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(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.

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 2). 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 "intervenor," which is an official party to the proceeding. Intervenor play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in a Commission proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are included in the User's Guide under the "e-filing" link on the Commission's Web site.

#### 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 and enter "002" in the Sub-Docket field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support toll free at 1-866-208-3676, for TTY contact 1-202-502-8659 or e-mail at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). 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 [www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm](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

[Project No. 12551-001-CT]

##### Salvatore and Michelle Shifrin; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

March 12, 2009.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47879), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a small hydro (less than 5 megawatt) exemption from licensing for the Mansfield Hollow Hydro Power Project, to be located on the Natchaug River, in Tolland County, Connecticut, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). In the EA, Commission staff analyze the

potential environmental effects of the project and conclude that issuing an exemption for the project, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the issuance date of this notice, and should be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Mansfield Hollow Hydro Project No. 12551" to all comments. Comments may be filed electronically via Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "eFiling" link. For further information, contact Tom Dean at (202) 502-6041.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 2085-014—California; 67-113; 120-020]

##### Southern California Edison; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Big Creek Projects

March 13, 2009.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the applications for relicensing four Southern California Edison (SCE) projects, which are part of the Big Creek System: Mammoth Pool Project (FERC No. 2085); Big Creek Nos. 2A, 8 and Eastwood (FERC No. 67); Big Creek Nos. 1 and 2 (FERC No. 2175);

and Big Creek No. 3 (FERC No. 120), located in Fresno and Madera Counties, California, and has prepared a final Environmental Impact Statement (final EIS) for the projects.

SCE's existing 865-megawatt Big Creek System includes the integrated operation of nine major powerhouses, six major reservoirs, numerous small diversions, various conveyance facilities, and electrical transmission lines, authorized under seven Commission licenses. The four projects evaluated in the draft EIS occupy about 6,870 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, in the Sierra National Forest.

In the final EIS, staff evaluates the applicant's proposal and alternatives for relicensing the projects. The final EIS documents the views of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, affected Indian tribes, the public, the license applicant, and Commission staff.

Copies of the final EIS are available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The final EIS also may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number (P-067, P-2175, P-2085, or P-120) to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

CD versions of the final EIS have been mailed to everyone on the mailing list for the projects. Copies of the CD, as well as a limited number of paper copies, are available from the Public Reference Room identified above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to these or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

For further information, contact James Fargo at (202) 502-6095 or at [james.fargo@ferc.gov](mailto:james.fargo@ferc.gov).

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Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP09-68-000]

#### Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Supplemental Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed TEMAX and TIME III Projects and Alternative and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

March 13, 2009.

As previously noticed on November 18, 2008, and supplemented herein, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss environmental impacts that could result from the construction and operation of the Texas Eastern Market Area Crossing Project (TEMAX) and Texas Eastern Incremental Market Area Expansion III Project (TIME III) proposed by Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern). The projects are proposed by Texas Eastern to expand the natural gas transportation capacity of its existing pipeline system in southern Pennsylvania. 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 Supplemental Notice of Intent (NOI) announces the opening of a limited scoping period the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the proposed projects, and specifically, the Chambersburg Alternative consisting of about 12.5 miles of additional pipeline replacement in Franklin and Adams Counties, Pennsylvania. Your input will help determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA regarding the Chambersburg Alternative in the event that Texas Eastern is unable to install the proposed compressor unit at the Heidlersburg Compressor Station. Please note that the limited scoping period for the Chambersburg Alternative will close on April 13, 2009.

This notice is being sent to landowners affected by the Chambersburg Alternative; Federal, State, and local government representatives and agencies; environmental and public interest groups; 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 the planned project and

to encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a Texas Eastern representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned 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 Federal or State law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). 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.

#### Summary of the Proposed Projects

Texas Eastern's existing natural gas pipeline system consists of over 9,000 miles of pipeline from the Gulf Coast to the Northeastern United States, and includes its Main Line 1 and Main Line 2.

To expand its system in southern Pennsylvania Texas Eastern is requesting authorization to replace 25.9 miles of various diameter pipeline, construct 9.6 miles of loop,<sup>1</sup> use of 0.8 mile of existing pipeline, and construct 26.5 miles of new pipeline lateral.<sup>2</sup> In addition, Texas Eastern requests authorization to add 85,633 horsepower (hp) of compression at four existing compressor stations and abandon 9,500 hp of compression at one compressor station, resulting in a net increase of 76,133 hp of compression for the projects. Texas Eastern also requests authorization to uprate the maximum allowable operating pressure of its existing Lines 1 and 2 from 1,000 to

<sup>1</sup> A pipeline "loop" is a segment of pipe installed adjacent and parallel to an existing pipeline system that is connected to the system at both ends. A loop allows more gas to be moved through that portion of the pipeline system or functions as a backup system.

<sup>2</sup> On February 27, 2009, Texas Eastern filed its application with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations. Prior to the formal application filing, Commission staff initiated its review of the TEMAX and TIME III Projects under the Commission's Pre-filing Process on July 25, 2008, in Docket No. PF08-27-000. As indicated in the Notice of Application issued by the Commission on March 11, 2009, the Pre-filing Process for these projects has ended and this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP09-68-000.