application in Docket No. CP17–469– 000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon the Billy Creek Storage Field, and construct certain natural gas facilities to recover the storage field’s cushion gas. The proposed project is known as the Billy Creek Storage Field Abandonment Project (Project), and would involve the abandonment of the storage field and related facilities in Johnson County, Wyoming.

On July 17, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff’s Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff’s planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

Schedule for Environmental Review


If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project’s progress.

Project Description

WBI proposes to abandon the Billy Creek Storage Field and related facilities and recover and sell the estimated 2.3 billion cubic feet of cushion gas prior to abandonment of the field. WBI proposes a combination of any of these three options to recover the remaining cushion gas:

1. Utilize and/or modify existing storage field facilities (Option 1);
2. install a temporary 200 horsepower (or less) replacement compressor unit (Option 2); and/or
3. drill one new natural gas recovery well in one of two locations (Option 3).

Following cushion gas withdrawal, WBI would abandon pipeline and aboveground facilities in-place and by removal, including the additional compressor unit and/or recovery well listed in Options 2 and 3. WBI states that the storage field is no longer reliable due to water encroachment and that the firm storage deliverability is now provided by another WBI storage field.

Background

On August 17, 2017, the Commission issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Billy Creek Storage Field Abandonment Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues (NOI). The NOI was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; and local libraries. In response to the NOI, the Commission received comments from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. The primary issues raised by commenters are impacts on water quality and surface waterbodies, restoration and the development of a reclamation plan, invasive species prevention and mitigation, and applicable permits.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. 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/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs at (866) 208–FERC or on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov). Using the eLibrary link, select General Search from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and Docket Number excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP17–469), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208–3676, TTY (202) 502–8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.


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Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98–1–000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are available for electronic review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.ferc.gov using the eLibrary link.
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to participate in the process.

Commission staff invite the public to

discussion of the specific process plan
include an overview of the ILP and
how stakeholders can best

entities and individuals in participating
local, state, and federal agencies,

Integrated Licensing Process (ILP). To

hydroelectric project located on the Grand (Neosho) River in
(Pensacola Project). The project is
Hydroelectric Project No. 1494

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

Notice of Public Information Session

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Proposed Agenda: The meeting will
include an overview of the ILP and
discussion of the specific process plan (schedule) for the Pensacola Project,
opportunities for public comment, and
how the Commission assesses
information needs during the study
planning process. There will also be
time for stakeholders to ask any
additional questions related to the
relicensing process.

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Grand River Dam Authority; Notice of
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On September 4, 2015, Venture Global
Calcasieu Pass, LLC; TransCameron Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Calcasieu Pass Project

On September 4, 2015, Venture Global
Calcasieu Pass, LLC filed an application in Docket No. CP15–550–000 requesting authorization under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act to site, construct, and operate new liquefaction facilities. On the same day, TransCameron Pipeline, LLC filed an application in Docket No. CP15–551–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct, operate, and maintain certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The combined proposed projects are known as the Calcasieu Pass Project (Project) and would liquefy and export 10.0 million tonnes per annum of liquefied natural gas (LNG).

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necessary reviews and to reach a final
decision on the request for a federal
authorization within 90 days of the date
of issuance of the Commission staff’s
final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff’s planned schedule for completion of the final EIS for the Project, which is based on an issuance of the draft EIS in March 2018.

Schedule for Environmental Review
Issuance of Notice of Availability of
the final EIS: July 3, 2018. 90-day Federal Authorization
Decision Deadline: October 1, 2018.

If a schedule change becomes
necessary for the final EIS, an additional
notice will be provided so that the
relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project’s progress.

Project Description

Venture Global Calcasieu Pass, LLC’s
proposed facilities include nine single
mixed refrigerant liquefaction blocks,
two LNG storage tanks, a 72 megawatt
electric generating plant, a marine
terminal consisting of a turning basin
and LNG carrier berths, LNG piping,
transfer lines, and loading facilities.
TransCameron Pipeline, LLC’s proposed
facilities include approximately 23.4
miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline, one
meter station, three mainline valves, one
pig launcher, and one pig receiver. All
facilities would be in Cameron Parish,
Louisiana.

Background

On October 10, 2014, the Commission
staff granted Venture Global Calcasieu
Pass, LLC’s and TransCameron Pipeline,
LLC’s joint request to use the FERC’s
Pre-filing environmental review process
and assigned the Calcasieu Pass Project
Docket No. PF15–2–000. On January 20,
2015, the Commission issued a Notice of