

Power Agency et al. for Plumas-Sierra's 60 kV Interconnection at Quincy Substation.

Filed Date: 12/29/2005.

Accession Number: 20060103-0125.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. eastern time on Thursday, January 19, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-421-000.

Applicants: ISO New England Inc.

Description: ISO New England, Inc submits the Coordination Agreement with New York Independent System Operator which includes a rate schedule for Emergency Energy Pricing.

Filed Date: 12/29/2005.

Accession Number: 20051230-0096.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. eastern time on Thursday, January 19, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-422-000.

Applicants: Avista Corporation.

Description: Avista Corporation submits revisions to its OATT, FERC Electric Tariff, Volume No. 8 pursuant to Interconnection for Wind Energy, Order No. 661-A.

Filed Date: 12/29/2005.

Accession Number: 20051230-0089.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. eastern time on Thursday, January 19, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-423-000.

Applicants: Boston Edison Company.

Description: Boston Edison Co submits executed Dewar Street Interconnection Agreement with New England Power Co and BECo dated as of 12/22/05, effective date of 1/1/06.

Filed Date: 12/29/2005.

Accession Number: 20051230-0090.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. eastern time on Thursday, January 19, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-425-000.

Applicants: El Segundo Power, LLC.

Description: El Segundo Power, LLC submits a Notice of Cancellation of Rate Schedule FERC No. 2, the Must-Run Service Agreement with the California Independent System Operator.

Filed Date: 12/29/2005.

Accession Number: 20051230-0063.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. eastern time on Thursday, January 19, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-426-000.

Applicants: Cabrillo Power I LLC.

Description: Cabrillo Power I, LLC submits revisions to the Reliability Must-Run Service Agreement between Cabrillo I and the California Independent System Operator Corp.

Filed Date: 12/29/2005.

Accession Number: 20051230-0064.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. eastern time on Tuesday, January 17, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-427-000.

Applicants: Mystic Development, LLC.

Description: Mystic Development, LLC submits its proposed FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 2, & supporting cost data specifying Mystic's revenue requirement for providing cost-based reliability services.

Filed Date: 12/29/2005.

Accession Number: 20051230-0107.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. eastern time on Thursday, January 19, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-428-000.

Applicants: Portland General Electric Company.

Description: Portland General Electric Co submits specific revisions to its Pro Forma OATT pursuant to the applicable tariff filing requirements.

Filed Date: 12/29/2005.

Accession Number: 20060103-0009.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. eastern time on Thursday, January 19, 2006.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5 p.m. eastern time on the specified comment date. It is not necessary to separately intervene again in a subdocket related to a compliance filing if you have previously intervened in the same docket. 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 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 log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., 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 for 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.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF06-1-000]

#### CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Carthage to Perryville Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

January 6, 2006.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will address the environmental impacts of the Carthage to Perryville Project proposed by CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission (CEGT). The Commission will use the EIS in its decisionmaking process to determine whether or not to authorize the project. This notice explains the scoping process we<sup>1</sup> will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help us determine the issues that need to be evaluated in the EIS. Please note that the scoping period will close on February 10, 2006.

Comments may be submitted in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice. In lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public scoping meetings we have scheduled as follows:

<sup>1</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.

Date and time	Location
Tuesday, January 24, 2006, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (CST) .....	Texas Country Music Hall of Fame, 300 West Panola Street, Carthage, TX 75633. Telephone: (903) 693-3869.
Wednesday, January 25, 2006, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (CST) .....	Quitman High School Auditorium, 181 Wolverine Drive, Quitman, LA 71268. Telephone: (318) 259-2698.
Thursday, January 26, 2006, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (CST) .....	Delhi Civic Center, 232 Denver Street, Delhi, LA 71232. Telephone: (318) 878-3792.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; Federal, State, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. We encourage government representatives 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 CEGT representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed project facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the FERC, 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 Internet 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 FERC's proceedings.

