

- A new compressor station (On-site Compressor Station) in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana;

- A new compressor station (Remote Compressor Station) in Beauregard Parish, Louisiana;

- A new 23.3-mile-long, 30-inch-diameter pipeline from the On-site Compressor Station to connect to multiple interstate pipeline systems including Florida Gas Transmission (FGT), Tennessee Gas Pipeline (TGP), Texas Eastern Transmission Company (TETCO), Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) and Trunkline Gas Company (Trunkline) in Calcasieu and Beauregard Parishes with a MAOP of 1,480 psig;

- A new meter/regulator station for deliveries to FGT at MP 2.1 on the 30-inch Pipeline in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana;

- A new meter/regulator station for deliveries to TGP at MP 7.0 on the 30-inch Pipeline in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana;

- A new meter/regulator station for deliveries to TETCO and Transco, located on the site of the Remote Compressor Station at MP 19.7 in Beauregard Parish, Louisiana; and
- A new meter/regulator station for deliveries to Trunkline, located adjacent to the existing Trunkline site at MP 23.3 in Beauregard Parish, Louisiana.

The purpose of the Liberty Gas Storage Project is to provide firm and interruptible storage of natural gas in the gulf coast region, including to the potential liquefied natural gas (LNG) market. The Liberty Gas Storage Project would provide related interruptible hub services on an open access basis for volumes transported on the interstate natural gas system in and from the gulf coast and south Texas areas. The Liberty Gas Storage Project would help meet the growing need for high-deliverability natural gas storage in the southeastern United States and in markets served directly and indirectly by the numerous natural gas pipelines that traverse the project area. Consequently, Liberty Gas Storage's facilities and services would serve the needs of local gas distribution, power generation, pipeline shippers, and gas marketers, as well as existing and proposed LNG terminals that may be placed into service in the region.

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, public

interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, 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. 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 comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas 2, DG2E.

- Reference Docket No. CP05-92-000; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before September 26, 2005.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, 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 by clicking on "Sign-up."

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).¹ 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

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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 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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Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP05-83-000, CP05-84-000, CP05-85-000, CP05-86-000]

Port Arthur LNG, L.P.; Port Arthur Pipeline, L.P.; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft General Conformity Determination for the Port Arthur LNG Project

August 26, 2005.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the construction and operation of the liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal and natural gas pipeline facilities (referred to as the Port Arthur LNG Project or Project) as proposed by Port Arthur LNG, L.P. and Port Arthur Pipeline, L.P. (collectively Sempra) in the above-referenced dockets.

The draft EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The staff concludes that approval of the Port Arthur LNG Project, with appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact. The draft EIS evaluates alternatives to the proposal,

including system alternatives, alternative sites for the LNG import terminal, and pipeline alternatives. The draft EIS also contains our draft General Conformity Analysis and Essential Fish Habitat Analysis.

The purpose of the Port Arthur LNG Project is to allow access to LNG supplies and thus provide a new, stable source of between 1.5 and 3.0 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas to supplement the diminishing supplies while utilizing, to the extent practicable, the existing natural gas pipeline infrastructure within the Gulf of Mexico region of the U.S.; and allow natural gas delivery to markets in the Midwestern and Northeastern markets by use of existing interstate natural gas pipeline systems. Sempra's proposed facilities would be constructed in two phases and would ultimately provide an average of 3.0 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas to the existing pipeline infrastructure in Texas and Louisiana, and to potential other end-users in the Midwestern and Northeastern natural gas markets.

The draft EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities in Jefferson and Orange Counties, Texas, and Cameron, Calcasieu, and Beauregard Parishes, Louisiana:

- A protected LNG unloading slip with ship maneuvering area (turning basin);
- LNG ship unloading system consisting of two berths each consisting of four 16-inch unloading arms and one 16-inch vapor return arm, mooring and breasting dolphins, gangway tower, firewater monitors, service utilities and associated valves and piping. LNG transfer from the ship to the on-shore storage system would be through two 36-inch-diameter unloading lines, one per berth. Each berth would be sized for an unloading rate of 17,500 cubic meters per hour (m^3/hr); although, only one ship would be unloaded at a time during Phase I;
- LNG storage system consisting of a total of six full-containment LNG storage tanks each with a nominal capacity of 160,000 cubic meters (m^3) (1,006,000 barrels). Each tank would be equipped with three can-type, fully submerged LNG in-tank pumps sized for 2,976 gallons per minute (gpm) each;
- Boil-off gas (BOG) recovery system consisting of 4 reciprocating BOG compressors each sized for 13,887 pounds per hour (lb/hr), four integrally geared return gas blowers, each sized for 32,228 lb/hr, and one direct-contact recondenser;

