

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).<sup>5</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

#### Site Visit

On June 20, 2006, the OEP staff will conduct a pre-certification site visit of the planned Cape Cod Project.

We will view the proposed route and variations that are being considered for the planned pipeline. Staff will view the area by automobile and on foot.

Representatives of Algonquin will be accompanying the OEP staff.

All interested parties may attend the site visit on June 20, 2006. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation. If you are interested in attending the site visit, please meet us at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of ENSR, 95 State Road, Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts.

If you plan on attending and will be entering the Massachusetts Military Reservation along with FERC on the site visit, it will be necessary that you provide certain information no later than Monday, June 12, 2006. We will attempt to get pre-approval for anyone attending. Please e-mail the following information to [jjzimmer@ensr.com](mailto:jjzimmer@ensr.com): Name; Drivers License Number; Agency/Affiliation; Vehicle make, model, color, year, and license plate number of vehicle entering the base.

Anyone attending who will be entering the Massachusetts Military Reservation needs to be pre-approved and must bring a Photo ID to gain access.

For additional information, please contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-FERC (3372).

#### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the

<sup>5</sup>Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

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

[Docket No. CP06-115-000]

#### **Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Texas Eastern Incremental Market Expansion II Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

May 26, 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 Texas Eastern Incremental Market Expansion (TIME) II Project involving construction, replacement, and operation of facilities by Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) in Pickaway and Monroe Counties, Ohio and Somerset, Bedford, Franklin, Bucks, Fayette, and Adams Counties, Pennsylvania. The TIME II Project would provide additional natural gas pipeline capacity to the New Jersey market area, alleviating the constraints currently experienced as a result of

increasing market demand. The TIME II Project would provide up to 150,000 dekatherms per day (dth/d) of transportation capacity.

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 June 30, 2006.

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 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<sup>1</sup>

In 2007, Texas Eastern proposes to:

- Remove about 6.4 miles of its existing 24-inch-diameter Line 1 pipeline and replace it, within the same trench, with a 36-inch-diameter pipeline in Somerset and Bedford Counties, Pennsylvania (Uniontown Discharge);
- Remove about 4.9 miles of its existing 24-inch-diameter Line 1 pipeline and replace it, within the same trench, with a 36-inch-diameter pipeline in Franklin County, Pennsylvania (Bedford Discharge);
- Remove about 10.3 miles of its existing 20-inch-diameter Line 2 pipeline and replace it, within the same

<sup>1</sup>Texas Eastern's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

trench, with a 36-inch-diameter pipeline in Bucks County, Pennsylvania (Eagle Discharge);

- Construct the new Heidlersburg Compressor Station, which would include a 16,000 horsepower (hp) electric motor/centrifugal compressor and related facilities near Heidlersburg in Adams County, Pennsylvania; and
- Remove, relocate, or install appurtenant facilities.

In 2008, Texas Eastern proposes to:

- Remove about 6.3 miles of its existing 24-inch-diameter Line 1 pipeline and replace it, within the same trench, with a 36-inch-diameter pipeline in Pickaway County, Ohio (Five Points Discharge);
- Construct about 4.0 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline loop<sup>2</sup> in Monroe County, Ohio (Berne Discharge);
- Install a 16,000 hp electric motor/centrifugal compressor unit at its existing Uniontown Compressor Station in Fayette County, Pennsylvania; and
- Install appurtenant facilities.

The general location of Texas Eastern's proposed facilities is shown on the map attached as Appendix 1.<sup>3</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of Texas Eastern's proposed pipeline facilities would require about 571.6 acres of land, including construction rights-of-way for the loop and replacements, additional temporary workspaces, access roads, staging areas, and pipeyards/wareyards. Following construction, about 319.9 acres would be maintained as permanent rights-of-way. The remaining 251.7 acres would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

Construction at the existing Uniontown Compressor Station would require disturbance of about 0.5 acre within the existing compressor station site and would not require the clearing of additional land.

Construction of the Heidlersburg Compressor Station would require about 6.3 acres of land. Following construction, about 6.2 acres would be maintained as a new aboveground facility site.

<sup>2</sup> A loop is a segment of pipeline that is installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it on both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the pipeline system.

<sup>3</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.

#### 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<sup>4</sup> 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. 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 filing comments below.

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.

#### Currently Identified Environmental Issues

In the EA, we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the project. We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project.

