

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (Title 18 CFR part 385.214).

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on the draft EIS/EIR. You must file your request to intervene as specified above.¹ You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered and responded to.

The draft EIS/EIR, including the draft General Conformity Determination, has been placed in the public files of the FERC and the POLB and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. (202) 502-8371 and Port of Long Beach, Planning Division, 925 Harbor Plaza, Long Beach, CA 90802. (562) 590-4160.

The draft EIS/EIR, including the draft General Conformity Determination, is also available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link (see instructions for using eLibrary below).

A limited number of copies are available from the FERC's Public Reference Room and as .pdf files on compact disk (CD) from the POLB as identified above. Copies of draft PMP Amendment No. 20 are available from the POLB as identified above. In addition, copies of the draft EIS/EIR, including the draft General Conformity Determination, have been mailed to Federal, State, and local agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; affected landowners; POLB tenants; intervenors in the FERC's proceeding; local libraries and newspapers; and other interested parties.

To reduce printing and mailing costs the final EIS/EIR will be issued in both CD and hard-copy formats. In a separate mailing, the parties on the current mailing list for the draft EIS/EIR will be sent a postcard providing an opportunity for them to select which format of the final EIS/EIR they wish to receive. The FERC and the POLB are strongly encouraging the use of the CD format in their publication of large documents. If you wish to receive a paper copy of the final EIS/EIR instead of a CD, you must return the postcard indicating that choice.

Additional information about the project is available from the FERC's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site

(<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search," and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the FERC, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the FERC now offers a free service called eSubscription that allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. To register for this service, go to the eSubscription link on the FERC Internet Web site.

Information about the project is also available from the POLB by calling the POLB Environmental Planning Division at (562) 590-4160.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP05-355-000 and CP05-352-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Northeast ConneXion—NY/ NJ Project

October 7, 2005.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee) & National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National) in the above-referenced dockets.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major

Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed project as follows:

- Construct and operate 6.0 miles of 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline that would loop Tennessee's existing Line 300 in Susquehanna and Bradford County, Pennsylvania;
- Additional compression and enhance dehydration facilities at Compressor Station 313 in Potter County, Pennsylvania;
- Upgrade a compressor unit by software changes at Compressor Station 317 in Bradford County, Pennsylvania;
- Upgrade its Ramsey Meter Station in Bergen County, New Jersey; and
- Use additional capacity created by the installation of two compressor turbine drivers under Docket No. CP05-42-000 at Compressor Station 325 in Sussex County, New Jersey.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to provide up to 50,000 dekatherms per day (Dthd) of incremental firm transportation capacity and 51,500 Dthd of incremental storage deliverability for Public Service Electric and Gas Company.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, State and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your comments to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Reference Docket No. CP05-355-000 and CP05-352-000.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Branch 1, PJ-11.1; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before November 7, 2005.

Please note that the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of

¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account which can be created on-line.

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).¹ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Magalie R. Salas,
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP05-412-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Northeast ConneXion Project—New England and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

October 6, 2005.

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 Northeast ConneXion Project—New England involving construction, abandonment, and operation of facilities by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee).¹ The proposed facilities consist of the installation of additional compression at four of its existing compressor stations in Potter County, Pennsylvania; Onondaga, Herkimer, and Schoharie Counties, New York; the abandonment and installation of additional compression at two existing compressor stations in Columbia County, New York, and Worcester County, Massachusetts; and the construction of one new compressor station in Steuben County, New York. Tennessee will install 55,400 horsepower (hp) and replace 10,500 hp for a net total of 44,900 hp of compression. No construction of pipeline is proposed. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity. Tennessee indicates that the proposed facilities will enable it to provide up to 136,300 decatherms per day of incremental firm transportation capacity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with State law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Tennessee provided to landowners. 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 available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (www.ferc.gov).

Summary of the Proposed Project

Tennessee seeks authority for the:

- Installation of two additional 3,550-hp CAT 3612 compressor units at each of the existing Compressor Stations 241, 245, and 249 located in Onondaga, Herkimer, and Schoharie Counties, New York;
- Replacement of an existing 4,500-hp compressor unit with a single 10,300-hp Solar Taurus 70S turbine-driven compressor unit at existing Compressor 254 in Columbia County, New York;
- Replacement of three existing compressor units totaling 6,000 hp with the installation of two 6,275-hp Solar Centaur 50L turbine-driven compressor units (12,550 hp total) at existing Compressor Station 264 in Worcester County, Massachusetts;
- Installation of one additional 3,550-hp CAT 3612 compressor unit at existing Compressor Station 313 in Potter County, Pennsylvania; and
- Construction of new Compressor Station 405A, with a single 7,700-hp Solar Taurus 60S turbine-driven compressor unit in Steuben County, New York.

Tennessee indicates that it will install "appurtenant facilities" to the project pursuant to section 2.55(a) of the regulations.

The location of the project facilities and alternative sites for the new compressor station is shown in Appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

The new Compressor Station 405A would require about 20.0 acres of land of which about 10.0 acres would be used during construction. Following construction, about 3.2 acres would be maintained as the new aboveground facility site. Tennessee would not need

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than Appendix 1 (maps), are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link 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. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

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