

other interveners identified on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. Persons on the service list with e-mail addresses may be served electronically; others must be served a hard copy of the filing. Please refer to Appendix 2 if you would like more information on how to intervene in Commission proceedings.

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#### Environmental Mailing List

If you do not want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Remove From Mailing List Form included in Appendix 3. If you return this form, you will be removed from the Commission's environmental mailing list.

#### 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, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" (i.e., CP06-64-000), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (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 rule makings.

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**Magalie R. Salas,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-53-000]

### Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 2006-2008 Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

March 15, 2006.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company's (ESNG) proposed 2006-2008 Expansion Project involving construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties, Delaware.<sup>1</sup> 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.

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 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 Commission's proceedings.

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

The purpose of ESNG's project is to increase the capacity of its existing pipeline system to accommodate growing demand within its market area. To meet this demand, ESNG would construct about 55 miles of various diameter pipeline and two new meter

stations. Specifically, ESNG proposes to add 15.0 miles of mainline pipeline, 40.0 miles of looping pipeline and appurtenant facilities. The project is composed of seven segments and includes:

- **Segment 1 (Chester County, PA)**—About 1.5 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline, looping ESNG's existing 8-inch-diameter Parkesburg mainline;
- **Segment 1A (Chester County, PA)**—About 0.6 mile of 16-inch-diameter pipeline, looping ESNG's two existing pipelines;
- **Segment 2 (New Castle and Kent Counties, DE)**—About 23.8 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline, looping ESNG's existing 10-inch-diameter Hockessin mainline;
- **Segment 3 (New Castle County, DE)**—About 6.1 miles of 10-inch-diameter pipeline, looping ESNG's existing 6-inch-diameter Parkesburg mainline;
- **Segment 4 (Sussex County, DE)**—About 4.0 miles of 10-inch-diameter pipeline, looping ESNG's existing 6-inch-diameter Parkesburg mainline;
- **Segment 5 (Sussex County, DE)**—About 4.0 miles of 10-inch-diameter pipeline, looping ESNG's existing 6-inch-diameter Cambridge/Easton mainline; and
- **Segment 6 (Sussex County, DE)**—About 15.0 miles of 6-inch-diameter pipeline to tie into an existing ESNG 6-inch-diameter pipeline upstream and extend southerly to Millsboro, DE.

ESNG also proposes to construct two new metering stations located at Mileposts 10.4 and 15.0 as part of Segment 6.

The general locations of the project facilities are shown in Appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 752.46 acres of land including some of ESNG's existing permanent easement. Following construction, about 1.52 acres would be maintained for new permanent easement and operation of the aboveground facility sites. The remaining 750.94 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

<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 last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

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## 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 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 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.

In the EA we<sup>3</sup> 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 project or portions of the project, 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 below.

<sup>3</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

## 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 by ESN. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

Project-related impact on:

- Residences or structures within 50 feet of construction work space;
- Wellhead Water Resource Protection Areas;
- Effects to private water wells;
- Waterbody crossings;
- Construction effects to the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, Drawyer Creek and the Appoquinimink River;
- Effect to category 5 impaired waterbodies; and
- Restoration of natural landscape.

## Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. 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 and/or 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. CP06-53-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 17, 2006.

## Scoping Meeting

The public scoping meetings 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 EA. A transcript of the meetings will be generated so that your comments will be accurately recorded. There will be one

scoping meeting in a centralized location for all segments of the project.

### 2006-2008 Expansion Project

Wednesday—March 29, 2006, 7 p.m. (EST), The AmericInn, 1259 Corn Crib Road, Harrington, DE 19952, (302) 398-3900.

Please note that 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.

We may mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (Appendix 3). 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". Intervenors 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 send one electronic copy (using the Commission's eFiling system) or 14 paper 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).<sup>4</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

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## 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

<sup>4</sup> Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

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. By this notice we are also asking governmental agencies to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EA.

### Additional Information

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](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

March 15, 2006.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent License.

b. *Project No.:* 1051-012.

c. *Date Filed:* August 29, 2005.

d. *Applicant:* Alaska Power & Telephone Company (AP&T).

e. *Name of Project:* Skagway-Dewey Lakes Project.

f. *Location:* On Pullen, Dewey, Reid, Icy, and Snyder Creeks within the city limits of Skagway, Alaska. The project does not utilize any Federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Bob Grimm, AP&T, PO Box 3222, Port Townsend, Washington 98368, (360) 385-1733, ext. 120.

i. *FERC Contacts:* Alan Mitchnick, (202) 502-6074, [alan.mitchnick@ferc.gov](mailto:alan.mitchnick@ferc.gov); or Shana Murray, (202) 502-8333, [shana.murray@ferc.gov](mailto:shana.murray@ferc.gov).

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions is 60 days from the issuance of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

k. This application has been accepted for filing and is now is ready for environmental analysis.

l. *Project Description:* Water from Reid Falls, Icy Creek, and Snyder Creek is diverted to Lower Dewey Lake, which in turn, flows into Dewey reservoir. The project withdraws water from Dewey reservoir to supply the powerhouse. Existing project features include: the 26-

foot-long, 8-foot-high Reid Falls diversion dam that diverts water into a 14-inch-diameter, 1,280-foot-long steel pipeline running to Icy Creek; the 102-foot-long, 5-foot-high Icy Lake dam impounding the 3.4-acre Icy Lake; the 30-foot long and 3-foot-high Snyder Creek diversion dam that diverts water from Snyder Creek into a diversion channel that conveys water to Lower Dewey Lake; the 629-foot-long, 28-foot-high Lower Dewey Lake dam, impounding the 32.8-acre Lower Dewey Lake; the 132-foot-long, 30-foot-high, Dewey reservoir dam, impounding 2.7 acres; a 300-foot-long canal running between Lower Dewey Lake and Dewey reservoir; three penstocks that run from the Dewey reservoir dam about 1,850 feet to the project's powerhouse that sits adjacent to Pullen Creek within the City of Skagway; and a powerhouse containing four turbines with a total installed capacity of 943 kilowatts. No changes to the project are proposed.

m. A copy of the application 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, contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. 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.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR