

newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

A limited number of copies of the EA are available from: Mr. Herman Der, Environmental Project Manager, Environmental Review and Compliance Branch I, Office of Pipeline Regulation, PR-11.1, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-0896.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Written comments must reference Docket No. CP96-10-000, and be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Comments should be filed as soon as possible, but must be received no later than April 8, 1996, to ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on this proposal. A copy of any comments should also be sent to Mr. Herman Der, Environmental Project Manager, PR-11.1, at the above address.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing time motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), by this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about this project is available from Mr. Herman Der, Environmental Project Manager, Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP95-76-002]

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Philadelphia Lateral Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

March 1, 1996.

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 construction and operation of the

facilities proposed in the Philadelphia Lateral Expansion Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether to approve the project.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) wants to increase the operating pressure of its existing gas pipeline 1-H (Philadelphia Lateral). This would enable Texas Eastern to transport up to 15,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of natural gas to Sun Company, Inc. (Sun), and up to 15,000 Dth/d to Trigen-Philadelphia Energy Corporation (Trigen). Texas Eastern seeks authority to:

- Increase the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) from 718 pounds per square inch-gauge (psig) to 811 psig of approximately 23.6 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline in Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania, including:

—Repair 14 anomaly sites (irregularities in the pipe wall which are typically caused by mechanical damage or corrosion);

—Hydrostatically test the pipeline (with pressurized water at 1,485 psig); and

- Construct the Harkness Point Metering and Regulating (M&R) Station at approximate milepost (MP) 10.86 on Texas Eastern's Line 1-A in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed facilities would cost about \$3,983,000.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

Nonjurisdictional Facilities

The Harkness Point M&R station would serve as the delivery point for Trigen, by way of Philadelphia Gas Works' (PGW) reactivation of an existing liquids pipeline and converting it to transport natural gas. Trigen is co-developing the nonjurisdictional Gray's Ferry Cogeneration Project. PGW would also build a 2-mile-long lateral pipeline from its existing Passyunk Station to Gray's Ferry.

¹Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

²The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the Federal Register. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

Proposed Land Requirements for Construction

a. Line 1-H Upgrading

The repair of the anomaly sites would temporarily disturb 14 areas about 20 feet wide by 60 feet long (0.03 acre), each within existing permanent right-of-way, totalling about 0.42 acre. The hydrostatic testing would also temporarily disturb 6 manifold sites about 20 feet wide by 60 feet long (0.03 acre), each within existing permanent right-of-way, totalling about 0.18 acre.

A 5.17-acre staging area, a 3.04-acre wareyard, and a 0.12-acre staging area would be required at off-right-of-way locations. These areas would be temporarily disturbed, and would be restored in accordance with the landowners' approval.

b. Harkness Point M&R Station

A 200-foot by 200-foot (0.92 acre) area would be disturbed for construction, with a 0.23-acre fenced area covered by gravel after construction. No other land would be disturbed.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Soils.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Testing and disposal of pipe contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.

- Air quality and noise.
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals; affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Texas Eastern. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list:

- Earth would be disturbed at an anomaly site near milepost (MP) 3.12 in a condominium development near Liongate Lane.
- Earth would be disturbed in a herbaceous wetland at anomaly sites near MPs 16.93 and 16.97 in Ridley Creek State Park.
- Earth would be disturbed in a herbaceous wetland at an anomaly site near MP 19.00 and Riddle Memorial Hospital.
- MAOP would be increased.
- Occupants of the 149 residents and businesses within 75 feet of Line 1-H would be offered temporary relocation during the hydrostatic testing.

The list of issues may be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our analysis.

Also, we have made a preliminary decision to not address the impacts of the nonjurisdictional facilities. We will briefly describe their location and status in the EA.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal including alternate routes, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more

useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Washington, DC 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP95-76-002;
- Send a *copy* of your letter to: Mr. Jeff Gerber, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., PR-11.2, Washington, DC 20426; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 1, 1996.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Mr. Gerber at the above address.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Ms. Jennifer Goggin, Assistant EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-2226.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5435-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities Up for Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) listed below is coming up for renewal. Before submitting the renewal package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: United States Environmental Protection Agency; Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards; Emissions, Monitoring and Analysis Division (MD-14); Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Affected Entities:* Entities affected by this action are State and Territorial air pollution control agencies which collect and report emissions information from stationary sources emitting at least prescribed amounts of pollutants.

Title: Annual Updates of Emission Data to the Aerometric Information Retrieval System (AIRS), EPA ICR # 916.07, OMB Control Number 2060-0088, Expiration Date 9/30/96.

Abstract: This ICR deals with reports required by 40 CFR 51.321, 51.322, and 51.323. The respondents (States) are required to annually update information on stationary sources emitting at least prescribed amounts of pollutants regulated by National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) via electronic input to the AIRS Facility Subsystem (AFS). EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) uses the annual emission reports to update the national data base on emissions of stationary sources which it has maintained since 1974. The data is used in developing emission standards, applying dispersion models, preparing national trend assessments, preparing reports to Congress, providing information to the public, and other special analyses and reports. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are displayed in 40 CFR Part 9.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to: