

(P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Army Science Board (ASB)—Venture Capital.

*Date of Meeting:* 05-06 March 2001.

*Time of Meeting:* 0900-1630, 05 March 2001, 0900-1630, 06 March 2001.

*Place:* Presidential Towers Office Bldg, 9th floor conference room, 2511 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-3911.

*Agenda:* This is the second meeting of The Army Science Board's (ASB) Venture Capital Ad Hoc Study. Briefings will be presented on Department of Defense initiatives to access leading edge technologies and on commercial business strategies for accessing leading edge technologies. For further information, please contact LTC John Anzalone, Operations Research Analyst, (703) 604-7436. If you plan to attend and require an escort to the 9th floor conference room, please call Mr. Everett R. Gooch on (703) 604-7479.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Availability of the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Platte West Water Production Facilities, Douglas and Saunders Counties, Nebraska

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and implementing regulations, a revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been prepared to evaluate the environmental impacts of the Metropolitan Utilities District's (MUD's) preferred water supply expansion location (Platte West) as well as other reasonable alternatives to that location. The environmental impacts of each of the five action alternatives, as well as the "no action" alternative are described in the DEIS. Public comment on the DEIS will be accepted by the Corps through April 13, 2001. A public workshop will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21 in the Russell Middle School cafeteria at 5304 South 172nd Street, Omaha, Nebraska. The public is invited to view displays related to the project and provide comments to the Corps.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions and comments regarding the DEIS can be addressed to Becky Latka,

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 215 North 17th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102-4978, telephone at (402) 221-4602, or E-Mail rebecca.j.latka@usace.army.mil

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MUD's preferred Platte West alternative is located in Douglas and Saunders Counties, and consists of 40 to 46 vertical wells that would withdraw groundwater to provide additional water for future growth of the Omaha metropolitan area. It is anticipated that the 30-year project could impact wetland habitat, as well as result in Platte River depletions. However, the location of the Platte West site, which is situated near future growth areas, as well as the quality and volume of water available at the site and the relatively low cost of the water, make the Platte West site the preference for MUD. Information on the costs and environmental impacts of the six alternatives (which includes the no-action alternative) are detailed in the DEIS.

Currently, the water supply for the Omaha metropolitan area consists of the Florence water treatment plant (67.5% of total capacity) which gets its water from the Missouri River, and the Platte South wellfield (25.5% of total capacity) which gets water from the groundwater in the Platte River aquifer. The remaining water (7% of total capacity) comes from smaller wellfields in Millard and Elkhorn. One of the purposes of the wellfield expansion project is to diversify the water supply so Omaha is not as dependent on any one water source as the city is currently. This diversification concept or planned redundancy increases the reliability of the overall water supply system by providing a back-up water supply in the event of an interruption of water supply or contamination of source water.

The Corps' role in this process is to determine whether a Section 404 (Clean Water Act) permit should be issued, issued with conditions, or denied. The Corps is neither a proponent nor opponent of the project, but is required through the National Environmental Policy Act to disclose the impacts of the project and reasonable alternatives.

An earlier DEIS was released for public comment in February of 1999. Numerous public and agency comments were received at that time. In the process of addressing these comments, additional reasonable alternatives were identified and included in the NEPA process, which has resulted in the release of a revised DEIS. The public may comment on the full range of alternatives now available. MUD's

preferred alternative has remained the same for both DEIS's, although estimated Platte River depletions and estimated wetland impacts have each decreased slightly from the 1999 proposal. A public hearing to comply with the Section 404 permit process has already been held in conjunction with public meetings in 1999.

If the proposed Platte West alternative is permitted, land use changes could be expected in the vicinity of the wellfields over the next 30 years, and could also result in impacts to the Two Rivers State Recreation Area near Venice, Nebraska. A separate agreement between the Commission and MUD would allow for funding for deepening the lakes in mitigation for the groundwater reduction.

Additionally, a trust fund consisting of nearly \$1 million will be established, if the Platte West alternative is permitted, in order to compensate for Platte River depletions. The intent is to use the fund to develop a backwater area and wetland mitigation site near LaPlatte, Nebraska. This proposed plan for mitigation is being coordinated with various agencies.

Dated: March 7, 2001.

**Mark E. Tillotson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Inland Waterways Users Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law (92-463) announcement is made of the next meeting of the Inland Waterways Users Board. The meeting will be held on April 11, 2001, in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the Wyndham Hotel New Orleans at Canal Place, 100 Rue Iberville (Tel. (504) 566-7006). Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 1 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Norman T. Edwards, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CECW-PD,

441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314-1000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OR01-5-000]

#### **Chevron Products Company v. Anschutz Ranch East Pipeline, Inc. and Express Pipeline Partnership; Notice of Complaint**

March 1, 2001.

