

be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. In reference to filings initiating a new proceeding, interventions or protests submitted on or before the comment deadline need not be served on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to long on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protests to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceedings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available to review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP04-386-000, CP04-400-000, CP04-401-000, and CP04-402-000]

#### Golden Pass LNG Terminal L.P., Golden Pass Pipeline L.P.; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Golden Pass LNG Terminal and Pipeline Project

June 3, 2005.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a Final

Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal and natural gas pipeline facilities in Jefferson, Orange, and Newton Counties, Texas, and Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, proposed by Golden Pass LNG Terminal L.P. and Golden Pass Pipeline L.P. (collectively referred to as Golden Pass) in the above-referenced dockets.

The FEIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project with appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact. The FEIS also evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including system alternatives, alternative sites for the LNG import terminal, and pipeline alternatives.

Golden Pass's proposed facilities would transport an average of 2.0 billion cubic feet per day (Bcfd) of imported natural gas to the U.S. market. In order to provide LNG import, storage, and pipeline transportation services, Golden Pass requests Commission authorization to construct, install, and operate an LNG terminal and natural gas pipeline facilities.

The FEIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following LNG terminal and natural gas pipeline facilities:

- A new protected marine terminal basin connected to the Port Arthur Channel that would include a ship maneuvering area, two protected berths, and unloading facilities capable of accommodating up to 200 LNG ships per year;
- A total of five all-metal, double-walled, full containment LNG storage tanks, each with a nominal working volume of approximately 155,000 cubic meters (975,000 barrels) and each with secondary containment dikes to contain 110 percent of the gross tank volume;
- A total of ten shell-and-tube vaporizers, using a closed loop circulating solution and selective catalytic reduction to reduce regulated pollutants;
- Associated LNG storage and vaporization facilities, including administrative, storage, and maintenance buildings, access roads, and a waterline;
- A pipeline system comprised of 77.8 miles of 36-inch-diameter mainline, 42.8 miles of 36-inch-diameter loop, and 1.8 miles of 24-inch-diameter lateral; and
- Associated ancillary pipeline facilities, including interconnections

with up to 10 existing interstate and intrastate pipeline systems.

The FEIS 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 FEIS have been mailed to Federal, State, and local agencies; public interest groups; individuals and affected landowners who requested a copy of the FEIS; libraries; newspapers; and parties to this proceeding.

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, no agency decision on a proposed action may be made until 30 days after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes a notice of availability of an FEIS. However, the CEQ regulations provide an exception to this rule when an agency decision is subject to a formal internal appeal process which allows other agencies or the public to make their views known. In such cases, the agency decision may be made at the same time the notice of the FEIS is published, allowing both periods to run concurrently. The Commission decision for this proposed action is subject to a 30-day rehearing period.

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 with eLibrary, the eLibrary helpline can be reached toll free at 1-866-208-3676, for TTY at (202) 502-8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). 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.

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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP05-352-000 and CP05-355-000]

#### National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Northeast Connexion-NY/NJ Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

June 3, 2005.

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 Northeast ConneXion-NY/NJ Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee) and National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National) in Bradford, Potter, and Susquehanna Counties, Pennsylvania, and Bergen County, New Jersey. Tennessee's and National's project purpose is to increase capacity on Tennessee's Line 300 by up to 50,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) and 51,500 Dth/d of incremental storage deliverability to Public Service Electric and Gas Company. In general, the project consists of about 6.0 miles of pipeline, adding additional compression at both the 313 and 317 Compressor Stations, upgrades to the Ramsey Meter Station, and enhancement of dehydration facilities at Compressor Station 313.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping period that will be used to gather environmental input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Please note that the scoping period will close on July 5, 2005.

This notice is being sent to potentially affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; local libraries and newspapers. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

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 pipeline 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?" is available for viewing on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). 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

Tennessee<sup>1</sup> proposes to:

- Construct<sup>2</sup> two separate 30-inch-diameter pipeline loops<sup>3</sup> (2.0 miles in Bradford County and 4.0 miles in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania);
- Construct a pig launcher, receiver, and mainline valve (MLV) on the Bradford County loop, and a pig launcher and MLV on the Susquehanna County loop;
- Add 2,370 horsepower (hp) of compression and enhanced dehydration facilities at Tennessee's existing Compressor Station 313 in Potter County, Pennsylvania;
- Upgrade an existing compressor unit from 6,330 hp to 13,400 hp through modifications to computer software at Compressor Station 317 in Bradford County, Pennsylvania; and
- Upgrade the existing Ramsey Meter Station in Bergen County, New Jersey. The upgrade would consist of replacing 250 feet of 8-inch-diameter pipe with 16

<sup>1</sup> National's interest in the project is in the modification of the dehydration tower at Compressor Station 313 in Potter County, Pennsylvania. This project, (Docket No. CP05-352-000), was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations. Any reference to Tennessee from this point forth will refer to the overall project which includes National's interests.

<sup>2</sup> Tennessee's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

<sup>3</sup> A loop is a segment of pipeline installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and which connects to the existing pipeline at both ends of the loop. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the system.

inch-diameter pipe and replacement of a 4-inch ultrasonic meter with an 8-inch ultrasonic meter.

The general location of Tennessee's proposed facilities is shown on the map attached as Appendix 1.<sup>4</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of Tennessee's proposed facilities would require about 113.7 acres of land for the construction right-of-way for the pipelines, additional temporary workspaces, staging areas, and access roads. Of this land, 18.63 would be permanently maintained by Tennessee. The construction right-of-way for the pipelines would typically be 100 feet wide with 25 feet overlapping Tennessee's permanently maintained existing right-of-way in uplands. In wetland areas it would be reduced to 75 feet. Following construction, a 50-foot-wide permanent right-of-way would be maintained.

At Compressor Stations 313 and 317 and the Ramsey Meter Station, the proposed work would take place within the existing fee-owned property or easement boundaries. These areas are included in the above acreage estimates.

Construction access to Tennessee's project would be via existing and new access roads. Tennessee has identified nine existing private access roads and four new access roads necessary for the construction of its project.

#### The EA Process

We<sup>5</sup> are preparing the EA to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which 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 us 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 staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the

<sup>4</sup> 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 website 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.

<sup>5</sup> "We", "us", and "our", refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).