

## Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said 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 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

*Acting Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP96-199-000]

**Egan Hub Partners, L.P.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Egan Gas Storage Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

May 7, 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 Egan Gas Storage Expansion Project.<sup>1</sup> 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**

Egan Hub Partners, L.P. (Egan) proposes to construct and operate a second storage cavern and install about 6,260 horsepower of additional compression at the storage facility site in Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

Egan indicates that the new storage facilities would provide up to a total of about 4 billion cubic feet of working gas storage capacity.

<sup>1</sup> Egan Hub Partners, L.P.'s application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

The general location of the project facilities are shown in appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

**Land Requirements for Construction**

No additional land would be required for the project.

**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 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:

- Land use.
- Air quality and noise.
- Public safety.
- Cultural resources.
- Endangered and threatened species.

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.

<sup>2</sup>The 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.

**Currently Identified Environmental Issues**

We have already identified two issues that we think deserves attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Egan. Keep in mind that these are preliminary issues.

- Egan would develop an additional salt storage cavern which would require fresh water withdrawal, saltwater disposal, and surface disposal of insolubles.

- Noise impacts would occur to nearby residences from the operation of the compressors.

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

**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 alternative locations or 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., N.E., Washington, DC 20426;

- Reference Docket No. CP96-199-000;

- Send a *copy* of your letter to: Mr. Herman K. Der, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E. PR-11.1, Washington, DC 20426; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 17, 1996.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Mr. Herman K. Der 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).

You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Herman K. Der, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-0896.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP92-166-013]

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Technical Conference

May 7, 1996.

Take notice that a technical conference will be convened in this proceeding on May 16, 1996, at 2:00 p.m., at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC, for the

purpose of reviewing information submitted by Panhandle pursuant to the Commission's remand order in the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information please contact Carmen Gastilo (202) 208-2182 or Kathleen Dias (202) 208-0524.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

May 8, 1996.

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to section 3(A) of

the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. No. 94-409), 5 U.S.C. 552B:

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

DATE AND TIME: May 15, 1996, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Room 2C, 888 First Street NE., Washington, D.C. 20426.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Agenda; Note—Items listed on the agenda may be deleted without further notice.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Telephone (202) 208-0400, for a recording listing items stricken from or added to the meeting, call (202) 208-1627.

This is a list of matters to be considered by the Commission. It does not include a listing of all papers relevant to the items on the agenda; however, all public documents may be examined in the reference and information center.

Consent Agenda—Hydro, 652nd Meeting—May 15, 1996 Regular Meeting (10:00 a.m.)

Table with 4 columns: Item ID, Description, Number, and Name. Includes items like CAH-1, CAH-2, CAH-3, CAH-4, CAH-5, CAH-6.

CONSENT AGENDA—ELECTRIC

Table with 4 columns: Item ID, Description, Number, and Name. Includes items like CAE-1, CAE-2, CAE-3, CAE-4, CAE-5, CAE-6, CAE-7, CAE-8, CAE-9, CAE-10, CAE-11, CAE-12.

CONSENT AGENDA—GAS AND OIL

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