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o. With this notice, we are setting the effective date for the commencement of licensing proceeding as October 8, 2007, and soliciting comments on the PAD and the scoping document, as well as study requests. Note that although this notice and the scoping document are being issued earlier than the commencement date the process plan milestones are based on the commencement date. All comments on the PAD and the scoping document, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and the scoping document, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to the merits of the potential application (original and eight copies) must be filed with the Commission at the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All filings with the Commission must include on the first page, the project name (Thomson Project) and number (P-12741-001), and bear the heading "Comments on Pre-Application Document," "Study Requests," "Comments on Scoping Document 1," "Request for Cooperating Agency Status," or "Communications to and from Commission Staff." Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or the scoping document, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by November 13, 2007.

Comments on the PAD and the scoping document, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and other permissible forms of communications with the Commission may be filed electronically via the 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-filing" link.

p. Although our current intent is to prepare an environmental assessment (EA), there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

Scoping Meetings

Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings in the vicinity of the project at the time and place noted below. The daytime meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization concerns, while the evening meeting is primarily for receiving input from the public. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the environmental document. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Evening Scoping Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 7, 2007.

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Saratoga Hotel & Conference Center, 534 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, New York.

Phone: (202) 502-6093.

Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 8, 2007.

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Saratoga Hotel & Conference Center, 534 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, New York.

Phone: (202) 502-6093.

The scoping document, which outlines the issues to be addressed in the environmental document, has been mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the scoping document will be available at the scoping meetings, and may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph n. Depending on the extent of comments received, Scoping Document 2 may or may not be issued.

Site Visit

Albany Engineering Corporation will conduct a tour of the proposed project site at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 2007. All participants should meet at the Lock C5 and Hudson Crossing Park, located off Route 4 and 32 in Schuylerville, New York. All participants are responsible for their

own transportation. Anyone with questions about the site visit should contact Mr. James Besha of Albany Engineering Corporation at (518) 456-7712 on or before October 10, 2007.

Scoping Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Present the proposed list of issues to be addressed in the EA; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource agency management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss requests by any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the PAD in preparation for the scoping meetings. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and the scoping document are included in item n of this document.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP07-511-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Technical Conference

September 25, 2007.

Take notice that a technical conference will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2007, at 9 a.m., in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The technical conference will address all issues raised by El Paso Natural Gas Company's filing and how the filing relates to prior Commission orders and policy.

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Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an e-mail to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or 202-502-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

All interested parties and staff are permitted to attend. For further information please contact April Ballou at (202) 502-6537 or e-mail April.Ballou@ferc.gov.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC); Notification of a Public Advisory Committee Meeting of the CASAC Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x) and Sulfur Oxides (SO_x) Primary NAAQS Review Panel

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee's (CASAC) Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x) and Sulfur Oxides (SO_x) Primary NAAQS Review Panel (Panel) to conduct a peer review of EPA's *Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen—Health Criteria (First External Review Draft)* (EPA/600/R-07/093, August 2007) and to conduct a consultation on the EPA's *Nitrogen Dioxide Health Assessment Plan: Scope and Methods for Exposure and Risk Assessment*.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 through 4 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Thursday, October 25, 2007.

Location: The meeting will take place at the Marriott at Research Triangle Park, 4700 Guardian Drive, Durham, NC, 27703, telephone: (919) 941-6200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wishes to submit a written or brief oral statement (five minutes or less) or wants further information concerning this meeting must contact Dr. Angela Nugent, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200

Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; via telephone/voice mail: (202) 343-9981; fax: (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at: nugent.angela@epa.gov. General information concerning the CASAC or the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found on the EPA Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

EPA is in the process of reviewing the primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for nitrogen oxides (NO_x). Under the Clean Air Act, EPA is required to carry out a periodic review and revision, as appropriate, of the air quality criteria and the NAAQS for six criteria air pollutants, which include NO_x. Primary standards set limits to protect public health, including the health of "sensitive" populations such as asthmatics, children, and the elderly.

As part of that process, EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) has completed a draft document, *Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen—Health Criteria (First External Review Draft)* (EPA/600/R-07/093, August 2007, 72 FR 50107) and has requested that CASAC peer review the document. EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) has also completed a document entitled *Nitrogen Dioxide Health Assessment Plan: Scope and Methods for Exposure and Risk Assessment* and has requested that the CASAC provide consultative advice to assist the Agency in developing human exposure and health risk assessments for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). EPA has released an integrated plan for all aspects of this review of the primary NO₂ standard, *Integrated Review Plan for the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Nitrogen Dioxide* (August 2007), which reflects advice provided by the CASAC panel through a consultation on a draft of that document, *Draft Plan for Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Nitrogen Dioxide* (February 2007). Background information about the CASAC NO_x review activities and about formation of the CASAC Panel was published in the **Federal Register** on August 7, 2006 (71 FR 44695-44696).

Technical Contact: Any questions concerning EPA's *Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen—Health Criteria (First External Review Draft)* should be directed to Dr. Dennis Kotchmar, ORD (by telephone: 919-541-4158, or e-mail:

kotchmar.dennis@epa.gov). Any questions concerning EPA's *Nitrogen Dioxide Health Assessment Plan: Scope and Methods for Exposure and Risk*

Assessment should be directed to Dr. Scott Jenkins, OAR (by telephone: 919-541-1167, or e-mail: jenkins.scott@epa.gov).

Availability of Meeting Materials: EPA-ORD's *Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen—Health Criteria (First External Review Draft)* can be accessed on EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment Web site at: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/recordisplay.cfm?deid=181712>. EPA-OAR's *Nitrogen Dioxide Health Assessment Plan: Scope and Methods for Exposure and Risk Assessment* will be accessible via the Agency's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards Web site at: http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/nox/s_nox_cr_pd.html. Agendas and materials in support of meeting will be placed on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab> in advance of the meeting.

Procedures for Providing Public Input:

Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the CASAC Panel to consider during the advisory process. **Oral Statements:** In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to five minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of one hour for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Dr. Nugent, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail) by October 19, 2007 at the contact information noted above, to be placed on the public speaker list for this meeting. **Written Statements:** Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by October 19, 2007, so that the information may be made available to the Panel for their consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature (optional), and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Nugent at the phone number or e-mail address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: September 28, 2007.

Anthony F. Maciorowski,

Deputy Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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