

- Nine interconnects with existing intrastate and interstate pipelines, and related meter stations.

As proposed, the project would be integrated with the adjacent Occidental Chemical Company manufacturing complex in order for the two facilities to offset the other's respective heating and cooling needs. The use of the chemical manufacturing complex's cooling water would serve as a source of vaporization heat.

Comment Procedures and Public Meetings

Any person wishing to comment on the draft EIS 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 and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your comments to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Reference Docket Nos. CP05-11-000, CP05-12-000, CP05-13-000, and CP05-14-000.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Branch 3, PJ-11.3.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 18, 2005.

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 timeframe in our environmental analysis of the project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions 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 by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public meeting we have scheduled as follows: March 30, 2005, 7 p.m. (c.s.t.), Portland Community Center, 2000 Billy G Webb, Portland, TX 78374. Telephone: (361) 777-3301.

The meeting will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend

and present oral comments on the draft EIS. Transcripts of the meeting will be prepared.

After these comments are reviewed, any significant new issues are investigated, and modifications are made to the draft EIS, a final EIS will be published and distributed by the staff. The final EIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments received on the draft EIS.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentator 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).

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS. You must file your request to intervene as specified above.¹ You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

The draft EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. (202) 502-8371.

A limited number of copies are available from the Public Reference Room identified above. In addition, copies of the draft EIS have been mailed to Federal, State, and local agencies; public interest groups; individuals and affected landowners who requested a copy of the draft EIS; libraries; newspapers; and parties to this proceeding.

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. The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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

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 the eSubscription link on the FERC Internet Web site.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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Puget Sound Energy; Notice of Technical Conference

February 24, 2005.

The Commission hereby gives notice that members of its staff will meet with Puget Sound Energy (Puget) and other stakeholders on March 16, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (P.s.t.) at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District Office in Seattle, Washington. Commission staff will continue the technical conference the next day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. should an additional day of discussions be warranted. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Seattle District Office is located at 4735 E. Marginal Way S., Seattle, Washington 98134. Any additional information will be posted on the Commission's Web site soon at: <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsADay.aspx?Date=3/16/2005&CalendarID=0>.

The purpose of the conference is to discuss Puget's amended license application for the Baker River Hydroelectric Project filed January 31, 2005, and Puget's settlement agreement filed November 30, 2004. The Baker River Hydroelectric Project is located on the Baker River in Skagit and Whatcom Counties, Washington.

This conference is open to the public. All local, state, and federal agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties are invited to participate. There will be no transcript of the conference.

Please contact Steve Hocking at steve.hocking@ferc.gov or (202) 502-8753 with any questions or for additional information.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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