

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 11286 South Carolina]

City of Abbeville; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

October 28, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for major license for the proposed Abbeville Project located on the Rocky River in Abbeville and Anderson counties, near Abbeville, South Carolina, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project. In the EA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and has concluded that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigative measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP97-626-000]

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation, Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 1998 Lebanon Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

October 28, 1997.

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 an additional 17,070 horsepower (hp) of compression, proposed in the 1998 Lebanon Expansion Project.¹ This EA

¹ Texas 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.

will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) proposed to expand the capacity of its facilities in Indiana and Ohio to transport an additional 302,290 dekatherms per day of natural gas for Spectrum Interstate Pipeline Corporation. Texas Eastern seeks authority to construct and operate:

- One reciprocating gas engine rated at 3,400 hp and one reciprocating gas engine rated at 5,500 hp at the existing Gas City Compressor Station in Grant County, Indiana;
- An expansion to the compressor building and associated ancillary facilities and piping at the existing Gas City Compressor Station;
- One 8,170 hp gas turbine-driven centrifugal compressor at its existing Glen Karn meter station site in Darke County, Ohio;
- Compressor station buildings and associated ancillary facilities and piping at the existing Glen Karn meter station site;
- A modification at the existing Lebanon Meter Station by adding two 12-inch orifice meters and the associated instrumentation in Warren County, Ohio; and
- A modification at the existing Glen Karn Meter Station by adding one additional 12-inch turbine meter and the associated instrumentation.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.² If you are interested in obtaining procedural information, please write to the Secretary of the Commission.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would be within the boundaries of existing station properties.

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

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, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the 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:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Public safety.
- Air quality and noise.
- Hazardous waste.

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 make our recommendations to the Commission.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified one issue that we think deserves attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Texas Eastern. Additional issues may be included based on your comments and our analysis.

- Potential impacts to noise-sensitive areas that are near the Gas City Compressor Station and Glen Karn Meter Station.

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, and

measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch II, PR-11.2;
- Reference Docket No. CP97-626-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before November 28, 1997.

Becoming an Intervenor

Besides 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 comments considered.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-62151B; FRL-5741-6]

Dialogue Group on Identification of Lead-Based Paint Hazards; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA will be holding a meeting of the Dialogue Process to

support the forthcoming rulemaking under section 403 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Section 403 directs the Agency to promulgate regulations which shall identify lead-based paint hazards, lead-contaminated dust, and lead-contaminated soil. The purpose of this meeting of the Dialogue Process is to obtain comment on regulatory options that will be presented to senior EPA management the following week.

DATES: The Dialogue Process will meet on November 12, 1997, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Metro Center Marriott Hotel, 775 12th St., NW., Washington, DC. All written comments should be submitted in triplicate to: TSCA Document Receipts (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-G99, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. All comments should be identified by the docket control number OPPTS-62151B.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under Unit IV. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific or technical information contact: Karen Lannon, National Program Chemicals Division (7404), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-2797, Fax: 202-260-0770, e-mail: lannon.karen@epamail.epa.gov.

For general information contact: National Lead Information Clearinghouse (NLIC), 1025 Connecticut Ave., NW., Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20036-5405 or Toll free at 1-800-424-5323, Fax: 202-659-1192, e-mail: leadctr@nsc.org, Internet site: <http://www.nsc.org/ehc/lead.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 403 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. 2683, directs EPA to promulgate regulations that identify lead hazards in paint, household dust, and bare residential soil. Title IV of TSCA, titled "Lead Exposure Reduction," which includes section 403, was added to TSCA by the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992. To support the rulemaking, EPA established a Dialogue Process in 1995 to obtain input from interested parties early in the rulemaking process. Establishment of the Dialogue Process was announced in

the **Federal Register** of July 18, 1995 (60 FR 36806) (FRL-4964-8).

EPA held four meetings of the Dialogue Process in 1995 and 1996 to obtain input from interested parties on a range of regulatory and policy issues and options. Since that time, the Agency has conducted risk, economic, and policy analyses and has developed options to present to senior EPA managers. Following selection of the preferred options, the proposed rule will undergo final Agency review and Office of Management and Budget review. EPA will then publish the proposed regulation in the **Federal Register** for public comment.

II. Dialogue Meeting

The purpose of the meeting being announced today is to obtain input and comment on the regulatory options that will be presented to EPA management. Agency staff plan to include a synopsis of these comments in their presentation to management.

This meeting is open to the public and will provide 30 minutes for public comment on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to the need to accommodate as many interested parties as possible during the public comment period, EPA will limit comments to 5 minutes for representatives of organizations and 3 minutes for individuals. Members of the public interested in offering comment at the meeting should sign-up at the registration desk.

Individuals wishing to provide comments to EPA, but who cannot be accommodated during the comment period or cannot attend the Dialogue meeting may submit written comments to EPA at the address listed in the ADDRESSES unit of this notice. In order to be included in the synopsis of comments to be presented to EPA management, written comments must be received by close of business on November 14, 1997.

III. Confidential Business Information

A person may assert a claim of confidentiality for any information, including all or portions of written comments, submitted to EPA in connection with the Dialogue Process. Any person who submits a comment subject to a claim of confidentiality must also submit a nonconfidential version. Any claim of confidentiality must accompany the information when it is submitted to EPA. Persons must mark information claimed as confidential by circling, bracketing, or underlining it, and marking it with "CONFIDENTIAL" or some other appropriate designation. EPA will disclose information subject to a claim