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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. DI08-2-000]

Scott Hansen; Notice of Declaration of Intention and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and/or Motions To Intervene

January 24, 2008.

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

a. *Application Type:* Declaration of Intention.

b. *Docket No:* DI08-2-000.

c. *Date Filed:* January 11, 2008.

d. *Applicant:* Scott Hansen.

e. *Name of Project:* Hansen Residential Microhydro.

f. *Location:* The proposed Hansen Residential Microhydro will be located on an unnamed stream in the Haines Borough near Haines, Alaska, at T. 30 S., R. 59 E., sec. 28, Copper River Meridian.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 817(b).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Scott Hansen, P.O. Box 1138, Haines, AK 99827; telephone: (907) 766-2323; fax: (907) 766-2365; e-mail:

www.shansen@chilkoot-nsn.gov

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Henry Ecton, (202) 502-8768, or E-mail address: henry.ecton@ferc.gov

j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and/or motions:* February 25, 2008.

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/or 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 at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link.

Please include the docket number (DI08-2-000) on any comments, protests, and/or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed run-of-river Hansen Residential Microhydro will include: (1) A 3-foot-high, 10-foot-wide diversion from an unnamed stream into a 4.2

cubic yard concrete intake structure with a 120-cubic-foot capacity; (2) a 6-inch-diameter, 200-foot-long polyethylene penstock; (3) a powerhouse containing a generator with a total capacity of 26 kW; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project will not be connected to an interstate grid and will not occupy any tribal or federal lands.

When a Declaration of Intention is filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Power Act requires the Commission to investigate and determine if the interests of interstate or foreign commerce would be affected by the project. The Commission also determines whether or not the project: (1) Would be located on a navigable waterway; (2) would occupy or affect public lands or reservations of the United States; (3) would utilize surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) if applicable, has involved or would involve any construction subsequent to 1935 that may have increased or would increase the project's head or generating capacity, or have otherwise significantly modified the project's pre-1935 design or operation.

l. *Locations of the Application:* Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTESTS", AND/OR "MOTIONS TO INTERVENE", as

applicable, and the Docket Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *Agency Comments*—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

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[Docket No. CP08-46-000]

Tarpon Whitetail Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Whitetail Natural Gas Storage Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 23, 2008.

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 proposed Whitetail Natural Gas Storage Project involving construction and operation of natural gas facilities by Tarpon Whitetail Gas Storage, LLC (Whitetail) in Monroe County, Mississippi. The 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 scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on February 25, 2008. Details on how to submit comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice.

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. Whitetail 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, Whitetail could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with Mississippi state law.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this proposed project and to encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

Summary of the Proposed Project

Whitetail proposes to construct, own, operate, and maintain a high-deliverability, multi-cycle depleted reservoir natural gas storage facility, known as the Aberdeen Gas Storage Field, in Monroe County. The Whitetail Natural Gas Storage Project would accommodate the injection, storage, and subsequent withdrawal of natural gas for redelivery in interstate commerce. Upon completion of the project, the reservoir would have a total working gas storage capacity of 8.6 billion standard cubic feet.

The primary facilities associated with the proposed project are as follows:

- Up to 20 injection/withdrawal wells and 2 saltwater disposal wells in two general locations (the "West Well Pad Site" and the "East Well Pad Site");
- An interconnection (the "TETCO Interconnect") with Texas Eastern's existing interstate natural gas pipeline that includes a meter station, pig launcher/receiver, interconnect piping, and associated facilities;
- About 4.9 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline (the "West Header Right-of-way pipeline") and 1.0 mile of 16-inch-diameter pipeline (the "Field Line Corridor pipeline"); and
- 14,200 horsepower (hp) of compression (four 3,550 hp natural gas-driven compressors and ancillary facilities) at a new compressor station (the "Whitetail Compressor Station").

The general location of the proposed storage field project is shown in Appendix 1.¹

Land Requirements for Construction

The construction and development of the Aberdeen Gas Storage Field itself would encompass about 2,850 acres. An additional buffer zone, defined by the Mississippi Oil and Gas Board as necessary to ensure reservoir integrity, would bring the total storage area to 4,840 acres.

The West Header Right-of-way and the Field Line Corridor pipelines would together require about 79 acres of temporary disturbance for the construction rights-of-way, including extra work spaces. Of this total, about 36 acres would be retained for Whitetail's permanent rights-of-way.

The proposed TETCO Interconnect site is a 1-acre tract at the northwest terminus of the proposed West Header Right-of-way pipeline. This site would be fenced and permanently converted to natural gas operation.

Most of the remaining facilities associated with the proposed project would be constructed within the "Plant Site," a 24.3-acre tract owned by Whitetail. Within this site, the Whitetail Compressor Station would encompass about 11.1 acres and the West Well Pad Site (for construction of injection/withdrawal and saltwater disposal wells and ancillary facilities) would encompass about 6.1 acres. About 4.3 acres would be used as temporary work space, pipe storage, construction offices, and similar use. The remaining 2.8 acres of the Plant Site consists of an existing facilities area which would not be disturbed by Whitetail's proposed construction, though it could be used for operational purposes. Once the project is completed, Whitetail would construct a permanent security fence around the Plant Site.

The proposed East Well Pad Site is about 1 mile southeast of the Plant Site and at the eastern terminus of the proposed Field Line Corridor pipeline. This site would encompass about 5 acres for construction of injection/withdrawal and saltwater disposal wells, a pig launcher/receiver, and

ancillary facilities related to the wells and pipeline.

The EA Process

We² are preparing this EA to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impact that could result if it authorizes Whitetail's proposal. 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 provided below.

NEPA also requires the FERC 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, we are requesting public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received will be considered during the preparation of the EA.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources and wetlands.
- Land use.
- Socioeconomics.
- Cultural resources.
- Vegetation and wildlife (including sensitive species).
- Air quality and noise.

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.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the "Additional Information" section at the end of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail. Requests for detailed maps of the proposed facilities should be made directly to Whitetail.

² "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, 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, 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: Kimberley D. Bose, 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. CP08–46–000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 25, 2008.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments. See 18 Code of Federal Regulations 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "eFiling" link and the link to the User's Guide. Prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper and save it to a file on your hard drive. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing."

We may mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (Appendix 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must send one electronic copy (using the Commission's eFiling system) or 14 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) (see Appendix 2).³ 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.

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 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.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

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. You can also request additional information by calling Whitetail at 713–337–2743.

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³ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08–58–000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Prior Notice of Activity Under Blanket Certificate

January 24, 2008.

Take notice that on January 18, 2008, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (TGPL) filed a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208 and 157.210 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations under the Natural Gas Act, and TGPL's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82–426, for authorization to replace three segments of mainline pipeline in Howard County, Maryland (MD).

As a result of population density increases along TGPL's mainline, TGPL must upgrade three parallel segments of pipeline—Mainlines A, B and C—each approximately 0.377 miles long, in Howard County, MD. These replacements are required in order to ensure compliance with the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) regulations at 49 CFR 192.611 and to maintain certificated service and the safety and reliability of TGPL's mainline. The replacement will take place in an area recently classified as meeting the USDOT Class 4 regulations, as defined at 49 CFR 192.5(b)(4). The estimated total cost of all pipeline replacements is approximately \$9.6 million. TGPL's proposal is more fully described in the application that is on file with the Commission.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Bill Hammons LLP, P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251 at (713) 215–2130.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.