

or its contractors for the purpose of developing code change proposals should be considered on a technical basis, and does not represent an endorsement of any particular individual or organization. For the purposes of IECC development, DOE conducts analysis to support its code change proposals. DOE may indicate whether its technical analysis is relevant to a proposal presented by another entity (i.e., whether various proposals are the same). Again, however, such an indication would not constitute an endorsement of a proposal.

DOE is not able to provide technical assistance at the request of outside parties, but reserves the right to conduct analysis in support of proposals DOE is considering for submission to the ICC. While DOE cannot enter into joint code change proposals (outside of proposals submitted jointly with another federal agency), DOE intends to support efficiency concepts from the perspective of its own analysis. DOE also publishes the results of its analysis, along with supporting energy simulation models, for review and use by outside parties.

#### *DOE's Participation in the ICC Code Development Hearings*

At ICC hearings, DOE will communicate its opinion on proposals as follows: DOE will defend its proposals. To the extent that DOE has prepared a technical analysis of a proposal other than a DOE proposal, consistent with the discussion above, DOE may present the results of the analysis. Again, presentation of technical reviews does not constitute an endorsement of any proposal. DOE may also recognize a proposal to the extent that the proposal or provisions within the proposal are the same as a DOE proposal or provisions within a DOE proposal. DOE may alter its proposal based on information it obtains at the code hearings but, will not seek further comment before altering its proposal.

DOE anticipates that it or its contractors may be contacted regarding code concepts, ideas or change proposals prior to the code hearing and during the code hearing. While DOE code change proposals to the IECC are not regulations, DOE will follow ex parte communication policy for such communications. Guidance on ex parte communications was published on January 21, 2009 (74 FR 4685) and can be found at <http://energy.gov/gc/downloads/guidance-ex-parte-communications>. Note that such communications will be reflected in the public docket consistent with the ex parte guidance.

DOE maintains an organizational membership with the ICC. As an ICC governmental member, DOE will exercise voting privileges as defined by the guiding ICC rules and procedures.

### **III. DOE Participation in the Development of the 2015 IECC**

#### *DOE Proposal Development*

In the current code cycle, the ICC will be considering proposed revisions to the 2012 IECC which will result in the 2015 IECC. Initial concepts DOE considered for the 2015 IECC were provided for public review and comment in October 2012 (public comments received are available at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=EERE-2012-BT-BC-0030>). DOE then revised its proposals based on stakeholder feedback, and submitted final proposals to the ICC by the January 3, 2013 deadline. DOE's final proposals are available at <http://www.energycodes.gov/development>.

#### *DOE Technical Analysis*

In developing proposed revisions for the 2012 IECC, DOE conducted a series of analyses to evaluate energy savings and economic impacts of potential code change proposals. Final DOE code change proposals are published online along with supporting resources, including the DOE residential cost-effectiveness methodology, energy and economic assumptions, energy simulation models, and investigations into special topic areas. Any interested party wishing to review or build-upon the DOE analysis can access it via the DOE Building Energy Codes Web site.<sup>3</sup>

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DOE may also recognize a proposal to the extent that the proposal or provisions within the proposal are the same as a DOE proposal or provisions within a DOE proposal. DOE may alter its proposal based on information it obtains at the code hearings but, will not seek further comment before altering its proposal.

As indicated above, DOE will follow DOE's ex parte communication policy for such communications. Note that

<sup>3</sup> See <http://www.energycodes.gov/development>.

such communications will be reflected in the public docket consistent with the ex parte guidance.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Docket No. CP13-124-000]**

#### **ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Application for Abandonment**

Take notice that on April 4, 2013, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 717 Texas Street, Houston, TX 77002-2761, filed in Docket No. CP13-31-000, an application pursuant to sections 157.7 and 157.18 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) as amended. ANR seeks authority to abandon by sale to Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) ANR's 6.67% interest and related dedicated capacity in the Project Central Texas Loop facilities. These facilities will remain physically in place and held for future use. This filing may also be viewed on the web 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, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of

the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Rene Staeb, Manager, Project Determinations & Regulatory Administration, ANR Pipeline Company, 717 Texas Street, Houston, TX 77002-2761; phone (832)320-5215; FAX (820)320-6515.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters

will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

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.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 6, 2013.

Dated: April 15, 2013.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP13-113-000; PF12-16-000]

#### Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP; Notice of Application

Take notice that on April 1, 2013, Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP (Dominion Cove Point), 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia, filed in Docket No. CP13-113-000 an application under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) seeking authorization to construct, modify, own and operate certain facilities to enable the liquefaction of natural gas for the export at its existing Cove Point LNG terminal in Calvert County, Maryland. Additionally, pursuant to section 7 of the NGA, Dominion Cove Point seeks authority to construct, install, own, operate and maintain facilities on its Cove Point Pipeline at its existing compressor station and metering and regulating (M&R) site in Fairfax County, Virginia, and at its M&R site located in Loudon County, Virginia, for the transportation of natural gas for customers of Dominion Cove Point's LNG terminal, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. Copies of this filing are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site web 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 at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call

toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Questions regarding this application should be directed to Amanda K. Prestage, Regulatory and Certificates Analyst III, Dominion Transmission, Inc., 701 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or by telephone at 804-771-4416, or email at [Amanda.K.Prestage@dom.com](mailto:Amanda.K.Prestage@dom.com).

On June 26, 2012, the Commission staff granted Dominion Cove Point's request to utilize the Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF12-16 to staff activities involved with Dominion Cove Point's Liquefaction Project. Now, as of the filing of the application on April 1, 2013, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP13-113-000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice, the Commission's staff will either complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission's staff issuance of the EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to reach a final decision on a request for federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, before the comment date of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission