

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP08-68-000]

**Trunkline LNG Company, LLC; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Pipeline Compressor Addition Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

February 28, 2008.

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 proposed Pipeline Compressor Addition Project (Project) involving the construction and operation of facilities by Trunkline LNG Company, LLC (Trunkline LNG) in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.<sup>1</sup> The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

A brochure prepared by the FERC entitled "A Guide to LNG—What All Citizens Should Know" is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). This brochure addresses a number of typically asked questions, including what is LNG and how is it transported.

**Summary of the Proposed Project**

Trunkline LNG seeks authority to construct, install and operate on land owned by Trunkline LNG:

- One new 1,500 horsepower electric motor-driven compressor in parallel with the existing pipeline compressor;
- Related piping; and
- Associated electrical connections and instrumentation.

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

**Land Requirements for Construction**

Construction of the project would occur entirely within the existing 125 acre Trunkline LNG terminal site. The

temporary and permanent footprints of the project area would not exceed more than 0.1 acre of previously disturbed land currently covered with concrete.

**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. 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 of Intent, the Commission staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to 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.

In the EA, we<sup>3</sup> will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and Soils.
- Land Use.
- Water Resources, Fisheries, and Wetlands.
- Cultural Resources.
- Vegetation and Wildlife.
- Threatened and Endangered Species.
- Air Quality and Noise.

We will also evaluate reasonable 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 make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the

instructions in the public participation section below.

**Currently Identified Environmental Issues**

We have already identified the following issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Trunkline LNG. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- The operation of the proposed compressor would contribute to noise generated by the existing Trunkline LNG facility.
- No impacts would occur to water resources, fisheries, wetlands, vegetation or wildlife. Other than air quality and noise, all impacts would occur within existing Trunkline LNG property.

**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. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations), 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 St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of OEP/DG2E, Gas Branch 3.
- Reference Docket No. CP08-68-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before March 31, 2008.

We will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of 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 a free account which can be created on-line.

<sup>1</sup> On February 1, 2008, Trunkline LNG filed its application with the Commission under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, 15 United States Code § 717(b)(a), and Parts 157 and 284 of the Commission's regulations. The Commission issued its Notice of Application on February 12, 2008.

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices 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.

<sup>3</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

We may mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (Appendix 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

#### 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 has 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 email 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 own land 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.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which 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. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

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

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#### Atlantic Renewable Projects II LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

February 28, 2008.

Atlantic Renewable Projects II LLC (Atlantic Renewables) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying market-based rate tariff. The proposed market-based rate schedule provides for the sale of energy, capacity and ancillary services at market-based rates. Atlantic Renewables also requested waivers of various Commission regulations. In particular, Atlantic Renewables requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Atlantic Renewables.

On February 22, 2008, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development—West, granted the

request for blanket approval under part 34 (Director's Order). On February 28, 2008, an Errata was issued to the Director's Order which stated that the Commission would publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** establishing a period of time for the filing of protests. Accordingly, any person desiring to be heard concerning the blanket approvals of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Atlantic Renewables, should file a 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, 385.214 (2007). The Commission encourages the electronic submission of protests using the FERC Online link at <http://www.ferc.gov>.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests is March 24, 2008.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition to such blanket approvals by the deadline above, Atlantic Renewables is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Atlantic Renewables, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approvals of Atlantic Renewables' issuance of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Director's Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also 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. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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