

scoping process] in preparing such an EIS.”

Identification of Environmental Issues

When publishing its notice of intent to prepare an EA on August 4, 2008, DOE opened a 30-day scoping period during which the public was invited to participate in the identification of potential environmental impacts that may result from construction of the ESJ transmission line project and reasonable alternatives. DOE conducted two scoping meetings in Jacumba. Nine issues and concerns were identified as a result of the scoping opportunity. These issues and concerns are (1) visual impacts, (2) avian mortality, (3) impacts to protected, threatened, endangered, or sensitive species of animals or plants, or their critical habitats, (4) impacts to cultural or historic resources, (6) impacts to human health and safety, (6) impacts to air, soil, and water, (7) land use impacts, (8) impacts of seismic activity, and (9) impacts from development of wind generation. In the EIS DOE will analyze these issues and others it finds appropriate to address, such as greenhouse gas emissions and global climate change and also intentional destructive acts, such as terrorism. No additional construction or routing alternatives were proposed as a result of the scoping process.

Several commenters in this proceeding have asked DOE to evaluate the impacts associated with activities that will occur inside Mexico (e.g., from the construction and operation in Mexico of the wind generators). NEPA does not require an analysis of environmental impacts that occur within another sovereign nation that result from approved actions by that nation. The EIS, however, will evaluate all relevant environmental impacts within the U.S. related to or caused by project-related activities in Mexico.

Based on comments received during the initial EA process, and the potential for public controversy, DOE has determined an EIS to be the proper NEPA compliance document.

EIS Preparation and Schedule

In preparing the Draft EIS, DOE will consider comments received during the scoping period. Because of previous public participation activities, DOE does not plan to conduct additional scoping meetings for this EIS. However, any timely additional written comments submitted will be considered by DOE in determining the scope of the EIS.

DOE anticipates issuing a Draft EIS in the fall of 2009. DOE will provide a public comment period of at least 45 days from the Environmental Protection

Agency's (EPA's) Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIS and will hold at least one public hearing during the public comment period.

DOE will include all comments received on the Draft EIS, and responses to those comments, in the Final EIS. DOE will issue a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days from EPA's NOA of the Final EIS.

Persons who submitted comments during the scoping process will receive a copy of the Draft EIS. Other persons who would like to receive a copy of the document for review when it is issued should notify Dr. Jerry Pell at the address provided above.

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Patricia A. Hoffman,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12619-002; Project No. 13363-000; Project No. 13364-000; Project No. 13366-000]

Cascade Creek, LLC; City and Borough of Wrangell, AK; Petersburg Municipal Power and Light; City of Angoon, AK; Notice of Competing Preliminary Permit Applications Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comment, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

February 18, 2009.

Cascade Creek, LLC (Cascade), City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska (Wrangell), Petersburg Municipal Power and Light (Petersburg) and the City of Angoon, Alaska filed applications, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Ruth Lake Project, to be located on Ruth Lake and Delta Creek, in an unorganized Borough near Petersburg, Alaska. There are no existing facilities. The project would be located in the Tongass National Forest. All of these applications were filed electronically and given the filing date of February 3, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.

The proposed Ruth Lake Projects:

The proposed Ruth Lake Project by Cascade Creek, LLC for Project No. 12619-002 filed on February 3, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. would consist of: (1) A proposed 170-foot-high concrete arch dam at the exit of the natural Ruth Lake; (2) an existing reservoir having a surface area of 130 acres and a storage capacity

of 17,000 acre-feet and normal water surface elevation of 1,527 feet mean sea level (msl); (3) a proposed 12,600-foot-long, 6 to 12-inch diameter combination bored tunnel and steel penstock; (4) a proposed powerhouse containing three new generating units having an installed capacity of 20 megawatts; (5) an existing 20-mile-long, 138 kilovolt transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The proposed Ruth Lake Project would have an average annual generation of 70 gigawatt-hours. Cascade is also exploring alternatives that would connect this project to their Cascade Creek Project, which they have preliminary permit for FERC No. 12495.

The proposed Ruth Lake Project by City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska for Project No. 13363-000 filed on February 3, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. would consist of: (1) A proposed 170-foot-high concrete arch dam at the exit of the natural Ruth Lake; (2) an existing reservoir having a surface area of 130 acres and a storage capacity of 17,000 acre-feet and normal water surface elevation of 1,527 feet mean sea level (msl); (3) a proposed 12,600-foot-long, 6 to 12-foot diameter combination bored tunnel and steel penstock; (4) a proposed powerhouse containing three new generating units having an installed capacity of 20 megawatts; (5) an existing 20-mile-long, 138 kilovolt transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The proposed Ruth Lake Project would have an average annual generation of 70 gigawatt-hours.