### Summary of the Proposed Project

CEGT proposes to construct, own, operate, and maintain a natural gas pipeline to provide new pipeline capacity to transport domestic onshore gas supplies from the Barnett Shale and Bossier Sand production areas in eastern Texas, as well as the Elm Grove and Vernon Field production areas in Louisiana. CEGT indicates that the proposed facilities would facilitate the transport of natural gas to the Midwest and Northeastern regions of the United States and help satisfy demand in those markets. The proposed pipeline would originate from receipt points near Carthage in Panola County, Texas, and extend to a terminus at interconnections with four existing interstate pipelines located within CEGT's Perryville Hub, near Delhi in Richland Parish, Louisiana. The general location of the

proposed pipeline is shown in the figure included as Appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

The Carthage to Perryville Project facilities under FERC jurisdiction would include:

- 171.6 miles of 42-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Panola County, Texas, and Caddo, De Soto, Red River, Bienville, Jackson, Ouachita, and Richland Parishes, Louisiana;
- Two compressor stations, the Panola and Vernon Compressor Stations, located in Panola County, Texas, and Jackson Parish, Louisiana, respectively (phased construction with initially installed gas turbine-driven compression of 10,310 horsepower (hp) to be expanded to 20,620 hp at each station by October 2008);
- Two meter and regulator stations at receipt points with three intrastate pipelines, including:
  - Energy Transfer Fuels Meter/Regulator Station in Panola County, Texas
  - Duke Energy Field Services-Enbridge Meter/Regulator Station in Panola County, Texas;
  - Four new meter and regulator stations at interconnects with existing interstate pipelines, including:
    - Texas Gas Meter/Regulator Station in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana
    - ANR Meter/Regulator Station in Richland Parish, Louisiana
    - Trunkline Meter/Regulator Station in Richland Parish, Louisiana
    - Columbia Gulf Meter/Regulator Station in Richland Parish, Louisiana; and
    - 10 mainline valves.

The project would be designed and constructed to receive and transport about 1.2 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day. CEGT proposes to have the project constructed and operational by February 2007.

<sup>2</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 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 Public Participation section of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail. Requests for detailed maps of the proposed facilities should be made directly to CEGT.

### Land Requirements for Construction

As proposed, the typical construction right-of-way for the project pipeline would be 100 feet wide. Following construction, CEGT would retain a 60-foot-wide permanent right-of-way for operation of the project. Additional, temporary extra workspaces beyond the typical construction right-of-way limits would be required at certain feature crossings (e.g., roads, railroads, wetlands, or waterbodies), in areas with steep side slopes, or in association with special construction techniques.

Based on preliminary information, construction of the proposed project facilities would affect a total of about 2,398.4 acres of land. Following construction, about 1,247.9 acres would be maintained as permanent right-of-way, and about 56.8 acres of land would be maintained as new aboveground facility sites. The remaining 1,093.7 acres of temporary workspace (including all temporary construction rights-of-way, extra workspaces, and pipe storage and contractor yards) would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

### The EIS Process

NEPA requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action when it considers whether or not an interstate natural gas pipeline should be approved. The FERC will use the EIS to consider the environmental impact that could result if the CEGT project is authorized under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals to be considered by the Commission. This process is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EIS on the important environmental issues. With this Notice of Intent, the Commission staff is requesting public comments on the scope of the issues to be addressed in the EIS. All comments received will be considered during preparation of the EIS.

In the EIS we 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;
- Water resources;
- Wetlands and vegetation;
- Fish and wildlife;
- Threatened and endangered species;
- Land use, recreation, and visual resources;
- Air quality and noise;
- Cultural resources;
- Socioeconomics;
- Reliability and safety; and
- Cumulative impacts.

In the EIS, we will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on affected resources.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be included in a draft EIS. The draft EIS will be mailed to Federal, State, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; affected landowners; commentors; other interested parties; local libraries and newspapers; and the FERC's official service list for this proceeding. A 45-day comment period will be allotted for review of the draft EIS. We will consider all comments on the draft EIS and revise the document, as necessary, before issuing a final EIS. We will consider all comments on the final EIS before we make our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure that your comments are considered, please follow the instructions in the Public Participation section of this notice.

Although no formal application has been filed, the FERC staff has already initiated its NEPA review under its NEPA Pre-filing Process. The purpose of the Pre-filing Process is to encourage the early involvement of interested stakeholders and to identify and resolve issues before an application is filed with the FERC.

With this notice, we are asking Federal, State, and local governmental agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues, especially those identified in Appendix 2, to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EIS. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated the proposal relative to their responsibilities. Agencies that would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided in Appendix 2.

