

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Project No. 7758-004-MA]

City of Holyoke Gas & Electric
Department; Notice of Availability of
Environmental Assessment

May 18, 2006.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47879), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a subsequent license for the Holyoke No. 4 Project, located on the Holyoke Canal adjacent to the Connecticut River, in the City of Holyoke, Hampden County, Massachusetts, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). In the EA, Commission staff analyze the potential environmental effects of relicensing the project and conclude that issuing a subsequent license for the project, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA may also 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 or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the issuance date of this notice, and should be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Holyoke No. 4 Project No. 7758" to all comments. Comments may be filed electronically via 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 under the "eFiling" link. For further information, contact Jack Hannula at (202) 502-8917.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. PF06-22-000]

AES Sparrows Point LNG, LLC and
Mid-Atlantic Express, LLC; Notice of
Intent To Prepare an Environmental
Impact Statement for the Proposed
Sparrows Point Project, Request for
Comments on Environmental Issues
and Notice of a Joint Public Meeting

May 16, 2006.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard (Coast Guard) are in the process of evaluating the Sparrows Point Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Project planned by AES Sparrows Point LNG, LLC (AES) and the associated pipeline planned by Mid-Atlantic Express LLC (Mid-Atlantic Express). The project would consist of an onshore LNG import and storage terminal located on the west shore of Sparrows Point, south of Dundalk, Maryland, and an approximately 87-mile natural gas sendout pipeline, extending north from the terminal to interconnects with existing pipelines of Transco, Tetco, and Columbia Gas Transmission near Eagle, Pennsylvania.

As a part of this evaluation, FERC staff will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will address the environmental impacts of the project and the Coast Guard will assess the maritime safety and security of the project. As described below, the FERC and the Coast Guard will hold a joint public meeting at Sparrows Point to allow the public to provide input to these assessments. The FERC will host additional public meetings along the pipeline route to provide input to the assessment of the pipeline component of the project.

The Commission will use the EIS in its decision-making process to determine whether or not to authorize the project. This Notice of Intent (NOI) explains the scoping process we¹ will use to gather information on the project from the public and interested agencies and summarizes the process that the Coast Guard will use. Your input will help identify the issues that need to be evaluated in the EIS and in the Coast Guard's maritime safety and security assessment. Please note that scoping

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

comments are requested by June 16, 2006.

Comments on the project 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 NOI. In lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend any of the following public scoping meetings or site visits scheduled as follows:

Monday, June 5, 2006, 7 p.m.:

North Point/Edgemere Volunteer Fire Co., 7500 North Point Road, Sparrows Point, MD, 410-477-1310.

Tuesday, June 6, 2006, 7 p.m.:

East Brandywine Fire Hall, 2096 Bondsville Road, Downingtown, PA, 610-269-1817.

Wednesday, June 7, 2006, 7 p.m.:

Harford Community College, 401 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air, MD, 410-836-4000.

FERC will be conducting a site visit of the proposed project route over a two-day period. The tour each day will begin and end at the locations and times listed below. Please note that no private property will be entered and all locations of anticipated alignment of the project pipeline will be viewed from public rights-of-way.

Tour Day 1, June 6, 2006

Tour Start Location—Sparrows Point Shipyard. **Note:** The Shipyard may not be open to the public on the day of the tour depending upon site work scheduled that day. Persons wishing to enter the Shipyard site must have photo identification. The Shipyard may not be entered without a security escort and all tour participants will need to meet in a marshalling area outside the security entrance for Sparrows Point Shipyard at the location shown on the map in Appendix 1. Follow signs for Bethlehem Blvd. west off of Rt 695 at Sparrows Point. Bethlehem Blvd. will turn into Riverside Drive as you near Bear Creek on the west side of Sparrows Point. Take the right hand turn at the flashing sign that says "All Shipyard Traffic to Sparrows Point" and park in the parking area before the security guard trailer.

Tour Start Time—8 a.m. The tour will depart promptly at 8:15 a.m. and will proceed from the marshalling area northerly along the proposed primary pipeline route. All attendees must provide their own transportation. Several locations that are publicly accessible will be visited along the route section between Sparrows Point and Bel Air, MD where the tour will end on Day 1. The Day 1 Tour will end on or near Walter's Mill Road north of Bel Air, MD, by 1 p.m.