

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP07-32-000]****Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Southeast Expansion Project**

August 3, 2007.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this Final 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 Southeast Expansion Project (Project) would be located in various counties and parishes in eastern Louisiana, Mississippi, and western Alabama.

The Final 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), 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.

Gulf South indicates that the general purpose of the proposed Project is to provide producers in eastern Texas and northern Louisiana an eastern market outlet for production from CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company in the Perryville, Louisiana, area.

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

- Approximately 111 miles of 42-inch-diameter natural gas transmission pipeline extending easterly from Simpson County, Mississippi, to Choctaw County, Alabama;
- Three new compressor stations, the Delhi, Harrisville, and Destin Compressor Stations, located in Richland County, Louisiana; Simpson County, Mississippi; and Choctaw County, Alabama, respectively; and
- Other ancillary facilities including five meter and regulator (M/R) facilities, eight mainline valves, one side valve,

and two pig launcher and/or receiver facilities.

Dependent upon Commission approval, Gulf South proposes to complete construction and begin operating the proposed Project in January 2008.

The Final 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, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

A limited number of copies of the Final EIS are available from the Public Reference Room identified above. In addition, CD copies of the Final 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 Final EIS have also been mailed to those who requested that format during the scoping and comment periods for the proposed Project.

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA, no agency decision on a proposed action may be made until 30 days after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes a notice of availability of a Final EIS. However, the CEQ regulations provide an exception to this rule when an agency decision is subject to a formal internal process that allows other agencies or the public to make their views known. In such cases, the agency decision may be made at the same time the notice of the Final EIS is published, allowing both periods to run concurrently. Should the FERC issue Gulf South authorizations for the proposed Project, it would be subject to a 30-day rehearing period. Therefore, the Commission could issue its decision concurrently with the EPA's notice of availability.

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>). To access information via the FERC Web site, click on the "eLibrary" link, then click on "General Search" and enter the docket number (CP07-032), excluding the last three digits, in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. The "eLibrary" link provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices,

and rulemakings. For assistance with "eLibrary," 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.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 12455-004]****Borough of Leighton, PA, Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions**

August 3, 2007.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric license application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* Original License.
- b. *Project No.:* 12455-004.
- c. *Date Filed:* December 29, 2006.
- d. *Applicant:* Borough of Leighton, Pennsylvania.
- e. *Name of Project:* Beltzville Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* The project would be connected to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Beltzville Dam, located on Pohopoco Creek, in the Borough of Leighton, Carbon County, Pennsylvania.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* The Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. John Hanosek, P.E., Borough manager, P.O. Box 29, Municipal Building, Second and South Street, Leighton, PA 18235, (610) 377-4002.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Jack Hannula, (202) 502-8917 or [john.hannula@ferc.gov](mailto:john.hannula@ferc.gov).
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "eFiling" link.

k. This application has been accepted, and is ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Description of Project:* The project would be located on the downstream side of the existing Corps of Engineers Beltzville Dam consisting of: (1) A 175-foot-high, 4,600-foot-long earth-fill dam with a 23-foot-high, 2,000-foot-long ungated concrete spillway impounding; (2) a 949-acre reservoir with a normal water surface elevation of 628.0 feet mean sea level with; (3) a 193-foot-high, 72-foot-long, 42-foot-wide water intake tower equipped with four flood control service gates and 8 water quality portals with gates connected to; (4) a 7-foot-diameter, 1,175-foot-long conduit leading to; (5) a 110-foot-long, 34-foot-wide stilling basin.

The proposed Beltzville Hydroelectric Project would consist of: (1) An existing 84-inch conduit that would be modified to include; (2) a new 78-inch-diameter steel pipe liner equipped with a 78-inch butterfly valve and 84-inch slide gate; (3) an existing 16-inch-diameter, 36-foot-long bypassed flow penstock; (4) a new 60-inch diameter, 37-foot-long Y-branch penstock that bifurcates into a 36-inch-diameter, 43-foot-long penstock and a 48-inch-diameter, 39-foot-long penstock leading to; (5) a new powerhouse containing a 1,700 kilowatt (kW) and a 900 kW generating units for a total installed capacity of 2,600 kW; (6) a 300-foot-long, 12-kilovolt transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h. above.

All filings must: (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS", "TERMS AND CONDITIONS", or "PRESCRIPTIONS"; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscribenow.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Procedural schedule: The Commission staff proposes to issue a single Environmental Assessment (EA) rather than issuing a draft and final EA. Staff intends to allow at least 30 days for entities to comment on the EA, and will take into consideration all comments received on the EA before final action is taken on the license application. The application will be processed according to the following schedule, but revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate:

Issue Notice of availability of the EA: January 2008.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

o. The license applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice: (1) A copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including

proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and Motions To Intervene

August 6, 2007.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.:* 12809-000.

c. *Date Filed:* July 10, 2007.

d. *Applicant:* James R. Robertson.

e. *Name and Location of Project:* The proposed Cave Run Lake Dam Hydroelectric Project would be located on Licking River in Bath and Rowan Counties, Kentucky. The existing Cave Run Lake Dam is administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

f. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

g. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. James Robertson, 5702 Reno Court, Boonsboro, MD 21713, (301) 432-7882.

h. *FERC Contact:* Tom Papsidero, (202) 502-6002.

i. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. Please include the project number (P-12809-000) on any comments or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the