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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-276-000]

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Line 1-A Reactivation Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

June 19, 1997.

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 construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the Line 1-A Reactivation Project.¹ 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.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) proposes to reactivate an existing inactive pipeline, Line 1-A, and to construct new facilities associated with operation of the reactivated Line 1-A in Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania. This would enable Texas Eastern to deliver on a firm basis up to 120,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of natural gas to PECO Energy Company (PECO) and 8,000 Dth/d to Mobil Oil Corporation (Mobil). Texas Eastern seeks authority to:

- Reactivate about 22.7 miles of the 20-inch-diameter Line 1-A in Chester and Delaware Counties, which includes:
 - Investigation and repair, if needed, of 180 anomaly sites (irregularities in the pipe wall which are typically caused by mechanical damage or corrosion); and
 - Hydrostatically test the pipeline.
- Install the following:
 - New regulating facilities and a pig launcher at the Eagle Compressor Station (milepost (MP) 0.0);

- Delivery tap off of Line 1-A for Texas Easterns existing Planebrook Measurement and Regulation (M&R) Station (MP 6.8)²
- Mainline valves at MP 6.8, MP 12.6, and MP 16.0;
- Delivery taps off Lines 1-H and 1-A (MP 10.0) for the Hershey Mills M&R to be constructed by PECO; and
- Delivery taps off Line 1-A and 1-H, and a pig receiver at the new Brookhaven M&R Station at Chester Junction (MP 22.7).

The proposed facilities would cost about \$12,800,000.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.³ If you are interested in obtaining procedural information, please write to the Secretary of the Commission.

Nonjurisdictional Facilities

PECO plans to construct a new meter station near MP 10 on Line 1-A, regulation and heating facilities at the new Brookhaven M&R Station, and a new 24-inch-diameter distribution line, of an unspecified length, downstream from the Brookhaven M&R Station to connect its existing distribution pipeline.

Land Requirements for Construction

a. Line 1-A Upgrading

The repair of the anomaly sites would temporarily disturb 91 areas within the existing permanent right-of-way, totaling about 30.94 acres. Hydrostatic testing of Line 1-A would disturb six manifold sites within the existing permanent right-of-way, totaling about 2.04 acres. Each of these 97 areas would be about 75-foot-wide and 200-foot-long.

A 5.2-acre staging area, a 3.0-acre wareyard, and a 0.12-acre staging area would be required at off-right-of-way locations. These areas would be temporarily disturbed, and would be restored to their original grade and reseeded.

b. Aboveground Facilities

Regulating and pig launching facilities would be installed at the existing Eagle Compressor Station. A 150-foot by 150-foot area (0.52 acre) would be disturbed to install the Brookhaven M&R Station, that includes a pig receiver, within the existing Chester Junction Facility aboveground site. The proposed mainline valves

² Mileposts are approximate.

³ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

would require 20 feet by 30 feet within the existing right-of-way (0.014 acre each).

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. We call this "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 requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will 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.

The EA 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
- water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- vegetation and wildlife
- endangered and threatened species
- public safety
- land use
- cultural resources
- air quality and noise
- hazardous waste

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed 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 Commissions 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.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention

¹ Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Texas Eastern. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Three state designated high-quality coldwater fisheries and three waterbodies used by migratory fishes would be crossed.
- A total of 12.03 acres of wetlands would be temporarily affected and 0.2 acre of wetlands would be permanently affected.
- Certain anomaly locations possess a high probability of containing prehistoric or historic archaeological sites or historic structures.
- Line 1-A is part of the War Emergency Pipeline System which has been determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
- Twenty-eight residences are within 100 feet of the pipeline centerline.
- The Ridley State Park and a private golf course associated with the Hershey Mills Retirement Community would be crossed.
- The bog turtle (a candidate for Federal listing) may be affected.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP97-276-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC, on or before July 21, 1997.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". 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 copies of its filings to all other parties. 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) (see appendix 2). You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Proposed Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects Firm Power Rate and Colorado River Storage Project Transmission and Ancillary Services Rates Adjustments

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rate adjustments.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration's (Western) Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) Customer Service Center (CSC) is proposing rates (Proposed Rates) for long-term sales of Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects (SLCA/IP) firm power, CRSP transmission service, and ancillary services. The current firm power rate expires November 30, 1999. The current firm transmission rate expires September 30, 1997, but is expected to be extended for 1 additional year, through September 30, 1998, or until superseded by the proposed firm point-to-point transmission rate. The proposed rates will provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs, including operation, maintenance, replacement, and interest expenses, and to repay investment and irrigation assistance obligations within the required period. The rates and their impacts are explained in greater detail in a rate brochure to be provided to all interested parties. The proposed rates are scheduled to go into effect on April 1, 1998. This **Federal Register** notice initiates the formal process for the proposed rates.

DATES: The consultation and comment period will begin on the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice and will end September 23, 1997. The public information forums and public comment meeting dates are:

1. Public information forum—August 1, 1997, 1 p.m., Salt Lake City, Utah; Public comment forum—September 19, 1997, 1 p.m., Salt Lake City, Utah.
2. Public information forum—August 5, 1997, 1 p.m., Golden, Colorado; Public comment forum—September 16, 1997, 1 p.m., Golden, Colorado.

3. Public information forum—August 6, 1997, 1 p.m., Albuquerque, New Mexico; Public comment forum—September 17, 1997, 1 p.m., Albuquerque, New Mexico.
4. Public information forum—August 7, 1997, 1 p.m., Phoenix, Arizona; Public comment forum—September 18, 1997, 1 p.m., Phoenix, Arizona.

ADDRESSES:

1. Doubletree Hotel (Previously Red Lion), 255 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.
 2. Marriott Denver West, 1717 Denver West Boulevard, Golden, Colorado.
 3. Albuquerque Marriott, 2101 Louisiana Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
 4. Western Area Power Administration, Desert Southwest Region, 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Western must receive written comments by the end of the consultation and comment period to be assured consideration. Oral comments will be received at the public comment meetings. Written comments are to be sent to: Mr. David Sabo, CRSP Manager, CRSP Customer Service Center, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 11606, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84121-0606, or e-mail sabo@wapa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Tafoya-Loftin, Rates Manager, CRSP Customer Service Center, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 11606, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84121-0606, (801) 524-6380; e-mail: tafoya@wapa.gov, or visit CRSP CSC's home page at: www.wapa.gov/crsp/crsp.htm.

Proposed Rate for SLCA/IP Firm Power SLCA/IP Firm Power Rate

The proposed rate for SLCA/IP firm power is designed to recover an annual amount of revenue requirement that includes the repayment of power investment, payment of interest, purchased power, operation, maintenance and replacement expenses, and the repayment of irrigation assistance costs, as required by law.

The Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE) approved the existing Rate Schedule SLIP-F5 for SLCA/IP firm power on October 25, 1994 (Rate Order No. WAPA-63). The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirmed and approved the rate schedule on April 1, 1996, in FERC Docket No. EF95-5171-000. The existing Rate Schedule will expire on November 30, 1999. Under Rate Schedule SLIP-F5, the energy rate is 8.9 mills/kWh, and the capacity rate is \$3.83 per kW-month. The composite rate (revenue requirements per kWh) is