- LNG transfer system to transfer LNG from the recondenser to the send-out LNG vaporizers. The transfer system would consist of 16 pot-mounted LNG booster pumps (two being spares) each sized for 1,964 gpm;

- LNG vaporization system consisting of 12 shell-and-tube LNG vaporizers (two being spares) each sized for 0.305 Bcf/d. The heat source to the vaporizers would be heated water;

- Hot water heating system consisting of 8 gas-fired hot water heaters each sized for 348 million British thermal units per hour (MMBtu/hr) and 6 centrifugal hot water circulation pumps (two being spares) each sized for 11,727 gpm;

- Emergency vent system; LNG spill containment system; fire water system; fuel gas, nitrogen, instrument/plant air and service water utility systems; various hazard detection, control, and prevention systems; and cryogenic piping, electrical, and instrumentation systems;

- Utilities, buildings and support facilities; facilities for pig launchers and receivers; and metering facilities; and

- Approximately 73 miles of 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline and associated ancillary pipeline facilities.

Comment Procedures and Public Meetings

Any person wishing to comment on the draft EIS 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. 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 comments to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

- Reference Docket No. CP05-83-000 *et al.*;

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 2, PJ11.2; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before October 17, 2005.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, 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 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 by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public comment meetings we have scheduled as follows:

October 4, 2005, 7 p.m. (CST); VFW Post 9854, 222 Highway 109 S, Vinton, Louisiana, Telephone: (337) 589-5832.

October 5, 2005, 7 p.m. (CST); Holiday Inn Park Central, 2929 Jimmy Johnson Blvd., Port Arthur, Texas, Telephone: (409) 724-5000.

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the environmental impact described in the draft EIS. Transcripts of the meeting will be prepared.

After these comments have been reviewed, any significant new issues are investigated, and modifications are made to the draft EIS, a final EIS will be published and distributed by the staff. The final EIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments received on the draft EIS.

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). Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS. You must file your request to intervene as specified above.¹ You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

The draft EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

A limited number of copies of the draft EIS are available from the Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch identified above. In addition, copies of the draft EIS have been mailed to Federal, State, and local agencies; elected officials; public interest groups; individuals and affected landowners who requested a copy of the draft EIS; and parties to these proceedings.

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs,

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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 or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY at (202) 502-8659. 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 rulemakings.

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Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[P-12588-000]

Hydraco Power, Inc.; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing; Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene and Protests; Paper Scoping and Soliciting Scoping Comments; Establishing a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments; and Schedule for Processing Application

August 26, 2005.

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

- a. *Types of Application:* Exemption from License, 5 MW or Less.
- b. *Project Nos.:* P-12588-000.
- c. *Date filed:* May 3, 2005.
- d. *Applicant:* Hydraco Power, Inc.
- e. *Name of Project:* A. H. Smith Dam Project.

f. *Location:* On the San Marcos River near the town of Martindale, Caldwell County, Texas. The project does not affect Federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. §§ 2705, 2708.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Linda A. Parker, Small Hydro of Texas, Inc., 1298 FM 766, Cuero, Texas 77954. (361) 275-9395.

i. *FERC Contact:* Monte TerHaar, monte.terhaar@ferc.gov, (202) 502-6035.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests, and deadline for filing scoping comments:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Any comments (original and eight copies) should be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "A.H. Smith Dam Project No. 12588-000" to all comments. Comments may be filed electronically via Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "eFiling" link.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person 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.

k. 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 this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

l. This application has been accepted, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

m. *Project Description:* Hydraco proposes to restore existing facilities and operate run-of-river, at all times providing flow over the dam. The project would cease generation and pass all flows over the dam when inflows to the impoundment are 100cfs or less.

The proposed project consists of: (1) An existing 10.5-foot-high by 86.5-foot-long concrete dam with a 20-foot-wide concrete apron; (2) an existing 3-foot-wide by 4-foot-high wooden stopgate positioned in the east bank of the dam which regulates flows to the turbines; (3) a 10.62-acre impoundment; (4) an existing 20-foot-wide by 30-foot-long brick powerhouse; (5) an existing generator with installed capacity of 150

kilowatts (kW); (6) an existing 150 kW turbine; (7) a 100-foot-long buried transmission line; and (8) an existing trashrack.

n. 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 (P-12588) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy of the application is also available for inspection and reproduction at the addresses in item h above.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "COMMENTS", "SCOPING COMMENTS"; (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. 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.

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 this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

o. *Scoping Process:*

The Commission staff intends to prepare a single Environmental Assessment (EA) for the A. H. Smith Dam Project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Commission staff does not propose to conduct any on-site scoping meetings at this time. Instead, we will solicit comments, recommendations, information, and alternatives in the Scoping Document (SD).

Copies of the SD outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link, as indicated in item number n.