#### Currently Identified Environmental Issues

The EIS will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the

construction and operation of the proposed project. We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the project site and the facility information provided by CEGT. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Potential effects on prime farmland soils and soils with a high potential for compaction.
- Potential impacts to perennial and intermittent streams and waterbodies.
- Potential effects on waterbodies designated under Federal and/or State programs, including Saline Bayou and Black Lake Bayou.
- Evaluation of temporary and permanent impacts on wetlands and development of appropriate mitigation.
- Potential impacts to fish and wildlife habitat, including waterbird nesting areas along major river crossings.
- Potential effect on federally and State-listed species, including the red-cockaded woodpecker, bald eagle, pallid sturgeon, least tern, pine snake, and Louisiana black bear.
- Potential impacts to existing land uses, including agricultural and managed forested lands.
- Potential visual effects of the aboveground facilities on surrounding areas.
- Potential impacts and potential benefits of construction workforce on local housing, infrastructure, public services, and economy.
- Potential impacts to local air and noise quality associated with construction and operation.
- Assessment of potential cultural resources along the pipeline route.
- Native American and tribal concerns.
- Public safety and potential hazards associated with the transport of natural gas.
- Alternative alignments for the pipeline route and alternative sites for the compressor stations.
- Assessment of the effect of the proposed project when combined with other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable future actions in the project area.

#### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the proposed project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EIS and considered by the Commission. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable

alternatives (including alternative facility sites and pipeline routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please carefully follow these instructions:

- 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 your comments for the attention of Gas Branch 3, DG2E.
- Reference Docket No. PF06-1-000 on the original and both copies.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 10, 2006.

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 in response to this Notice of Intent. For information on electronically filing comments, please see 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, as well as information in 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii). Before you can submit comments you will need to create a free account, which can be created on-line.

The public scoping meetings (dates, times, and locations are listed above) are designed to provide another opportunity to offer comments on the proposed project. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meetings and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the EIS. A transcript of each meeting will be generated so that your comments will be accurately recorded.

Once CEGT formally files its application with the Commission, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenors play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in a Commission proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are included in the User's Guide under the "e-filing" link on the Commission's Web site. Please note that you may not request

intervenor status at this time. You must wait until a formal application is filed with the Commission.

#### Environmental Mailing List

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. This includes all landowners who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within distances defined in the Commission's regulations of certain aboveground facilities.

If you received this notice, you are on the environmental mailing list for this project. 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 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be removed from the Commission's environmental mailing list.

#### Availability of Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC (3372) or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary link." Click on the eLibrary link, select "General Search" and enter the project docket number excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, PF06-1) 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or 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.

In addition, the FERC now offers a free service called eSubscription that 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. To register for this service, go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

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.

Finally, CEGT has established an Internet Web site for this project at

<http://www.centerpointenergy.com/carthagetoperryville/>. The Web site includes a description of the project, a map of the proposed pipeline route, and answers to frequently asked questions. You can also request additional information or provide comments directly to CEGT at 1-888-641-8326 or [carthagetoperryville@CenterPointEnergy.com](mailto:carthagetoperryville@CenterPointEnergy.com).

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-26-000]

#### **Dominion Cove Point LNG, L.P.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Cove Point Air Separation Unit Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

January 6, 2006.

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 Cove Point Air Separation Unit Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Dominion Cove Point LNG, L.P. (Dominion) in Calvert County, Maryland. These facilities would consist of two air separation units, a liquid nitrogen storage tank, a gas turbine generator, a site rating generator and associated instrumentation and equipment at the existing Cove Point Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

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 February 6, 2006.

This notice is being sent to landowners within 0.5 mile of the project area; Federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; local libraries and newspapers in this proceeding. Government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposal and advise

them to comment on their areas of concern.

The purpose of the Project is to add facilities to the terminal that would increase the capability of the LNG import terminal to process high British Thermal Unit (BTU) content LNG in order to assure that the resulting natural gas meets the gas quality specifications. The proposed facilities would also enhance the reliability of service at the terminal and provide more flexibility to acquire and schedule cargoes of LNG from a wider variety of supply sources.

Dominion seeks authority to construct and operate:

- Two air separation units;
- One 62,825 gallon liquid nitrogen storage tank;
- Two electric substations and associated automation and electric facilities;
- One 20,500 horsepower (HP) International Standards Organization (ISO) rating Solar Titan simple cycle gas turbine generator;
- One 13,800 volt, 13.2 megawatt (MW) site rating generator;
- Fuel gas equipment and piping;
- Associated instrumentation; and
- Fiber optic and electrical duct banks.

All construction activities would take place within the existing Cove Point Terminal. No additional land would be required for 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 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, the Commission staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. By this notice, we are also asking Federal, state, and local agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. Agencies that would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filling comments provided below.