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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP95-35-001]

EcoEléctrica, L.P.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Ecoeléctrica Terminal Modification Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

June 11, 2008.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the potential environmental impacts of the EcoEléctrica Terminal Modification Project (Project) involving construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities by EcoEléctrica, L.P. (EcoEléctrica) in Peñuelas, Puerto Rico. 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 July 11, 2008. Details on how to submit comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; other interested parties; 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

EcoEléctrica's Terminal Modification Project would provide up to 186 million cubic feet per day of natural gas to the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA). To accomplish this, EcoEléctrica proposes to:

- Utilize a previously constructed natural gas pipeline at the existing EcoEléctrica liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal that extends to the facility fence line where it would interconnect with PREPA's facilities; and
- Construct two additional vertical shell and tube heat exchanger vaporizers within its existing 36-acre site.

Other required facilities associated with the vaporizers include:

- Two fixed speed, in-tank LNG sendout pumps (one operational, one in-tank spare);
- Three seawater heat exchangers (plate and frame type, one operational, and two spare);
- Three water/glycol circulation pumps (one operational, two spare);
- One water/glycol expansion tank at 1,800 gallons;
- One seawater supply pump (warehouse spare) at 6,000 gallons per minute; and
- Three seawater circulation pumps (one operational, two spare).

All construction would take place within the existing LNG facility fence lines. These modifications would increase LNG ship traffic by one ship per month. The general location of the proposed facilities is shown in appendix 1.¹

Land Requirements for Construction

The construction of the proposed Terminal Modification Project would be entirely within previously disturbed and currently maintained portions of the existing EcoEléctrica LNG terminal site. Construction of the Project would affect a total of 0.64 acre, of which 0.12 acre would be permanently changed with the installation of the new equipment. Following construction, 0.52 acre would be restored to pre-construction condition. No clearing of

¹ 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) 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 EcoEléctrica.

vegetation would be required for the Project.

The EA Process

We² are preparing this EA to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), which requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impact that could result if it authorizes EcoEléctrica'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 important environmental issues. By this Notice, we are requesting public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received are 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
- Land use and visual quality
- Cultural resources
- Vegetation and wildlife (including threatened and endangered species)
- Air quality and noise
- Reliability and safety

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the 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 presented 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; local libraries and newspapers; 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

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

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, 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 of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 1, PJ-11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP95-35-001; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 11, 2008.

Please note that the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments. See Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 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 computer's 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. If you want to be kept on our environmental mailing list, you must provide an address along with your comment.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor status play a more formal role in the Commission's 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.

Environmental Mailing List

As described above, we may mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving an EA for review and/or comment, please return the Environmental Mailing List Mailer (appendix 3). If you do not return the Environmental Mailing List Mailer, you will be taken off the mailing list. All individuals who provide written comments will remain on our environmental mailing list for this project.

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, then 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

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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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, any 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.

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Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Technical Conference

June 11, 2008.

Take notice that the Commission will convene a technical conference in the above referenced proceeding on Wednesday, July 16, 2008, at 10 a.m. (EDT), in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's May 29, 2008 order¹ in this proceeding directed that a technical conference be held to address the issues raised by an April 30, 2008 filing of Columbia Gulf Transmission Company to reflect its annual Transportation Retainage Adjustment (TRA), pursuant to the provisions of section 33 of the General Terms and Conditions of its tariff.

The parties and the Commission Staff will have the opportunity to discuss all of the issues raised by the filing including, but not limited to, providing additional technical, engineering and operations support for its proposed transportation retainage percentage.

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¹ *Columbia Gulf Transmission Company*, 123 FERC ¶ 61,216 (2008).