

from the proposed information collections made available for the public comment. The materials submitted to OMB are available for your review as noted previously.

Please refer to the supporting statement as well as the proposed forms and instructions for more information about the purpose, who must report, when to report, where to submit, the elements to be reported, detailed instructions, provisions for confidentiality, and uses (including possible nonstatistical uses) of the information. For instructions on obtaining materials, see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Statutory Authority: Section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, at 3507(h)(1)).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Project No. 2101-084 (California); Project No. 2155-024 (California)

Sacramento Municipal Utility District; Pacific Gas & Electric Company; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper American River Project and the Chili Bar Project

September 21, 2007.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the applications for relicense for the Upper American River Project (FERC No. 2101) and the Chili Bar Project (FERC No. 2155), located on the South Fork of the American River near Placerville, California, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (draft EIS) for the projects.

The existing 688-megawatt (MW) Upper American River Project occupies 6,375 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Forest Service), in Eldorado National Forest and 42.3 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Forest

Service is reviewing an application for a special use permit for constructing the Iowa Hill development on National Forest System lands. The Forest Service is also a cooperating agency in preparing this draft EIS for the Upper American River Project.

Pacific Gas & Electric Company's 7-MW Chili Bar Project is located on the South Fork of the American River immediately downstream of the Upper American River Project. The project occupies 47.81 acres of federal land administered by the BLM.

In the draft EIS, staff evaluates the applicant's proposal and alternatives for relicensing the projects. The draft EIS documents the views of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, affected Indian tribes, the public, the license applicant, and Commission staff.

Comments should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, 20426. All comments must be filed within 45 days of the notice in the **Federal Register**, and should reference either Project No. 2101-084 (Upper American River Project) or Project No. 2155-024 (Chili Bar Project). Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the eLibrary link.

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS (18 CFR 380.10). You may also file your request to intervene electronically. You do not need intervenor status to have the Commission consider your comments.

Copies of the draft EIS are available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The draft EIS also may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number (either P-2101 or P-2155) to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

CD versions of the draft EIS have been mailed to everyone on the mailing list for the projects. Copies of the CD, as well as a limited number of paper copies, are available from the Public Reference Room identified above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-

mail of new filings and issuances related to these or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

For further information, contact James Fargo at (202) 502-6095 or at james.fargo@ferc.gov.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-459-000]

Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Final General Conformity Determination for the Proposed Phoenix Expansion Project

September 21, 2007.

The environmental staffs of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC); the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM); the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (FS); the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS); the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); and the Navajo Nation, collectively referred to as the Agency Staffs, have prepared the final environmental impact statement (EIS) to address Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC's (Transwestern) proposed expansion of its natural gas pipeline system. A Final General Conformity Determination was also prepared by the FERC to assess the potential air quality impacts associated with construction and operation of the proposed Phoenix Expansion Project and is included as Appendix Q of the final EIS.

The final EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Agency Staffs have concluded that if the project is constructed and operated in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, Transwestern's proposed mitigation, and the Agency Staffs' additional mitigation measures, it would have limited adverse environmental impact.

The FERC is the lead federal agency and will use the final EIS to consider the environmental impacts that could result if it issues Transwestern a Certificate of Public Convenience and

Necessity under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

The BLM and the FS are federal land management agencies affected by Transwestern's proposal and have elected to act as cooperating agencies in preparing the final EIS. The BLM will use the document to meet its NEPA responsibilities in considering Transwestern's application for a Right-of-Way Grant and obtain Temporary Use Permits for the portion of the project on federal lands under section 185(f) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920. The BLM would issue the Right-of-Way Grant and Temporary Use Permits for the crossing of BLM-managed lands and the Kaibab and Prescott National Forests, which are managed by the FS, and for crossing lands managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). The BLM would consider the concurrence or non-concurrence of the FS and BOR, as well as FERC approval or denial, in making its decision whether to issue the Right-of-Way Grant and Temporary Use Permits. The BLM's decision would be documented in a Record of Decision.

The OPS is participating as a cooperating agency in preparing the final EIS because it is responsible for ensuring the safe, reliable, and environmentally sound operation of the nation's transportation system and for providing oversight for oil and natural gas pipelines. The OPS' authority is found under the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (49 U.S.C. 1671 *et seq.*) and the Hazardous Liquids Pipeline Safety Act of 1979 (49 U.S.C. 2001 *et seq.*).

The BIA and the Navajo Nation have also elected to act as cooperating agencies in preparing the final EIS because the proposed project would be near tribal lands in Arizona and would cross two classes of Navajo Nation lands in New Mexico: Tribal lands and allotted lands. Tribal lands are owned in fee by the Navajo Nation, and access to these lands would be acquired through direct negotiation between Transwestern and officials of the Navajo Nation Tribal Headquarters in Window Rock, Arizona. Allotted lands are held in trust by the United States government and managed by the BIA for the benefit of individual allottees.

The Phoenix Expansion Project is designed to transport up to 500 million cubic feet per day of natural gas to the Phoenix area, which is one of the fastest-growing regions in the United States. The project would not only help to satisfy the increasing demand for electricity and natural gas, but would also increase competition in the regional

energy market, thereby working to stabilize costs to the consumer.