The proposed Ruth Lake Project by Petersburg Municipal Power and Light for Project No. 13363-000 filed on February 3, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. would consist of: (1) A proposed 200-foot-high concrete faced rockfill dam at the exit of the natural Ruth Lake; (2) an existing reservoir having a surface area of 190 acres and a storage capacity of 17,000 acre-feet and normal water surface elevation of 1,560 feet mean sea level (msl); (3) a proposed 3,500-foot-long, 10-foot diameter tunnel and a 7,800-foot-long, 6-foot-diameter steel penstock; (4) a proposed powerhouse containing three new generating units having an installed capacity of 20 megawatts; (5) would connect directly to their distribution system; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The proposed Ruth Lake Project would have an average annual generation of 70 gigawatt-hours.

The proposed Ruth Lake Project by City of Angoon, Alaska for Project No. 13366-000 filed on February 3, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. would consist of: (1) A proposed 170-foot-high concrete arched dam at the exit of the natural Ruth Lake; (2) an existing reservoir having a surface area of 130 acres and a storage capacity

of 17,000 acre-feet and normal water surface elevation of 1,527 feet mean sea level (msl); (3) a proposed 3,600-foot-long, 6 to 12-inch diameter combination bored tunnel and steel penstock; (4) a proposed powerhouse containing three new generating units having an installed capacity of 20 megawatts; (4) an existing 20-mile-long, 138 kilovolt transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The proposed Ruth Lake Project would have an average annual generation of 70 gigawatt-hours.

Applicants Contact: For Cascade Creek, LLC: Mr. Chris Spears, Cascade Creek, LLC, 3633 Alderwood Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225, (360) 738-9999. For City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska: Mr. Warren Edgley, City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, P.O. Box 531, Wrangell, AK 99929, (907) 874-2381. For Petersburg Municipal Electric & Light: Mr. Joe Nelson, Superintendent, Petersburg Municipal Electric & Light, P.O. Box 329, 11 South Nordic, Petersburg, AK 99833, (907) 772-4203. For the City of Angoon, Alaska: Mayor, Albert Howard, City of Angoon, Alaska, P.O. Box 189, Angoon, AK 99820, (907) 788-3653.

FERC Contact: Robert Bell, (202) 502-6062.

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 "eFiling" 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 the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-12619-002, 13363-000, 13364, or P-13366) 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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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP09-59-000]

Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP; Notice of Application

February 18, 2009.

Take notice that on February 3, 2009, as supplemented on February 12, 2009, Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP (Cove Point) with a principal place of business at 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, VA, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act seeking authorization to construct, install, own, operate and maintain a new compressor to be used to compress boil-off gas from the vapor system up to pipeline pressure prior to entering the Cove Point Pipeline at Dominion's Cove Point LNG Terminal located in Calvert County, Maryland.

Cove Point's proposal is more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing is available for 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. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Amanda K. Prestage, Regulatory and Certificates Analyst II, Dominion Transmission, Inc., 701 East Cary Street, Richmond, VA 23219, telephone: (804) 771-4416, fax: (804) 771-4804.

Cove Point says that the purpose of the boil-off compressor project is to increase Cove Point's capability to compress vapor for send-out through its natural gas pipeline facilities. This capability is important during periods of low send-out from the LNG Terminal. When LNG is routinely being vaporized in the normal course of business, boil off vapor is consumed as fuel to operate terminal equipment, and does not accumulate within the plant. However, when vaporization is not occurring on a regular basis, boil off can cause pressures within the LNG storage tanks to increase.

The boil-off compressor project will be composed of one 3,500-horsepower electric motor driven reciprocating compressor unit and related facilities, all of which will be constructed within the existing LNG Terminal site. The

estimated cost of the boil-off compressor project facilities is about \$ 8 million. Cove Point anticipates that these costs will be allocated to LNG import services, and will be collected in rates (1) through negotiations in accordance with the Commission's Hackberry policy as codified in EPAct 2005, and/or (2) through the normal course of future rate proceedings (such as the next general rate case that is to be filed not later than 2011). Cove Point does not seek to establish an initial rate applicable to the boil-off compressor project at this time. Nor is Cove Point seeking a pre-determination of rolled-in rate treatment for the costs of this project. Cove Point says that no changes to the rates for any existing services are proposed at this time.

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 the 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.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project 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 14 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the