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities, environmental information provided by Texas Eastern, and comments gathered from concerned citizens at Texas Eastern's open houses. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Potential noise levels due to the operation of the compressor stations;
- Safety concerns;

<sup>4</sup> "We", "us", and "our", refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

- Eight federally-listed threatened and endangered species may potentially occur in the project areas;
- 56 perennial waterbodies would be crossed; and
- About 6.2 acres of agricultural land would be converted to industrial use for the Heidlersburg Compressor Station.

#### 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 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 1.
- Reference Docket No. CP06-115-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 30, 2006.

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 an account which can be created online.

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding, or "intervenor". 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). Intervenor's have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. Motions to Intervene should be electronically submitted using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons without Internet access should send an original and 14 copies of their motion to the Secretary of the Commission at the address indicated

previously. Persons filing Motions to Intervene on or before the comment deadline indicated above must send a copy of the motion to the Applicant. All filings, including late interventions, submitted after the comment deadline must be served on the Applicant and all other intervenors 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.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

#### 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.

#### 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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Finally, 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.

Magalie R. Salas,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-126-000]

#### Texas Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Texas Gas Storage Expansion Project—Phase 2 and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

May 25, 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 Texas Gas Storage Expansion Project—Phase 2 involving construction and operation of facilities by Texas Gas Transmission, LLC (Texas Gas) in Webster, Hopkins, and Muhlenberg Counties, Kentucky.<sup>1</sup> Texas Gas' project purpose is to enable it to withdraw on a firm basis up to an additional 100,749 MMBtu per day from the Midland and Hanson Gas Storage Fields. Also the project would enable Texas Gas to utilize an additional 9,320,500 MMBtu in the Midland Gas Storage Field to accommodate demand on Texas Gas' system. In general these facilities would consist of 7 new horizontal injection/withdrawal wells, abandoning 2 horizontal injection/withdrawal wells, several segments of pipeline connecting the wells to lateral pipelines and replacing several segments of pipeline, addition of compression at 2 compressor stations, and increasing the certificated field capacity at one of the storage fields. 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.

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Texas Gas proposes to add three compressor units at two existing compressor stations (CS), add seven new horizontal injection/withdrawal

wells and related field piping modifications at two existing gas storage fields, and abandon two existing injection/withdrawal wells all in Kentucky. Also Texas Gas proposes an increase in certificated field capacity at one gas storage field. Specifically, the project includes:

- *Slaughters CS (Webster County, KY)*—A new 13,338 horsepower (hp) turbine compressor unit and associated equipment, and a new power generator to be installed at an existing compressor station site;

- *Hanson CS (Hopkins County, KY)*—Two new 1,774 hp reciprocating compressor units and associated equipment replacing two existing reciprocating units, a new power generator, a dehydration plant, and a new boiler to be installed at an existing compressor station site;

- *Hanson Gas Storage Field (Hopkins County, KY)*—Two new horizontal injection/withdrawal wells (Well Nos. 17567 and 17568); and

- *Midland Gas Storage Field (Muhlenberg County, KY)*—Five new horizontal injection/withdrawal wells (Well Nos. 17562, 17563, 17564, 17565, and 17566), plugging existing Well Nos. 16774 and 16812, new pig trap receiver/launcher facilities, and increased certificated field capacity by 2,000,000 MMBtu by increasing the maximum allowable field pressure.

Also, Texas Gas indicates it would construct and operate, under a Blanket Certificate from Docket No. CP82-407-000, the following facilities at the Hanson and Midland Gas Storage Fields:

- *Hanson Gas Storage Field*—900 feet (ft) of new 8-inch (in) diameter pipeline from Well No. 17567 to the 12-in East Header pipeline, and 800 ft of new 8-in diameter pipeline from Well No. 17568 to the 8-in West Header pipeline.

- *Midland Gas Storage Field*—1,200 ft of new 8-in diameter pipeline from Well No. 17562 to the E-11 lateral pipeline, 800 ft of new 8-in diameter pipeline from Well No. 17563 to the E-7 lateral pipeline, 1,000 ft of new 8-in diameter pipeline from Well No. 17564 to the E-4 lateral pipeline, 200 ft of new 8-in diameter pipeline from Well No. 17565 to the E-1 lateral pipeline, 500 ft of new 8-in diameter pipeline from well No. 17566 to the W-4 lateral pipeline, 1,600 ft of 6-in diameter pipeline to replace the existing 4-in pipeline tributary to existing Well No. 16947, 1,500 ft of 6-in pipeline to replace the existing 4-in and 6-in tributary pipeline segments extending from the E-11 lateral pipeline to the E-7 lateral pipeline.

<sup>1</sup> Texas Gas' application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.