

St. Francis, Lee, and Phillips Counties, Arkansas; and Coahoma, Washington, Sunflower, Humphreys, Holmes, and Attalla Counties, Mississippi.

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 purpose of the Project is to add pipeline capacity to Texas Gas's existing interstate pipeline system to transport the new natural gas supplies being developed from the Fayetteville Shale gas production area in north-central Arkansas to markets in the mid-western, northeastern, and southeastern United States. Texas Gas is proposing to construct at total of about 262.6 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline in two separate pipeline laterals, two tie-in laterals, a compressor station, and associated ancillary facilities.

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

- Fayetteville Lateral: 166.2 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline in Faulkner, Cleburne, White, Woodruff, St. Francis, Lee, and Phillips Counties, Arkansas, and Coahoma County, Mississippi;
- Greenville Lateral: 96.4 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline in Washington, Sunflower, Humphreys, Holmes, and Attalla Counties, Mississippi;
- 36-inch tie-in lateral: 0.8 mile of 36-inch-diameter pipeline in Attalla County, Mississippi;
- 20-inch tie-in lateral: 0.4 mile of 20-inch-diameter pipeline in Attalla County, Mississippi;
- The 10,650 horsepower Kosciusko Compressor Station in Attalla County, Mississippi;
- Twenty-nine metering and regulating stations; and
- Three pig launchers and three pig receivers.

The entire project would be capable of transporting about 841,000 million British thermal units per day (Btu/d) of natural gas on the Fayetteville Lateral and about 768,000 MMBtu/d on the Greenville Lateral. Texas Gas proposes to construct the pipeline facilities in two phases. Phase I would include construction of the first 66 miles of the Fayetteville Lateral and related facilities from Conway County to the Bald Knob area of White County, Arkansas. Phase II would include construction of the remaining 100 miles of the Fayetteville Lateral from White County, Arkansas, to Coahoma County, Mississippi, the entire Greenville Lateral and associated tie-in laterals, and the Kosciusko Compressor

Station. Texas Gas proposes beginning construction of both Phases I and II in June 2008. However, Phase I would be placed in service by August 1, 2008, and Phase II would be placed in service by January 1, 2009.

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.

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 website (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

To access information via the FERC website click on the "eLibrary" link then 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. 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

[Docket No. CP08-72-000]

#### **Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Des Plaines Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

March 7, 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 Des Plaines Project (Project). The Project is proposed by Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) and involves construction and operation of a new natural gas compressor and meter station near Channahon in Will County, Illinois. The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether or not to authorize the Project.

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. 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. Details on how to submit comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice. Please note that the scoping period will close on April 7, 2008.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. Affected landowners include all landowners who own land within 0.5 mile of the proposed compressor facility. Northern Border's proposed facilities would occupy a parcel of land owned by Northern Border. Northern Border has not proposed to acquire any easements to construct, operate, or maintain the proposed Project facilities.

A number of fact sheets prepared by the FERC, including "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" and "Guide to Electronic Information at FERC," are available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "For Citizens" link. These fact sheets address a number of typically

asked questions including how to participate in the Commission's proceedings and how to access information on FERC regulated projects in your area.

### Summary of the Proposed Project

Northern Border seeks authorization to construct, own, and operate a new 1,600 horsepower compressor station, meter station, and interconnecting and appurtenant facilities, collectively referred to as the Des Plaines Project, in Will County, Illinois. The proposed construction would include a new interconnect between ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) and Northern Border. Northern Border currently does not have the ability to receive gas directly from ANR due to Northern Border's higher operating pressures. The proposed compressor facilities would enable Northern Border to receive 59,681 dekatherms per day from ANR for transport to an existing delivery point on Northern Border's mainline system in Ventura, Iowa. Northern Border proposes to begin construction in July 2008 in order to be in-service by November 1, 2008.

The general location of the proposed facilities is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

### Land Requirements for Construction

The proposed construction would include an access road, piping (above and below ground), and one or more buildings that would contain meter equipment, appurtenant piping, and the natural gas compressor and engine. Proposed construction would impact approximately 7.8 acres of land owned by Northern Border. The site consists of undeveloped, disturbed grassland and shrubs, bordered by railroad tracks and active light industrial facilities. All proposed workspace for construction and material/equipment staging would occur within Northern Border's 7.8 acre site or at a nearby site (owned by Northern Border or previously disturbed commercial storage site). A new road would be installed across the CSX rail spur to provide access to the site from Youngs Road.

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices are available on the Commission's Web site 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 "Additional Information" section 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 Northern Border Pipeline Company by calling Bambi Heckerman at (402) 492-7575.

### The EA Process

We<sup>2</sup> 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 Northern Border'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
- Land use and visual quality
- Cultural resources
- Vegetation and wildlife (including threatened and endangered species)
- Air quality and noise
- Reliability and safety
- Cumulative impact

We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed Project, where necessary, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

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 received and considered, please

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

carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section below.

### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the Project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal and 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: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy for the attention of Gas Branch 3, PJ-11.3;
- Reference Docket No. CP08-72-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 7, 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 link to "Documents and Filings" and "eFiling." eFiling is a file attachment process and requires that you prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper, and save it to a file on your hard drive. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "Sign up" or "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing." In addition, there is a "Quick Comment" option available, which is an easy method for interested persons to submit text only comments on a project. The *Quick-Comment User Guide* can be viewed at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/quick-comment-guide.pdf>. Quick Comment does not require a FERC eRegistration account; however, you will be asked to provide a valid e-mail address. All comments submitted under either eFiling or the Quick Comment option are placed in the public record for the specified docket or project number(s).

As described above, we may publish and distribute the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving the EA for review and/or comment, please return the Mailing List Retention Form

(Appendix 2). If you do not return the Mailing List Retention Form, 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. Intervenor have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision, and also receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors.

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). Motions to Intervene should be electronically submitted using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons without Internet access should send an original and 14 copies of their motion to the Secretary of the Commission at the address indicated previously. Persons filing Motions to Intervene on or before the comment deadline indicated above must send a copy of the motion to the Applicant. All filings, including late interventions, submitted after the comment deadline must be served on the Applicant and all other intervenors identified on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. Persons on the service list with e-mail addresses may be served electronically; others must be served a hard copy of the filing.

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 ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the "eLibrary" link. Click on the eLibrary link, then on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP08-72). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, 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. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission,

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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.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0140; FRL-8354-1]**

### d-Phenothrin (Sumithrin) Risk Assessments; Notice of Availability and Risk Reduction Options

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of EPA's risk assessments, and related documents for the pesticide d-Phenothrin (Sumithrin), and opens a public comment period on these documents (Phase 3 of 4-Phase Process). The public is encouraged to suggest risk management ideas or proposals to address the risks identified. EPA is developing a Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) for sumithrin through a modified, 4-Phase public participation process that the Agency uses to involve the public in developing pesticide reregistration decisions. Through this program, EPA is ensuring that all pesticides meet current health and safety standards.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 13, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0140, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Delivery:* OPP Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. Deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays). Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

**Instructions:** Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0140. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. The [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

**Docket:** All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index available in [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). To access the electronic docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select "Advanced Search," then "Docket Search." Insert the docket ID number where indicated and select the "Submit" button. Follow the instructions on the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website to view the docket index or access available documents. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be