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The Pre-Filing NEPA Process

FERC has initiated work on evaluating the Cheyenne Plains Pipeline Project using the Pre-Filing NEPA Process. FERC has assigned a Pre-Filing Docket Number (PF01-3-000). When El Paso files an application, it will be assigned a "CP" docket number, and all information filed under Docket No. PF03-1-000 will become part of the record for the "CP docket." All comments received during the pre-filing period will be considered during the preparation of the EIS.

Becoming an Intervenor

Once El Paso files a certificate application at the FERC for the Cheyenne Plains Pipeline Project, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding, known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. 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 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. 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).⁴ 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 that would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Parties cannot intervene in this project until a certificate application is filed at the FERC. The company will mail a notice of this filing to affected landowners shortly after it occurs.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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⁴ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically. See www.ferc.gov for more information.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD03-7-000]

Natural Gas Price Formation; Notice of Staff Technical Conference

March 14, 2003.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will hold a technical conference on Thursday, April 24, 2003, to be held at FERC headquarters, 888 First Street, NW., Washington, DC, in the Commission Meeting Room (Room 2C). The purpose is to discuss issues related to the adequacy of natural gas price information. This would include how data are collected, how publicly available quotes are checked for authenticity and reliability, adequacy of coverage, what effort is made to determine whether the information received and published is complete or representative of its type of transaction, and what models best serve price discovery needs for natural gas markets.

We plan to hear from those who report the transactions, those receiving and publishing the price information, those using the published data reports, and those with constructive suggestions for overcoming impediments and inconsistencies and specific proposals. We request that anyone with a specific proposal that would be useful to review before the conference file the proposal in this docket number for all to access. (Instructions on filing electronically can be found at <http://www.ferc.gov/documents/makeanelectronicfiling/doorbell.htm>.) We would like to explore actions necessary to develop trustworthy price information.

The one-day meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude about 5 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend. There is neither pre-registration nor a registration fee to attend.

We look forward to an informative discussion of the issues and options that would best provide all participants in the market clear, transparent, dependable, and accurate price signals with which to make informed decisions.

The Capitol Connection offers coverage of all open and special Commission meetings held at the Commission's headquarters live over the Internet, as well as via telephone and satellite. For a fee, you can receive these meetings in your office, at home, or anywhere in the world. To find out more about Capitol Connection's live Internet, phone bridge, or satellite coverage, contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at (703) 993-3100, or visit

www.capitolconnection.org. Capitol Connection also offers FERC open meetings through its Washington, DC-area television service.

The conference will be transcribed. Those interested in obtaining transcripts of the conference should contact Ace Federal Reporters at (202) 347-3700 or (800) 336 6646. Transcripts will be made available to view electronically under this docket number seven working days after the conference. Anyone interested in purchasing videotapes of the meeting should call VISCOSM at (703) 715-7999.

We will issue further details on the conference, including the Agenda and a list of participants, as plans evolve. For additional information, please contact Saida Shaalan of the Office of Market Oversight & Investigations at 202-502-8278 or by e-mail, Saida.Shaalan@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of a Final Determination on a Construction Permit for Minergy Detroit, Detroit, Wayne County, MI

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of final action.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the final decision on a prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) Clean Air Act (CAA) permit issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to Minergy Detroit LLC (Minergy) for a proposed facility in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. The MDEQ originally issued this permit on September 20, 2001, but two citizens petitioned EPA's Environmental Appeals Board's (EAB) to review it. On March 1, 2002 the EAB issued its decision dismissing the petitions for review. The state's permit became effective on March 25, 2002.

DATES: The effective date of this notice of final decision is March 20, 2003. See 40 CFR 124.19(a). Judicial review of the permit decision may be sought by filing a petition for review in the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit by no later than May 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Documents relevant to the above action are available for public inspection during normal business

hours at the following address: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard (AR-18J), Chicago, Illinois 60604. To arrange inspection of these documents, call Laura L. David at (312) 886-0661.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura L. David, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard (AR-18J), Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-0661. The EAB decision is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/eab/orders/minergy.pdf>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 5, 2000, the MDEQ received an application from Minergy for a permit to install a glass aggregate facility that would utilize municipal wastewater solids (MWWS) in a cyclone furnace located at 7819 West Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

