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*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on February 23, 2007.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP06-446-000]

**Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed East Texas to Mississippi Expansion Project**

February 9, 2007.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP (Gulf South) under the above-referenced docket. Gulf South's East Texas to Mississippi Expansion Project (Project) would be located in

various counties and parishes in eastern Texas, northern Louisiana, and western Mississippi.

The Draft EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The FERC staff concludes that the proposed Project, with the appropriate mitigation measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), National Park Service (NPS), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) are federal cooperating agencies for the development of this EIS. A federal cooperating agency has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved with the proposal and is involved in the NEPA analysis.

The general purpose of the proposed Project is to transport up to 1.7 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas from production fields in eastern Texas to markets in the Gulf coast, Midwestern, Northeastern and Southeastern regions of the United States.

The Draft EIS addresses the potential environmental impacts resulting from the construction and operation of the following facilities:

- Approximately 240.0 miles of 42-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline extending easterly from DeSoto Parish, Louisiana to Simpson County, Mississippi;
- Approximately 3.3 miles of 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline extending northward from Gulf South's existing Carthage Junction Compressor Station in Panola County, Texas to interconnect with existing natural gas facilities within Panola County;
- Two new compressor stations, the Vixen and the Tallulah Compressor Stations, located in Ouachita and Madison Parishes, Louisiana, respectively;
- Modifications to three existing compressor stations, the Carthage

Junction, Hall Summit, and McComb Compressor Stations in Panola, County, Texas, Bienville Parish, Louisiana and Walthall County, Mississippi, respectively; and

- Other ancillary facilities including six meter and regulator (M/R) facilities, eleven mainline valves, nine side valves, and six pig launcher and/or receiver facilities.

Project construction would be initiated in May 2007 and completed by September 2007, at which point Gulf South would place the proposed Project in-service.

**Comment Procedures and Public Meetings**

Any person wishing to comment on the Draft EIS may do so. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded so that they may be considered in the Final EIS, please carefully follow these instructions:

- 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 your comments to the attention of Gas Branch 2, DG2E; and Reference Docket No. CP06-446-000 on the original and both copies.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before March 27, 2007.

Please note that the Commission strongly encourages the electronic filing ("eFiling") of comments. Instructions on how to "eFile" comments can be found on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "Documents and Filings" link.

In lieu of or in addition to sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public comment meetings the FERC will conduct in the project area to receive comments on the Draft EIS. All meetings will begin at 6 p.m. (CDT), and are scheduled as follows:

Date and time	Location
Monday, February 26, 6 p.m. ....	Minden American Legion Hall, 119 Pine Street, Minden, LA 71055, (318) 371-3045.
Tuesday, February 27, 6 p.m. ....	Ouachita Parish Public Library—Main Branch, 1800 Stubbs Avenue, Monroe, LA 71201, (318) 327-1490.
Thursday, March 1, 6 p.m. ....	Vicksburg Convention Center, Room 4, 1600 Mulberry Street, Vicksburg, MS 39180, (866) 822-6338.

The public comment meetings 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. Transcripts of the meetings will be prepared.

After the comments received 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

FERC 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 commentator 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.<sup>1</sup> 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 public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

A limited number of copies of the Draft EIS are available from the Public Reference Room identified above. In addition, CD copies of the Draft EIS have been mailed to affected landowners; various Federal, State, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; local libraries and newspapers; intervenors; and other individuals that expressed an interest in the proposed Project. Hard-copies of the Draft EIS have also been mailed to those who requested that format during the scoping and comment periods for the proposed Project.

Additional information about the proposed 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>).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP07-067-000]

#### **Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Ellisburg Replacement Well Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

February 9, 2007.

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 Ellisburg Replacement Well Project involving the installation and operation of two new injection/withdrawal wells by Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI) within its Ellisburg Storage Field located in Potter County, Pennsylvania.<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.

This notice announces the opening of the public comment period that will be used to gather environmental input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Comments are requested by March 9, 2007.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The 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 company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A brochure 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 Web site at <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**

DTI seeks authority to install and operate two new wells, EW-210 and EW-326, located in its Ellisburg Storage Field. The new wells would replace two previously abandoned wells, EW-203 and EW-313. The previous well abandonments were completed under DTI's blanket certificate authorization in Docket No. CP06-419-000.

The new well EW-210 would be installed approximately 32 feet northwest of EW-203, and the new EW-326 well would be located approximately 49 feet northeast of EW-313. In addition, DTI would connect the new wells to the existing storage pipeline network by installing approximately 230 feet of new well pipeline. The construction and operation of the new pipeline would be performed under DTI's existing blanket certificate authorization in Docket No. CP82-537-000. The new wells are required to maintain the overall deliverability of the Ellisburg Storage Field.

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

#### **Land Requirements**

Construction of the new wells would require about 3.31 acres of land and includes access roads, staging areas and extra work areas. Each well site would require approximately 1.62 acres. Following construction, about 1.26 acres would be permanently maintained. The remaining 2.05 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

#### **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

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than Appendix 2 (map), are available on the Commission's website 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.

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

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