The final EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities proposed by Transwestern:

- 24.6 miles of new 36-inch-diameter pipeline loop¹ (the San Juan Lateral Loops A and B) extending along the existing San Juan Lateral in San Juan and McKinley Counties, New Mexico;
- 259.3 miles of new 42- and 36-inch-diameter lateral² pipeline (the Phoenix Lateral), consisting of 95.7 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline extending from milepost (MP) 0.0 in Yavapai County, Arizona to MP 95.2 in Maricopa County, Arizona, and 163.6 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline extending from MP 95.2 in Maricopa County, Arizona to MP 255.1 in Pinal County, Arizona;
- 1.4 miles of new 24-, 20-, 16-, and 6-inch-diameter lateral pipeline (the customer laterals) connecting the Phoenix Lateral to meter stations that are not located immediately adjacent to the Phoenix Lateral right-of-way;
- Minor piping and pressure control modifications at the existing Bloomfield Compressor Station in San Juan County, New Mexico and at the existing Seligman Compressor Station No. 1 in Mohave County, Arizona;
- Installation of the Ash Fork Facility at MP 0.0 of the Phoenix Lateral in Yavapai County, Arizona including 2 filter separators, odorant injection facilities, and telecommunications equipment; and
- Installation of 4 taps, 31 valves, 11 meter stations, 6 pig³ launchers, and 3 pig receivers.

Transwestern would also acquire an undivided interest in the existing East Valley Lateral consisting of 36.7 miles of 24-inch-diameter lateral pipeline in Pinal and Maricopa Counties, Arizona.

The final EIS, including the Final General Conformity Determination, has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Regulatory Energy Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First St., NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

A limited number of copies are available from the FERC's Public

¹ A loop is a segment of pipeline that is usually installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it at both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the system.

² A lateral pipeline typically takes gas from the main system to deliver it to a customer, local distribution system, or another interstate transmission system.

³ A pig is an internal tool that can be used to clean and dry a pipeline and/or to inspect it for damage or corrosion.

Reference Room identified above. These copies may be requested in hard copy or as .pdf files on a CD that can be read by a computer with a CD-ROM drive. The final EIS, including the Final General Conformity Determination, is also available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. In addition, copies of the document have been mailed to federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; affected landowners; local libraries and newspapers; intervenors to the FERC's proceeding; and other interested parties. Hard copies of the final EIS, including the Final General Conformity Determination, can be viewed at the following libraries in the project area:

Ash Fork Public Library, 518 Lewis Avenue, Ash Fork, AZ 86320
 Avondale-Goodyear Public Library, 328 West Western Avenue, Avondale, AZ 85323
 Black Canyon City Community Library, 34701 South Old Black Canyon Hwy, Black Canyon, AZ 85324
 Buckeye Public Library, 310 North 6th Street, Buckeye, AZ 85032
 Casa Grande Public Library, 449 North Dry Lake, Casa Grande, AZ 85222
 Chino Valley Public Library, 1020 West Palomino Road, Chino Valley, AZ 86323
 Coolidge Public Library, 160 West Central Avenue, Coolidge, AZ 85228
 Flagstaff Public Library, 300 West Aspen, Flagstaff, AZ 86001
 Fredonia Public Library, 118 North Main Street, Fredonia, AZ 86022
 Mayer Public Library, 10004 Wicks Street, Mayer, AZ 86333
 Arizona State Library, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007
 North Central Regional Library, 17811 North 32nd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85032
 Yavapai County Library District, 172 East Merritt Street, Suite E, Prescott, AZ 86301
 Prescott Public Library, 215 East Goodwin, Prescott, AZ 86303
 Prescott Valley Public Library, 7501 East Civic Circle, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314
 Williams Public Library, 113 South First Street, Williams, AZ 86046
 Bloomfield Public Library, 333 South First Street, Bloomfield, NM 87413
 Farmington Public Library, 2101 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, NM 87401-6420
 Octavia Fellin Public Library, 115 West Hill, Gallup, NM 87301

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 on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission 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 concerning the involvement of the cooperating agencies in the EIS process may be obtained from:

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
Mark Mackiewicz, (435) 636-3616
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
Prescott National Forest, Vicki Clay, (928) 443-8013
Kaibab National Forest, Tom Mutz, (928) 635-5661
U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Pipeline Safety
Ross Reineke, (720) 963-3182

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Navajo Area Office, Harrilene Yazzi, (505) 863-8286
Phoenix Area Office, Amy Heuslein, (602) 379-6750
Navajo Nation
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

September 21, 2007.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part

of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are 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, please contact FERC, Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Exempt:

Docket number	Date received	Presenter or requester
1. CP07-8-000	8-30-07	Pat Vaughan.
2 CP07-44-000, <i>et al.</i>	9-11-07	Hon. David Vitter.
3 CP07-414-000	9-12-07	David Hanobic. ¹
4. ER05-6-000	9-5-07	Hon. Alan R. Schriber, PhD.
5. Project No. 1971-000	9-5-07	Hon. Harry Reid.
6 Project No. 2100-000	8-23-07	Hon. Wally Herger.
7. Project No. 12796-000	8-24-07	David A. Taylor. ²

¹ Memorandum to file re: phone call.

² One of four letters from City of Amherst, Ohio and the Villages of Menden, Monroeville and Sycamore, Ohio.