The proposed facility is a major source under federal air construction permit regulations, due to the potential significant emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO_x), carbon monoxide (CO), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), particulate matter (PM), particulate matter less than 10-microns in diameter (PM-10), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and lead (Pb). The facility has the following major sources of emissions: a 550 MMBtu/hr glass furnace and a 249 MMBtu/hr natural gas fired boiler. The roadways and the MWWS silos are additional sources of PM.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 52.21(j), Minergy was required to conduct a Best Available Control Technology (BACT) analysis for pollutants regulated under the Act. Under Michigan regulations, it was also required to determine Best Available Control Technology for toxics (T-BACT) for each toxic air contaminant (TACs) and hazardous air pollutant (HAPs).

The following technologies will be employed as air quality control equipment: fabric filters to control PM/PM-10 and trace metals; fuel controls by using a coal flux at minimum available sulfur concentration (0.32 percent) and a dry scrubbing process; a selective non-catalytic reduction system using urea/ammonia upon an optimization study to control NO_x and ammonia emissions; ultra-low-NO_x burners in the stand-by boiler, for controlling the NO_x emissions; an overfire air system and good combustion practice to control CO emissions; high temperature retention, exceeding 1700 degrees Fahrenheit for greater than 2 seconds residence time and good combustion practices, to control VOCs and also for the State of Michigan's T-BACT for toxics such as acrolein, acrylonitrile, formaldehyde, dioxin, and

furans; in addition to lime injection, carbon injection to reduce mercury emissions, dioxin and furans; and a vitrification process to minimize solid waste production, produce an inert product, and minimize metal emissions such as arsenic, beryllium and lead.

The combustion of natural gas, coal flux and municipal wastewater solids also has the potential to emit TACs and HAPs. Combustion techniques will be used to control the emission of TACs and HAPs and ensure the applicable screening levels are not exceeded. Each screening level is established to protect public health.

USEPA reviewed the permit application and the draft permit, and found their conditions in compliance with all federal regulations. State environmental officials reviewed Minergy's pollution estimates and evaluated the comments received during the public hearing held on June 28, 2001 and during the public comment period which ended on July 13, 2001. MDEQ approved the permit application request in September 20, 2001. As part of the approval, as a result of information submitted during the public participation process, a few new conditions were added to the permit issued.

MDEQ issues PSD permits under an EPA delegated program. Permits issued under a delegated program may be appealed to the EAB. The Minergy PSD permit was appealed by Saulius Simoliunas to the EAB on January 11, 2002 and by John Riehl of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 207, on January 14, 2002. Both petitioners questioned the adequacy of the permit's testing requirements related to emissions from the facility's cyclone furnace, and requested that special condition number 7 be modified to require the testing be done by an independent laboratory having proper certification, with the participation of citizens chosen by local non-governmental organizations.

On February 19, 2002, MDEQ filed a motion for Summary Disposition arguing that there was no regulatory or jurisdictional basis for imposing the conditions proposed by Petitioner, and requested that the Board decline review. On March 1, 2002, the EAB issued an order denying review of the permit.

The MDEQ issued the permit on September 20, 2001. The permit became effective on March 25, 2002.

Dated: March 10, 2003.

Bharat Mathur,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Good Neighbor Environmental Board Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The next meeting of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board, a federal advisory committee that reports to the President and Congress on environmental and infrastructure projects along the U.S. border with Mexico, will take place in Deming, New Mexico, on April 9 and 10, 2003. It is open to the public.

DATES: On April 9, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. (registration at 8 a.m.) and end at 5:30 p.m. On April 10, the Board will hold a routine business meeting from 8 a.m. until 12 noon (registration at 7:30 a.m.).

ADDRESSES: The meeting site is the Mimbres Valley Special Events Center, 2300 E. Pine St., Deming, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elaine M. Koerner, Designated Federal Officer of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 Office, 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, California 94105. Tel: (415) 972-3437; E-mail: koerner.elaine@epa.gov.

Meeting Access: Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact the Designated Federal Officer at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda: On the morning of April 9, the first day of the meeting, guest speakers will discuss management techniques for groundwater, including the Mimbres Aquifer. The morning session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude with a public comment session from 12-12:30 p.m. During the afternoon session, beginning at 2 p.m., guest speakers will discuss innovative environmental technology such as wind energy, solar stills, and water management technology. A second public comment session will be held