

their own transportation and should meet at 9 a.m. (CST) at the Amory City Hall, 109 South Front Street, Amory, MS on August 10, 2007.

For additional information, please contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-FERC (3372).

### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding, or "intervenor". 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). Intervenor's have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. Motions to Intervene should be electronically submitted using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons without Internet access should send an original and 14 copies of their motion to the Secretary of the Commission at the address indicated previously. Persons filing Motions to Intervene on or before the comment deadline indicated above must send a copy of the motion to the Applicant. All filings, including late interventions, submitted after the comment deadline must be served on the Applicant and all other intervenors identified on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. Persons on the service list with e-mail addresses may be served electronically; others must be served a hard copy of the filing.

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 environmental comments considered.

### Environmental Mailing List

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. This includes all landowners who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within distances defined in the Commission's regulations of certain aboveground facilities. By this notice we are also asking governmental agencies, especially those in Appendix 2, to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EA.

### Additional Information

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](mailto: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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Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP07-405-000]

#### Texas Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare An Environmental Assessment For the Proposed Texas Gas Storage Expansion Project Phase 3 and Request For Comments on Environmental Issues

July 23, 2007.

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 Texas Gas Storage Expansion Project, involving construction and operation of facilities by Texas Gas Transmission L.L.C. (Texas Gas) in Hopkins, Muhlenberg, and Webster Counties, Kentucky. 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.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping period that will be used to gather environmental input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on August 23, 2007.

With this notice, we<sup>1</sup> are asking other federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. Agencies that would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided below.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a Texas Gas representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed project 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?" 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

### Summary of the Proposed Project

Texas Gas seeks authorization to install one 5,488 horsepower (hp) compressor and retire in place two existing 2,000 hp compressor units at its existing Midland III Compressor Station in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. Texas Gas also proposes minor modifications at its existing Slaughter's Compressor Station in Webster County, Kentucky. No change in horsepower is proposed at the Slaughter's Compressor Station at this time. Further, Texas Gas would: construct about 11 miles of 30-inch-diameter looping pipeline in Hopkins and Muhlenberg Counties, Kentucky; construct 2,900 feet of extension to its existing 16-inch-diameter storage lateral

<sup>1</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.

(E-9 pipeline); drill seven new horizontal injection/withdrawal wells at its existing Midland Storage Field; and add related piping to connect these wells with its lateral system (ranging from 8 to 12 inches in diameter and 150 to 3,000 feet in length). A general project location map is included in Appendix A.

In addition, Texas Gas would construct new pig launcher/receiver facilities: within its existing Hanson Compressor Station; to the west of its Midland III Compressor Station; and at each end of its modified E-9 pipeline.

#### **Land Requirements for Construction**

Construction of the proposed Texas Gas Storage Expansion Project Phase 3 would affect a total of about 202.5 acres during construction. Following construction, about 108.8 acres would be allowed to revert to its previous conditions. Disturbance associated with aboveground facilities would permanently disturb 4.1 acres of land.

Texas Gas proposes to construct its 30-inch-diameter pipeline in a 90-foot-wide construction right-of-way and right lines within a 75-foot-wide construction right-of-way. Texas Gas would maintain a 50-foot-wide permanent right-of-way for operation and maintenance of the pipelines.

#### **The EA Process**

We are preparing the EA to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which 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. This process is referred to as "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice, we are requesting public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received will be considered during the preparation of the EA.

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 and libraries in the project area; 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 make our recommendations to the Commission.

#### **Public Participation**

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commenter, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, reasonable alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations and routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. 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 letter to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 1;
- Reference Docket No. CP07-405-000;
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before August 23, 2007.

Please note that the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of comments. See 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "eFiling" link and the link to the User's Guide. Prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper and save it to a file on your hard drive. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing."

#### **Becoming an Intervenor**

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, 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 send one electronic copy (using the Commission's eFiling system) or 14 paper copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission 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). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

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#### **Additional Information**

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208 FERC (3372) or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP07-405), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). 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 rule makings.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12606-000; Project No. 2545-091]

#### Post Falls Hydroelectric Project Spokane River Developments Project, Avista Corporation Spokane, WA; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Spokane River Developments and Post Falls Hydroelectric Projects

July 20, 2007.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (18 CFR part 380 [FERC Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897]) the Office of Energy Projects staff (staff) reviewed the applications for New Major Licenses for the Spokane River Hydroelectric Project and Post Falls Project. Staff prepared a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the projects which are located on the Spokane River, Washington.

The FEIS contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of the projects and concludes that licensing the projects, with staff's recommended measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Copies of the FEIS have been sent to federal, state, and local agencies; public interest groups; and individuals on the Commission's mailing list.

A copy of the FEIS is available for review at the Commission's Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at: <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "e-Library" link. Enter the docket number (P-2545) or (P-12606), to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at: [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-2376, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

For further information, please contact: John Blair at (202) 502-6092 or at: [john.blair@ferc.gov](mailto:john.blair@ferc.gov).

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 925-010]

#### Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions; City of Ottumwa, IA

July 24, 2007.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric license application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* New License.
- b. *Project No.:* P-925-010.
- c. *Date Filed:* April 26, 2006.
- d. *Applicant:* City of Ottumwa, Iowa.
- e. *Name of Project:* Ottumwa Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Des Moines River in the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County, Iowa. The project does not occupy federal lands.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Richard Wilcox, Ottumwa Water and Hydro, 230 Turner Drive, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501, (641) 684-4606.

i. *FERC Contact:* Tim Konnert, (202) 502-6359 or [timothy.konnert@ferc.gov](mailto:timothy.konnert@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "eFiling" link.

k. This application has been accepted, and is ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *The existing Ottumwa Project consists of:* (1) A 18-foot-high dam with a 641-foot-long spillway section equipped with eight tainter gates and one bascule gate; (2) a reservoir with a normal water surface elevation of 638.5 feet msl; (3) a powerhouse integral to the dam containing three generating units with a combined installed capacity of 3,250 kW; (4) two 100-foot-long 2.4 kV generator leads routed underground to transformers in the nearby substation; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates that the average annual generation would be 10,261,920 kilowatt hours.

m. A copy of the application is 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, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h. above.

All filings must: (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS", "TERMS AND CONDITIONS", or "PRESCRIPTIONS"; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.