

Under the current OMB authorization, the Commission was allowing the filing of FERC-520 in hardcopy and/or diskette/CD. However, through RM07-16-000, implemented March 1, 2008, the electronic filing of FERC-520 filings

is also accepted through the Commission's eFiling system.

*Action:* The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date.

*Burden Statement:* The two types of interlocking directorate applications, a

“full application” pursuant to 18 CFR 45.8 and the much more abbreviated “informational application” pursuant to 18 CFR 45.9 are represented separately here. Public reporting burden for each is estimated as:

Type of application filed annually	Number of respondents annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)x(2)x(3)
Full .....	17	1	51.8	881
Informational .....	911	1	29.5	23,595
Total .....				24,476

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$1,487,199 [24,476 hours divided by 2080 hours<sup>1</sup> per year, times \$126,384<sup>2</sup> which equals \$1,487,199]. The cost per respondent is \$1,603. The increase in the estimated total cost over what was reported in 2005 is due to the informational filings not being included in earlier estimates. The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, using technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable filing instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The cost estimate for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

*Comments are invited on:* (1) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will

have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to calculate the reporting burden; and (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 2085-014, 67-113, 2175-014, 120-020 California]

### Southern California Edison; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Big Creek Projects

September 12, 2008.

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 relicensing four Southern California Edison (SCE) projects, which are part of the Big Creek System: Mammoth Pool Project (FERC No. 2085); Big Creek Nos. 2A, 8 and Eastwood (FERC No. 67); Big Creek Nos. 1 and 2 (FERC No. 2175); and Big Creek No. 3 (FERC No. 120), located in Fresno and Madera Counties, California, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (draft EIS) for the projects.

SCE's existing 865-megawatt Big Creek System includes the integrated operation of nine major powerhouses, six major reservoirs, numerous small

diversions, various conveyance facilities, and electrical transmission lines, authorized under seven Commission licenses. The four projects evaluated in the draft EIS occupy about 6,870 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, in the Sierra National Forest.

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 the project the comments refer to: Project No. 2085-014 (Mammoth Pool Project); Project No. 67-113 (Big Creek Nos. 2A, 8 and Eastwood; Project No. 2175-014 (Big Creek Nos. 1 and 2); or (Project No. 120-020). 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>

<sup>1</sup> Number of hours an employee works each year.

<sup>2</sup> Average annual salary per employee.

under the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number (P-067, P-2175, P-2085, or P-120) 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.

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](mailto:james.fargo@ferc.gov).

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-100-000]

#### Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Northern Bridge Project

September 12, 2008.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Texas Eastern Transmission, LP in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of a 1,083 horsepower (hp) uprate of an existing compressor; the installation of an additional compressor (13,333 hp); and the abandonment of four existing reciprocating gas compressors (5,400 hp); as well as associated valves, piping, and appurtenant facilities at Texas Eastern's existing Holbrook Compressor

Station in Richhill Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania. The project also includes a 1,650 hp uprate of an existing compressor at Texas Eastern's existing Uniontown Compressor Station in Uniontown Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

The project would provide 150 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of new capacity from Clarington, Ohio, to the Delmont Discharge in Pennsylvania. The project would provide a means for providing northeast markets with access to Rocky Mountain supplies from an interconnection between Texas Eastern and the REX-East facilities in Docket No. CP07-208.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to federal, state, and local agencies, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and parties to this proceeding. Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below.

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the Project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send in your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before October 14, 2008.

For your convenience, there are three methods in which you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances please reference the project docket number CP08-100-000 with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has dedicated eFiling expert staff available to assist you at 202-502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the Quick Comment feature, which is located on the Commission's internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to Documents and Filings. A Quick Comment is an easy method for interested persons to submit text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to Documents and Filings. eFiling involves preparing your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper, and then saving the file on your computer's hard drive. You will attach that file as your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "Sign up" or "eRegister". You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing;" or

(3) You may file your comments via mail to the Commission by sending 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 Gas Branch 2, PJ11.2.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).<sup>1</sup> 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 which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

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.

<sup>1</sup> Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.