

The purpose of the G-II Project is to provide facilities necessary to provide about 537,200 decatherms per day of additional natural gas capacity to Guardian's existing pipeline system. The proposed additional capacity would facilitate the transport of natural gas to customers within the state of Wisconsin and provide those customers with the necessary infrastructure to support growth, choice, and competition within the natural gas marketplace.

The Final EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of construction and operation of the following facilities:

- 83.9 miles of 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Jefferson, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Calumet, Brown, and Outagamie Counties, Wisconsin;
- 31.3 miles of 20-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Brown and Outagamie Counties, Wisconsin;
- 1.4 miles of 16-inch-diameter natural gas branch line referred to as the Denmark Branch Line in Brown County, Wisconsin;
- Two 20-inch-diameter natural gas branch lines including the 1.8-mile Southwest Green Bay Branch Line in Brown County and a 0.8-mile West Green Bay Branch Line in Outagamie County, Wisconsin;
- Two new 39,000 horsepower (hp) electric-motor-driven compressor stations including the Sycamore Compressor Station located in the Sycamore Township in DeKalb County, Illinois and the Bluff Creek Compressor Station located in the Town of La Grange in Walworth County, Wisconsin;
- Modifications to the existing Ixonia Meter Station in Jefferson County, Wisconsin and the construction of seven new meter stations in the Counties of Dodge, Fond du Lac, Calumet, Brown, and Outagamie Counties, Wisconsin;
- New pig launcher/receiver facilities within Guardian's existing Ixonia Meter Station in Jefferson County, Wisconsin, within the proposed Fox Valley Meter Station in Calumet County, Wisconsin, and West Green Bay Meter Station in Outagamie County, Wisconsin; and
- Six new mainline valves (MLVs), four of which would occur along the 30-inch-diameter pipeline in the counties of Dodge, Fond du Lac, and Calumet, Wisconsin, and two which would occur along the 20-inch-diameter pipeline in Brown and Outagamie Counties, Wisconsin.

Guardian proposes to have Project construction initiated in the spring of 2008 and would be completed for a proposed in-service date of November 2008.

The Final EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

A limited number of copies of the Final EIS are available from the Public Reference Room identified above. In addition, the Final EIS has been mailed to affected landowners; various federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; local libraries and newspapers; intervenors; and other individuals that expressed an interest in the proposed Project.

Additional information about the proposed 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>). To access information via the FERC website click on the "eLibrary" link then click on "General Search" and enter the docket number (CP07-8) excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. The "eLibrary" link provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. For assistance with "eLibrary", 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.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 199-205]

#### **Santee Cooper Hydroelectric Project; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Santee Cooper Hydroelectric Project**

October 26, 2007.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (18 CFR part 380 [FERC Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897]), the Office of Energy Projects staff (staff) reviewed the application for a New Major License for the Santee Cooper Hydroelectric Project, and have prepared a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the project which is located on the Santee and Cooper Rivers in Berkeley, Calhoun, Clarendon, Orangeburg, and Sumpter Counties, South Carolina.

The FEIS contains staff's analysis of the applicant's proposal and the alternatives for relicensing the Santee Cooper Hydroelectric Project. The FEIS documents the views of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, affected Indian tribes, the public, the license applicant, and Commission staff.

The FEIS will be part of the record from which the Commission will make its decision.

A copy of the FEIS is available for review at the Commission's Public Reference Room (Room 2A, located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426) or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "e-Library" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

CD versions of the FEIS have been mailed to everyone on the mailing list for the project. 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 this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

For further information, please contact Monte TerHaar at (202) 502-6035 or at [monte.terhaar@ferc.gov](mailto:monte.terhaar@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP07-448-000]

#### El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Picacho Compressor Station Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

October 26, 2007.

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 Picacho Compressor Station Project involving construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities by El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) in Pinal County, Arizona. 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.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on November 26, 2007. Details on how to submit comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; Federal, State, and local government agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this proposed project and to encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

### Summary of the Proposed Project

El Paso proposes to install three gas-fired compressor units totaling 8,290 horsepower at the new Picacho Compressor Station in Pinal County, Arizona. The proposed project would provide up to 372,500 dekatherms per day of gas to interconnects with Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC's proposed Phoenix Expansion (Docket No. CP06-459-000) and El Paso's existing pipeline system.

The proposed compressor station would be located along El Paso's Line 20120 in an 8-acre parcel owned by El Paso. The parcel is also the current location of El Paso's Line 20120 pigging facilities. El Paso indicates that additional workspace would not be required outside of the 8-acre parcel, and an existing public road would be utilized for access to the construction area.

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

### The EA Process

We<sup>2</sup> are preparing this EA to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impact that could result if it authorizes El Paso's proposal. By this notice, we are also asking federal, state, and local agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. Agencies that would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided below.

NEPA also requires the FERC 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, we are requesting public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the "Additional Information" section at the end of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail. Requests for detailed maps of the proposed facilities should be made directly to El Paso.

<sup>2</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.

construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Land use and visual quality.
- Cultural resources.
- Vegetation and wildlife (including threatened and endangered species).
- Air quality and noise.
- Reliability and safety.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, where necessary, 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.

### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, 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 compressor station sites, 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: Kimberley 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 1, PJ-11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP07-448-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before November 26, 2007.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments. See 18 Code of Federal Regulations