part 153 of the Commission's regulations, seeking authorization to site, construct and operate a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal located in the Port of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California for the purpose of importing LNG into the United States. SES also requests approval of the Long Beach terminal as the place of entry for the imported LNG under Section 3. SES requests that the Commission issue a final order on their application by October 20, 2004. SES states that this proposed regulatory schedule will enable it to commence construction activities in the fourth quarter of 2004, and meet an in-service date in 2008.

This application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. It is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Any initial questions regarding these applications should be directed to Ms. Tetsuko Egawa, Assistant Director, Development, Sound Energy Solutions, 301 East Ocean

Boulevard, Suite 1510, Long Beach, CA 90802; Telephone: (562) 495-9885.

In June 2003, SES requested the use of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Pre-filing Process offered by Commission Staff to begin the environmental review of SES's intention to request authority to site, construct and operate its LNG import terminal. The purpose of the NEPA Pre-filing Process is to encourage the early involvement of interested stakeholders, facilitate interagency cooperation, and identify and resolve issues before an application was filed with the Commissions. On July 11, 2003, the Commission Staff granted SES's request, and at the same time announced that the Port of Long Beach will be the lead agency for review of the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, and that the two agencies will produce a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report and Application Summary Report (ASR) (EIS/EIR/ASR).<sup>1</sup>

Then on September 22, 2003, the Commission and the Port of Long Beach issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Preparation of Joint Environmental Impact Report. That notice announced the opening of the scoping process that was used by the Commission Staff and the Port of Long Beach to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project to help determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EIS/EIR/ASR. Please note that the initial EIS/EIR/ASR scoping period closed on October 30, 2003. Later, on November 10, 2003, the Port of Long Beach issued a supplemental scoping notice and received additional comments through December 12, 2003 on project information that was not initially available. Now, as of the filing of SES's application on January 26, 2004, the NEPA Pre-filing Process for SES's project is also closed.

SES says that its proposed LNG import terminal is designed to import LNG from Asia and elsewhere abroad to the United States for sale in California's non-core natural gas markets, and to provide liquid vehicle fuel to customers in the Los Angeles Basin. SES's LNG import terminal will receive LNG from ocean-going tankers, temporarily store it in its liquid state, and then vaporize the LNG for transport via a new natural gas pipeline to be constructed, owned, and

<sup>1</sup> The NEPA pre-filing docket at the Commission was PF03-06-000, and the related Port of Long Beach proceeding is designated POLB Application No. HDP 03-079.