

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

In this application, Cameron Pipeline seeks (i) to increase the maximum authorized firm capacity of Cameron Pipeline's facilities to 2.35 Bcf per day from the currently-authorized level of 1.5 Bcf per day; and (ii) approval of revised maximum transportation rates that reflect both the proposed new level of authorized capacity and updated construction costs. The estimated cost of construction of Cameron Pipeline's facilities, (36.5 miles of 42-inch pipeline, interconnections, metering and appurtenant facilities) and is now about \$195 million, an increase of \$80 million from the estimate provided in its previous amendment in 2006. Cameron Pipeline says that its request for an increase in authorized capacity will align the maximum authorized capacity with the actual firm capacity of Cameron Pipeline's facilities, when they are completed and placed into service. Cameron Pipeline proposes that its maximum interruptible and firm transportation rates be decreased from the levels previously approved by the Commission. Specifically, Cameron Pipeline proposes that the maximum interruptible rate will decrease from \$.0528 to \$.0447, and the maximum firm rate will decrease from \$1.6056 to \$1.3607.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of

intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on July 18, 2008.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13124-000]

#### **Copper Valley Electric Association; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comment, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications**

June 27, 2008.

On March 3, 2008, Copper Valley Electric Association filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of Allison Lake Project, located on Allison Lake and Allison Creek near Valdez, Alaska.

The applicant proposes three alternatives: Alternative No. 1 has a new intake/penstock to increase generation at the existing licensed Project No. 2742 by an annual generation of 20.5 gigawatt-hours (GWh); Alternative No. 2 has a new intake, tunnel and powerhouse with a capacity of 4 MW and an annual generation of 24.7 GWh; and Alternative No. 3 has a new siphon, penstock, and powerhouse with a capacity of 4 MW and an annual generation of 20.9 GWh. All three alternatives would use the existing Allison Lake and Alternative No. 1 would also use the Solomon Lake Dam and reservoir.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Robert A. Wilkinson, CEO, Copper Valley Electric Association, P.O. Box 45, Mile 187,

Glenn Highway, Glennallen, AK 99588; phone: 907-822-3211. FERC Contact: Tom Papsidero, 202-502-6002.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. More information about this project can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13124) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-229-004]

#### **SG Resources Mississippi, L.L.C.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Southern Pines Energy Center Expansion Project II and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

June 27, 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 Southern Pines Energy Center Expansion Project II involving construction and operation of facilities by SG Resources Mississippi, L.L.C. (SGRM) in Greene County, Mississippi.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process we will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your

input will help the Commission staff determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on July 31, 2008.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties in this proceeding; and local libraries and newspapers. We encourage government representatives to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

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. The pipeline company 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, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice SGRM provided to landowners. This fact sheet 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

SGRM is proposing to expand its currently certificated Southern Pines Energy Center Gas storage field. SGRM is proposing to provide a total of 40 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of working gas capacity, supported by 11.4 Bcf of cushion gas capacity, for a total storage field capacity of 51.4 Bcf. The expanded facilities would be capable of injecting and withdrawing gas at a maximum rate of 1.8 Bcf per day and delivering gas at a maximum rate of 0.9 Bcf per day. SGRM seeks authority to undertake the following construction-related activities in Greene County, Mississippi:

- Enlarge the working gas capacity of each of the three currently certificated gas storage caverns from 8 Bcf to 10 Bcf, and cushion gas capacity from 2.1 Bcf to 2.8 Bcf.

- Develop a fourth 10 Bcf working gas capacity gas storage cavern with a cushion gas capacity of 2.8 Bcf.

- Drill two additional brine disposal wells.

- Construct the 3.13-mile-long, 24-inch-diameter Destin Lateral Loop pipeline.

- Construct a 200-foot-long, 24-inch diameter interconnecting pipeline that would connect the proposed Destin Lateral Loop pipeline to meter stations owned by Destin Pipeline Company, LLC and Southeast Supply Header, LLC.

- Install two additional 8,000 horsepower engine driven compressors.

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

### Nonjurisdictional Facilities

There are no nonjurisdictional facilities associated with this project.

### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 45.2 acres of land which includes 37.9 acres for a 100-foot-wide pipeline construction right-of-way (ROW), of which a 50-foot-wide strip consists of a previously certificated permanent ROW. Following construction, about 1.1 acres would be maintained as new aboveground facility sites and permanent rights-of-way. The remaining 44.1 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us 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, the Commission staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and

<sup>1</sup>The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than Appendix 1 (maps), 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 last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

In the EA we<sup>2</sup> 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
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- Cultural resources
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Air quality and noise
- Endangered and threatened species
- Hazardous waste
- Public safety

We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, 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 considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

### Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by SGRM. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- The federally listed threatened gopher tortoise may be affected by the project.
- The project may have increased air emissions and noise impacts.

### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the Southern Pines Energy Center Expansion Project II. Your comments

<sup>2</sup>"We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure timely and proper recording, please send in your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC, on or before July 31, 2008.

For your convenience, there are three methods in which you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances please reference the project docket number CP02-229-004 with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has dedicated eFiling expert staff available to assist you at 202-502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the Quick Comment feature, which is located on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to Documents and Filings. A Quick Comment is an easy method for interested persons to submit text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to Documents and Filings. eFiling involves preparing your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper, and then saving the file on your computer's hard drive. You will attach that file as your submission. 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. A comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing;" or

(3) You may file your comments via mail to the Commission by sending 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 3, PJ11.3.

#### Environmental Mailing List

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. This includes all landowners who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within distances defined in the Commission's regulations of certain aboveground facilities. By this notice we are also asking governmental

agencies, especially those in Appendix 2, to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EA.

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, 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). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

The Notice of Application for this proposed project issued on June 6, 2008, identified the date for the filing of interventions as June 27, 2008. However, affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted late 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.

#### Availability of 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](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, 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.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER08-960-000]

#### California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice of FERC Staff Attendance

June 27, 2008.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that on the following date members of its staff will attend a stakeholder meeting of the California Independent System Operator (CAISO).

July 1, 2008: Generator Interconnection Process Reform.

Unless otherwise noted, this meeting will be held at the CAISO, 151 Blue Ravine Road, Folsom, CA, or by teleconference. The agenda and other documents for the meeting are available on the CAISO's Web site, <http://www.caiso.com>.

Sponsored by the CAISO, this meeting is open to all market participants, and staff's attendance is part of the Commission's ongoing outreach efforts. The meeting may discuss matters at issue in the above captioned docket.

For further information, contact Saeed Farrokhpay at [saeed.farrokhpay@ferc.gov](mailto:saeed.farrokhpay@ferc.gov), (916) 294.0322 or Maury Kruth at [maury.kruth@ferc.gov](mailto:maury.kruth@ferc.gov), (916) 294-0275.

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