

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. CP06–12–000 and CP06–13–000]

Gulf LNG Energy, LLC; Gulf LNG Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the LNG Clean Energy Project

May 19, 2006.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the construction and operation of the liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal and natural gas pipeline facilities, referred to as the LNG Clean Energy Project, as proposed by Gulf LNG Energy, LLC and Gulf LNG Pipeline, LLC (collectively referred to as Gulf LNG) in the above-referenced dockets.

This draft EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the LNG Clean Energy Project, with appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact. The draft EIS evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including system alternatives, alternative sites for the LNG import terminal, and pipeline alternatives. The draft EIS also contains our Essential Fish Habitat Assessment.

The general purpose of the LNG Clean Energy Project is to provide up to 1.5 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas to markets in the United States.

The draft EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of construction and operation of the following facilities near the City of Pascagoula in Jackson County, Mississippi:

- A ship berth and unloading facilities (i.e., marine facilities) capable of accommodating one LNG ship;
- LNG transfer systems;
- Two 160,000 cubic meter full containment LNG storage tanks;
- 10 high-pressure submerged combustion vaporizers;
- Vapor handling systems;
- Hazard detection and response equipment, ancillary utilities, buildings, and service facilities;
- A 5.0-mile-long, 36-inch-diameter natural gas sendout pipeline; and
- Associated pipeline support facilities, including one meter station, three interconnects, one pig launcher, and one pig receiver.

Comment Procedures and Public Meetings

Any person wishing to comment on the draft EIS may do so. To expedite the FERC's receipt and consideration of your comments, electronic submission of comments is strongly encouraged. See 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the FERC's Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the eFiling link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can submit comments, you will need to create a free account by clicking on "Sign-up" under "New User." You will be asked to select the type of submission you are making. This type of submission is considered a "Comment on Filing." Comments submitted electronically must be submitted by July 10, 2006.

If you wish to mail comments on the draft EIS, please mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 10, 2006 and carefully follow these instructions:

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. CP06–12–000, *et al.* on the original and both copies;
- Label one copy of your comments for the attention of Gas Branch 2, PJ11.2; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 10, 2006.

In lieu of or in addition to sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public comment meeting the FERC will conduct in the project area to receive comments on the draft EIS. The meeting is scheduled as follows: Thursday, June 22, 2006, 7 p.m. (CDT), Pascagoula High School cafeteria, 1716 Tucker Avenue, Pascagoula, MS 39567, telephone: (228) 938–6451.

The public comment meeting will be posted on the FERC's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx>. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the draft EIS. A transcript of the meeting will be prepared.

After the written comments and comments from the public meeting 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 commentor 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 and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502–8371.

A limited number of copies of the draft EIS are available from the Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch identified above. In addition, CD copies of the draft EIS have been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies; elected officials; public interest groups; individuals and affected landowners; libraries; newspapers; and parties to these proceedings.

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 at (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 Commission 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

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

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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1390-040-CA]

Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

May 19, 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 Offer of Settlement (Settlement) filed on February 4, 2005, including proposed amended license conditions for the Lundy Hydroelectric Project, located on Mill Creek in Mono County, near the town of Lee Vining and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed amendment.

The EA contains our analysis of the potential effects of the existing project and concludes that amending the project license in accordance with the Settlement as modified by staff 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 at the Commission in the Public Reference Room. 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 "Lundy Hydroelectric Project No. 1390" 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 John Smith at (202) 502-8972 or by e-mail at john.smith@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF06-21-000]

Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Guardian Expansion/Extension Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

May 19, 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 Guardian Expansion/Extension Project (G-II) proposed by Guardian Pipeline L.L.C (Guardian). The Commission will use the EIS in its decision-making process to determine whether or not to authorize the project. This notice explains the scoping process the Commission 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 June 23, 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:

| Date and time | Location |
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| Monday, June 12, 2006 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. (CDT) | Radisson Hotel and Conference Center of Green Bay 2040 Airport Drive Green Bay, WI US (920) 405-6404. |
| Tuesday, June 13, 2006 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. (CDT) | Ramada Plaza Hotel 1 North Main Street Fond Du Lac, WI 54935 (920) 923-3000. |
| Wednesday, June 14, 2006 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. (CDT) | Olympia Conference Center 1350 Royale Mile Road Oconomowoc, WI 53066 (262) 369-4969. |

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 Guardian 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

Guardian proposes to construct, own, operate, and maintain:

- Approximately 105.8 miles of new natural gas pipeline; about 79.2 miles of which consist of 30-inch-diameter pipeline, and the remaining 26.6 miles would consist of 20-inch-diameter pipeline. The proposed pipeline would originate at Ixonia in northeastern Jefferson County, Wisconsin and travel