

Electronic Comments

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Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASD-2006-111. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the

Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NASD.

All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASD-2006-111 and should be submitted on or before November 1, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁸

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5577]

Determination on the Use of FY 2005 Supplemental Peacekeeping Operations Funds To Support the Global War on Terrorism

The Secretary of State, pursuant to the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief (P.L. 109-13) and the President's delegation of his authority to make the necessary determination on the use of these funds, determined on September 9th that the use of the \$30 million in FY 2005 supplemental peacekeeping operations funds in Lebanon and Kyrgyz Republic will support the global war on terrorism.

Dated: September 29, 2006.

Michael W. Coulter,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

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DETERMINATION ON THE USE OF FY 2005 SUPPLEMENTAL PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

Pursuant to the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief (P.L. 109-13) and the President's delegation to me of his authority to make the necessary determination on the use of these funds, I hereby determine that the use of the \$30 million in FY 2005 supplemental peacekeeping operations funds in Lebanon and Kyrgyz Republic will support the global war on terrorism.

This determination shall be reported to Congress promptly and published in the *Federal Register*.

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Date



Condoleezza Rice
Secretary of State

¹⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

MEMORANDUM OF JUSTIFICATION

THAT THE USE OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS FUNDS WILL SUPPORT THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM CONSISTENT WITH THE EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND TSUNAMI RELIEF ACT, 2005 (P.L. 109-13)

Pursuant to the "Peacekeeping Operations" section of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror (GWOT), and Tsunami Relief Act, 2005 (P.L. 109-13), \$30 million in Peacekeeping Operations (PKO) funds appropriated by this Emergency Supplemental may be used pursuant to a Presidential Determination that such use will support the GWOT after consultations with the Committees on Appropriations. On May 25, 2006, the President delegated to the Secretary of State the authority to make the determination on these funds.

The Secretary has determined that the intended use of the \$30 million in FY 2005 supplemental PKO funds supports the GWOT.

The assistance to Lebanon (\$27.95 million) will support the Lebanese Armed Forces' efforts to regain control of their national territory from Hizballah, a U.S.-designated terrorist organization. In addition, this funding will support the efforts of the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) and the Lebanese Internal Security Forces (ISF) to secure Lebanon's borders, airport, and harbors and prevent the shipment of illicit arms. Support for the LAF and the ISF is a key component to the successful implementation of UNSCRs 1559 and 1701, and to put an end to the violence that Hizballah and its sponsors imposed on the people of Lebanon and Israel, while laying the framework for a lasting peace.

The assistance to the Kyrgyz Republic (\$2.05 million) will be used towards the purchase of one Mi-8MTV utility helicopter to complement Kyrgyzstan's three other Mi-8MTV helicopters. The aircraft are used to enhance border surveillance, improve interdiction of illicit cross-border activity, and generally support ground security operations in remote mountainous areas with known terrorist transit activity. Also, the assistance is a component of the compensation package negotiated with the Kyrgyz Government for maintaining the Manas Coalition Airbase, which supports coalition operations in Afghanistan and is a strategically critical component of the global war on terrorism.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and To Conduct Scoping Meetings and Notice of Floodplain and Wetland Involvement; TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P.

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and to Conduct Public Scoping Meetings. Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement.

SUMMARY: TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P. has applied to the United States Department of State for a Presidential Permit for the proposed construction, connection, operation, or maintenance, at the border of the United States of facilities for the importation of petroleum from a foreign country. The Department of State receives and considers applications for Presidential Permits for such energy-related pipelines pursuant to authority delegated to it by the President under Executive Order 13337 of April 30, 2004 (69 FR 25299). To issue a Permit, the Department of State must find that issuance would serve the national interest. It consults extensively with concerned Federal and State agencies, and invites public comment in arriving at its determination. With respect to the application submitted by TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P., the Department of State has concluded that the issuance of the Presidential Permit would constitute a major Federal action that may have a significant impact upon the environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). For this reason, Department of State intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to address reasonably foreseeable impacts from the proposed action and alternatives, to include the proposed Cushing extension.

