DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP19–471–000]

Bluewater Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on March 23, 2019, Bluewater Gas Storage, LLC (Bluewater) 333 South Wales Center Road, Columbus, MI 48063, filed in Docket No. CP19–471–000, an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission’s regulations to construct and maintain a new compressor station in Macomb County, Michigan adjacent to Bluewater’s existing 20-inch-diameter pipeline. The proposed compressor station will deliver natural gas to Vector Pipeline L.P (Vector) using a single gas-driven turbine with a centrifugal compressor unit, which will provide approximately 11,150 nominal horsepower of compression. Bluewater’s proposed Project is an operational upgrade that will restore the originally authorized 500,000 Mcf/d of firm delivery capacity of natural gas at its interconnect with Vector, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The filing may also be viewed on the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number field to access the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number to public inspection.

Persons unable to file electronically should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 3 copies of filings made with the Commission and must provide a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

As of the February 27, 2018 date of the Commission’s order in Docket No. CP16–4–001, the Commission will apply its revised practice concerning out-of-time motions to intervene in any new Natural Gas Act section 3 or section 7 proceeding. Persons desiring to become a party to a certificate proceeding are to intervene in a timely manner. If seeking to intervene out-of-time, the movant is required to show good cause why the time limitation should be waived, and should provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d)(1) of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, 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 3 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 28, 2019.

Dated: June 7, 2019.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP14–347–000, CP19–19–000]

Magnolia LNG, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Magnolia LNG Production Capacity Amendment and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement (supplemental EIS) that will discuss the potential environmental impacts resulting from Magnolia LNG, LLC’s (Magnolia LNG) proposal to increase the liquefied natural gas (LNG) production capacity at its authorized LNG facility in Calcasieu, Louisiana from that previously approved by the Commission in Docket No. CP14–347–000 (Magnolia LNG Production Capacity Amendment). The Commission will use this supplemental EIS in its decision-making process to determine whether

\(^1\) Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C., 162 FERC 61,167 at 50 (2018).
\(^2\) 18 CFR 385.214(d)(1).
Magnolia LNG’s proposed amendment is in the public interest.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies about issues regarding the project amendment. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers whether or not to authorize a project. NEPA also requires the Commission to discover 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 supplemental EIS on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the supplemental EIS. Please note that your comments should be specific to the Production Capacity Amendment, which is described further below.

Comments relating only to non-related aspects of the already approved Magnolia LNG Project will not be considered in the supplemental EIS. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 8, 2019.

You can make a difference by submitting your specific comments or concerns about the project amendment. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the supplemental EIS.

This notice is being sent to the Commission’s current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project amendment and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

Public Participation

The Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which makes it easy to stay informed of all issuances and submittals regarding the docket/ projects to which you subscribe. These instant email notifications are the fastest way to receive notification. You can log in to your account, change your preferences, and sign up for notifications under the link to Documents and Filings. 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 can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the project amendment docket number (CP19–19–000) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Please note this is not your only public input opportunity: a 45-day public comment period will be established once the draft supplemental EIS is issued.

Summary of the Proposed Project Amendment

Magnolia LNG requests authorization to increase the previously authorized LNG production capacity of the Magnolia LNG Project (Docket No. CP14–347–000) from 8 million tons per annum (MTPA) to 8.8 MTPA. Magnolia LNG states that the increased LNG production capacity would be realized through the optimization of its final design and would not require any increase in the authorized feed gas rates.

Identified Issues

The Supplemental EIS Process and Identified Issues

The supplemental EIS will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the proposed increase in production capacity described above. To date, we have identified potential environmental concerns related to the proposed process conditions for LNG, anhydrous ammonia, and other process fluids. As a result, Magnolia LNG indicated revised hazard distances with increased offsite impacts. Therefore, associated hazard mitigation, such as impoundment designs and other fire protection systems need to be reevaluated as a result of the higher production rate. There may be revisions to air emissions and noise levels; if so, these will be evaluated and discussed in the supplemental EIS. Commission staff will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project amendment or portions of the project amendment, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

The supplemental EIS will present Commission staff's independent analysis of the issues. The draft supplemental EIS will be available in electronic format in the public record through eLibrary and the Commission’s website (https://www.ferc.gov/gas/enviro/eis.asp). If eSubscribed, you will receive instant email notification when the draft EIS is issued. The draft EIS will be issued for an allotted public comment period. After the comment period on the draft EIS, Commission staff will consider all timely comments and revise the document, as necessary, before issuing a final EIS. To ensure Commission staff have the opportunity to address your comments, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section, beginning on page 2.

With this notice, the Commission is asking agencies with jurisdiction by law

1 The LNG terminal site location and staff’s evaluation of the original (approved) Magnolia LNG Project are in the Commission’s final EIS for the project, issued on November 13, 2015. That EIS is available at www.ferc.gov using the link called eLibrary 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.

2 For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.
and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project amendment to formally cooperate in the preparation of the supplemental EIS. Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice. The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard will participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the supplemental EIS.

Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission’s regulations) for the original Magnolia LNG Project who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities (including the LNG terminal site), and anyone who submits comments on the project amendment. Commission staff will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that Commission notices related to this environmental review are sent to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project amendment.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EIS will be sent to the environmental mailing list and will provide instructions to access the electronic document on the FERC’s website (www.ferc.gov). If you need to make changes to your name/address, or if you would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached “Mailing List Update Form” (appendix).

Additional Information

Additional information about the project amendment is available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on General Search and enter the docket number in the Docket Number field, excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP19–19). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission’s calendar located at www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx along with other related information.

Dated: June 7, 2019.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
(Docket No. CP19–191–000)

Texas Eastern Transmission, L.P.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Bernville Compressor Units Replacement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

June 7, 2019.

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 Bernville Compressor Units Replacement Project involving the replacement of two existing compressor units at the Bernville Compressor Station by Texas Eastern Transmission, L.P. (Texas Eastern) in Berks County, Pennsylvania. The Commission will use this EA 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 about issues regarding the project. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires the Commission to discover 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, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 8, 2019.

You can make a difference by submitting your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. Commission staff will consider all filed comments during the preparation of the EA.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on April 18, 2019, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP19–191–000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission’s current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with state law.

Texas Eastern provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know? 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 also available for viewing on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) at https://