

managed areas under BLM jurisdiction and federally-managed conservation lands.

- Potential impacts to state-managed conservation lands.
- Potential impacts to historic and pre-historic cultural resource sites.
- Potential impacts and benefits of the construction workforce on local housing, infrastructure, public services and economy.
- Public safety and potential hazards associated with the transport of crude oil.
- Alternative alignments for the pipeline route.
- Assessment of the cumulative effect of the proposed project when combined with other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable future actions in the project area.
- Potential generation of greenhouse gasses.
- Public participation.

This list of issues may be changed based on public comments and analysis.

You are encouraged to become involved in this process and provide your specific comments or concerns about the proposed project. By becoming a commenter, your concerns will be considered by the Department of State and addressed appropriately in the EIS. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental impacts, reasonable alternatives (including alternative facility sites and alternative pipeline routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Parties interested in being involved in Section 106 consultation should also contact the Department of State. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be.

The public scoping meetings identified above are designed to provide another opportunity to offer comments on the proposed project. Interested individuals and groups are encouraged to attend these meetings and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the EIS. Again, written comments are considered with equal weight in the process relative to those received in public scoping meetings.

Issued in Washington, DC on January 28, 2009:

Stephen J. Gallogly,

Director, Office of International Energy and Commodities Policy, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6494]

Executive Order 11423, as Amended; Notice of Receipt of Application for a Presidential Permit for an International Rail Bridge on the U.S.-Mexico Border near Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of State hereby gives notice that, on December 31, 2008, it received from Kansas City Southern (KCS) an application for a Presidential permit to authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new international rail bridge called the East Loop Bypass on the U.S.-Mexico border near Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico. According to the application, KCS is an international transportation company comprised of three railroads and owns and operates an existing railroad bridge in Laredo. The proposed railroad bridge would be about 12 miles south of the existing railroad bridge. According to the application, the East Loop Rail Bypass project would relocate rail traffic from the Laredo city center, provide for additional rail capacity, enhance corridor safety, and improve the efficiency of cross-border rail crossings. In addition to the international bridge itself, KCS proposes as part of the project to construct about 50 miles of track to connect the new bridge to existing rail lines.

The Department's jurisdiction over this application is based upon Executive Order 11423 of August 16, 1968, as amended. As provided in E.O. 11423, the Department is circulating this application to relevant federal and state agencies for review and comment. Under E.O. 11423, the Department has the responsibility to determine, taking into account input from these agencies and other stakeholders, whether issuance of a Presidential permit for this proposed bridge would be in the U.S. national interest.

DATES: Interested members of the public are invited to submit written comments regarding this application on or before April 28, 2009, to Mr. Daniel Darrach, U.S.-Mexico Border Affairs Coordinator, via e-mail at *WHA-BorderAffairs@state.gov*, or by mail at WHA/MEX—Room 3909, Department of State, 2201 C St., NW., Washington, DC 20520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Daniel Darrach, U.S.-Mexico Border Affairs Coordinator, via e-mail at *WHA-*

BorderAffairs@state.gov; by phone at 202-647-9894; or by mail at WHA/MEX—Room 3909, Department of State, 2201 C St., NW., Washington, DC 20520. General information about Presidential Permits is available on the Internet at <http://www.state.gov/pwaha/rt/permit/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This application and supporting documents are available for review in the Office of Mexican Affairs during normal business hours.

Dated: January 21, 2009.

Alex Lee,

Director, Office of Mexican Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending January 17, 2009

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 *et seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2009-0010.

Date Filed: January 16, 2009.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: February 6, 2009.

Description: Application of 1263343 Alberta Inc d/b/a enerjet ("enerjet") requesting an exemption and foreign air permit to engage in non-scheduled charter trips in foreign air transportation between Canada and the United States.

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Program Manager, Docket Operations, Federal Register Liaison.

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