Take notice that on February 28, 2001, Chevron Products Company (Chevron) tendered for filing a complaint against Anschutz Ranch East Pipeline, Inc. (Anschutz) and Express Pipeline Partnership (Express).

Chevron states that it is a shipper of crude oil and sour condensate on a local tariff filed by Anschutz for the shipment of crude petroleum and sour condensate originating at Frontier Station, Utah and Evanston Station, Wyoming and terminating in Kimball Junction, Utah. Chevron states that it is also a shipper of crude oil on joint tariffs published by Anschutz and Express for the shipment of crude petroleum between International boundary, Canada and Salt Lake City, Utah. Chevron alleges that the rates being charged on the Anschutz local tariff and on the Anschutz portion or division of the Anschutz/Express joint tariffs are unjust and unreasonable and unduly discriminatory and unduly preferential, and, therefore, in violation of the Interstate Commerce Act. Chevron further maintains that the rates charged on the Express/Anschutz joint tariffs exceed ceiling price levels.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests must be filed on or before March 20, 2001. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the

Public Reference Room. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222) for assistance. Answers to the complaint shall also be due on or before March 20, 2001. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet if lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-92-000]

#### **East Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application**

March 1, 2001.

Take notice that on February 23, 2001, East Tennessee Natural Gas Company (East Tennessee), Post Office Box 1642, Houston, Texas, 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP01-92-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for authorization to install, construct, own and operate approximately 2.23 miles of 12-inch pipeline loop and appurtenant facilities in Washington County, Virginia; Loudon County, Tennessee; and Putnam County, Tennessee. In addition, East Tennessee proposes to perform seven pipeline road crossing replacements and hydrostatic testing in order to increase the maximum allowable operation pressure (MAOP) of approximately 17.5 miles of existing 22-inch pipe on its Line 3107, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The project is collectively referred to as the "Gateway Project". This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

The proposed pipeline loop facilities will include approximately 2.23 miles of new 12-inch pipeline extending from main line valve (MLV) 3310-02, at milepost (MP) zero on East Tennessee's 8-inch line 3300 to MP 2.23 at the Saltville Storage facility interconnect. East Tennessee proposes to install a regulator on the Loudon-Lenoir City lateral at MLV 3218D-102. This regulator is required to allow gas deliveries into the Loudon meter station 75-9039, from the north, Line 3100 and the South Line 3200, operating at

independent and possibly differential pressures. The Loudon regulator will be located within the existing rights-of-way.

East Tennessee also proposes to increase the MAOP on a portion of Line 3107. This increased MAOP is necessary to provide Etowah and Loudon firm transportation from the Ridgetop interconnect with Tennessee Gas Pipe Line Company to the respective Etowah and Loudon meter stations. To accomplish this, East Tennessee proposes to perform six road crossing replacements and hydrostatic test on approximately 12.85 miles of 22-inch pipe on Line 3107 from MLV 3107-1A to MLV 3108-1 and also to replace one road crossing and thereby uprate approximately 4.56 miles of 22-inch pipe on Line 3107 from the discharge of station 3107 to 3107-A. The hydrostatic testing and pipeline replacement will allow East Tennessee to increase the MAOP on these segments from 722 to 766 pounds per square inch gauge (psig), respectively to 773 psig.

The Gateway Project will allow East Tennessee to provide firm transportation service for Etowah Utility Department (Etowah), Loudon Utilities Gas Department (Loudon), and Stone Mountain Energy, LC (Stone Mountain), collectively referred to as the Gateway Customers. The proposed Gateway Project will provide 1,000 dekatherms (Dth/d) of capacity to Etowah, 3,000 Dth/d to Loudon, and 4,000 Dth/d to Stone Mountain, for a total of 8,000 Dth/d of FT-A transportation service resulting from the proposed Gateway Project facilities. East Tennessee held an open season from June 1, 2000, until June 15, 2000 for a potential expansion of its system. As a result of its open season, East Tennessee has provided precedent agreements and gas transportation agreements with each customer, for 100 percent of the proposed transportation service. In addition East Tennessee has provided other data indicating a growing market for natural gas in East Tennessee's market area citing projections from NERC's Electricity Supply and Demand 2000 database, among other things.

East Tennessee proposes to provide service to the Gateway Customers pursuant to its existing open access Rate Schedule FT-A. However, East Tennessee further seeks authorization to establish an initial Section 7(c) rate for the service proposed. East Tennessee states that all construction costs associated with the proposed facilities will be paid for through the incremental rates to be charged the Gateway Customers.