The purpose of this Notice of Intent is to inform the public about the proposed action, announce plans for scoping meetings, invite public participation in the scoping process, and solicit public comments for consideration in establishing the scope and content of the EIS. As the proposed project may involve an action in a floodplain or wetland, the EIS will include a floodplain and wetlands assessment and floodplain statement of findings.

DATES: Department of State invites interested agencies, organization, and members of the public to submit comments or suggestions to assist in identifying significant environmental issues and in determining the appropriate scope of the EIS. The public scoping period starts with the publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** and will continue until November 30, 2006. Written, electronic and oral comments will be given equal weight and State will consider all comments received or postmarked by November 30th in defining the scope of this EIS. Comments received or postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

During this public scoping period, the Department of State plans to use the scoping process to help identify consulting parties and historic preservation issues for consideration under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800).

Dates and locations for the public scoping meetings are:

1. October 24, 2006, 7 to 10 p.m., Michigan, North Dakota, Michigan Civic Center, 113 Broadway N., Michigan.
2. October 24, 2006, 7 to 10 p.m., Yankton, South Dakota, Minerva Convention Centre at the Best Western, Kelley Inn, 1607 East Highway 50, Yankton.
3. October 25, 2006, 7 to 10 p.m., Lisbon, North Dakota, Commons Room, Lisbon High School, 502 Ash Street, Lisbon.
4. October 25, 2006, 7 to 10 p.m., Stanton, Nebraska, VFW Meeting Hall, 1106 Veteran's Avenue, Stanton.
5. October 28, 2006, 7 to 10 p.m., Clark, South Dakota, Clark Community Center, 120 N. Commercial Street, Clark.
6. October 28, 2006, 7 to 10 p.m., Seward, Nebraska, Seward Civic Center, Auditorium, 616 Bradford St., Seward.
7. November 1, 2006, 7 to 10 p.m., St. Charles, Missouri, Commons Area, Orchard Farm High School, 2165 Highway V, St. Charles.
8. November 2, 2006, 7 to 10 p.m., Collinsville, Illinois, Gateway Center Marquette Room, One Gateway, Drive (Highway 157 & Eastport Plaza Drive), Collinsville.
9. November 8, 2006, 7 to 10 p.m., Carrollton, Missouri, Rupe Community Building (Behind Fire Station, park on north side of building, do not block fire station) 710 Harvest Hills Road, Carrollton.
10. November 9, 2006, 7 to 10 p.m., Seneca, Kansas, Nemaha Community Center, 1500 Community Drive, Seneca.

11. November 14, 2006, 7 to 10 p.m., Abilene, Kansas, Abilene Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Historical Train Depot, 210 NW 2nd Street, Abilene.

12. November 15, 2006, 7 to 10 p.m., El Dorado, Kansas, El Dorado Civic Center, Main Meeting Room, 210 E. Central, El Dorado.

13. November 16, 2006, 7 to 10 p.m., Morrison, Oklahoma, Morrison Park Pavillion, Hwy 64 & Casey Trail, (One block from 7th Street), Morrison.

The scoping meetings will be conducted in a workshop style. A court reporter will be present and will accept comments for the record.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or suggestions on the scope of the EIS should be addressed to: Elizabeth Orlando, OES/ENV Room 2657, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520. Comments may be submitted electronically to keystoneeis@state.gov. Public comments will be posted on the Web site identified below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the proposed project or to receive a copy of the Draft EIS when it is issued, contact Elizabeth Orlando at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by electronic or regular mail as listed above, or by telephone (202) 647-4284, or by fax at (202) 647-5947.

More information on the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline application for a Presidential Permit, including associated maps and drawings will be downloadable in its entirety from a Web site that is being established for this purpose: <http://www.keystonepipeline.state.gov> (hosted by Entrix, Department of State's contractor to perform the EIS study). This Web site is expected to be operational on or about October 20, 2006. This Web site will accept public comments for the record.

Department of State Presidential Permit information and process can also be found at the above internet address.

A TransCanada hosted project Web site is also available at: <http://www.transcanada.com/keystone/index.html>. The Keystone Project toll-free number is: 1 (866) 717-7473 (United States and Canada).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Need for Agency Action

TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP (Keystone) proposes to construct and operate an interstate crude oil pipeline and related facilities from an oil supply hub near Hardisty, Alberta, in Canada, to destinations in the United States. The proposed project, known as the