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Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-377-001]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

August 4, 2004.

Take notice that on July 30, 2004, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin) tendered for filing to become a part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective August 1, 2004:

Sub Fifty-Fifth Revised Sheet No. 15
Sub Thirty-First Revised Sheet No. 15A
Sub Fifty-Third Revised Sheet No. 18
Sub Thirty-First Revised Sheet No. 18A
Sub Thirty-First Revised Sheet No. 19
Sub Forty-First Revised Sheet No. 21

Williston Basin states that it has come to their attention that some of the tariff sheets that were included in its July 1, 2004, filing contained incorrect rates. Williston Basin notes that it is refiled certain tariff sheets approved by the Commission on July 28 to reflect the currently effective base tariff rates as of August 1, 2004.

Any person desiring to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Protests to this filing will be considered by the Commission in

determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Such protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing a protest must serve a copy of that document on all the parties to the proceeding.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-366-000]

Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Jackson Gas Storage Expansion Project

August 4, 2004.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP's (Gulf South) Jackson Gas Storage Expansion Project in Rankin County, Mississippi. Gulf South proposes to directionally drill five new storage injection/withdrawal wells and to construct and operate about 2.34 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline to facilitate injection and withdrawal in the existing Jackson Gas Storage Field. The Jackson Gas Storage Expansion Project would

result in an increase in the total storage capacity of about 2.4 billion cubic feet of gas. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decisionmaking process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with State law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Gulf South provided to the landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

Summary of the Proposed Project

Gulf South proposes to:

- Directionally drill 5 injection/withdrawal wells and install aboveground well head, measurement and appurtenant auxiliary facilities inside a well pad site;
- Construct five 8-inch-diameter well head lines connecting to a new 16-inch-diameter storage pipeline that would originate at Gulf South's existing 9-acre fee property well pad; and
- Construct 2.34 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline.

The location of the projects' facilities is shown in appendix 1.¹

Nonjurisdictional Facilities

No nonjurisdictional facilities would be built as a result of the proposed project.

Land Requirements for Construction

Drilling the five wells would disturb approximately 5.19 acres of land at the

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than appendix 1 (maps), are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

proposed well pad. After completing the installation of all of the well facilities, about 4.94 acres of land would be permanently maintained. The 16-inch-diameter pipeline construction would affect about 17.6 acres of land. Of the 17.6 acres, 5.60 acres would be permanently maintained right-of-way and the remaining 12.0 acres of land would consist of temporary workspace that would be allowed to revegetate after construction.

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. This process is referred to as "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:

- Geology and soils.
- Land use.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Cultural resources.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Air quality and noise.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Hazardous waste.
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed projects or portions of the projects, 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, 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 below.

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

- Nearby residences may be temporarily affected by well drilling noise.
- Two private water wells near the project area could potentially be affected.
- The pipeline route would cross 3 perennial water bodies and about 10,368 feet of forested wetlands.
- Cultural resources may be affected in the project area.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the projects. By becoming a commentor, 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:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 2.
- Reference Docket No. CP04-366-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before September 2, 2004.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we

receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created on-line."

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Information Request (Appendix 4). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. 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 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. 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).³ 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 environmental comments considered.

Environmental Mailing List

This notice is being sent to individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. It is also being sent to all identified potential right-of-way grantors.

Additional Information

In addition, the Commission staff will conduct a field trip on portions of the

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

³Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

pipeline facilities on August 17, 2004. Anyone interested in participating in the field trip may attend, but they must provide their own transportation. The Commission staff will start the field trip on Tuesday, August 17, 2004, at approximately 1:30 p.m. (c.s.t.) in the parking lot of the following hotel. The field trip will continue on Wednesday, August 18 at about 8 a.m. (c.s.t.) at the same location.

Quality Inn, 401 Gilchrist Drive, Pearl, MS 399208. Telephone: (601) 932-4025.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Surrender of Exemption and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

August 4, 2004.

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

a. *Application Type*: Surrender of exemption.

b. *Project No.*: 11576-003.

c. *Date Filed*: July 6, 2004.

d. *Applicant*: Mohave Water Agency.

e. *Name of Proposed Project*: Rock Springs Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location*: On the Mohave River, in San Bernardino County, California. The project does not utilize Federal or tribal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.

h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Michael Limbaugh, Engineering Controller, 22450 Headquarters Drive, Post Office Box 1089, Apple Valley, CA 92307-0019, (760) 240-9201.

i. *FERC Contact*: Tom Papsidero, (202) 502-6002.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene*: September 7, 2004.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number on any comments or motions filed.

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. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

k. *Description of Filing*: The exemptee states that its unconstructed 2.6-MW Rock Springs Hydroelectric Project will not be developed and is voluntarily surrendering its exemption.

l. *Locations of Application*: A copy of the filing is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance contact FERC online support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free 1-866-208-3676. For TTY call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h. above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all

protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *Agency Comments*—Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Comments

August 4, 2004.

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

a. *Type of Application*: Preliminary permit.

b. *Project No.*: 12509-000.

c. *Date Filed*: June 1, 2004.

d. *Applicant*: Eagle Crest Energy Company.

e. *Name of Project*: Eagle Mountain Pumped Storage Project.

f. *Location*: In Riverside County, California. The project would utilize Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Arthur W. Lowe, Eagle Crest Energy Corporation, P.O. Box 2155, Palm Desert, CA 92261, (760) 779-0040.