

station site and possibly alternative sites that are being considered for the proposed project. Staff will tour these proposed project areas by automobile and on foot. Representatives of Tennessee will accompany the OEP staff.

All interested parties may attend the site visit. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation. If you are interested in attending the site visit, please meet us at 9:00 AM in the parking lot of Dunkin' Donuts, 98 Indian Rock Road, Windham, New Hampshire (off of Exit 3 southbound on Rte. 93).

For additional information, please contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-FERC (3372).

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#### Additional Information

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-63-000]

#### Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Fitchburg Expansion Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Site Visit

February 22, 2008.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the potential environmental impacts of the Fitchburg Expansion Project involving construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee) in Worcester and Middlesex Counties, Massachusetts. 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 March 24, 2008. 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

Tennessee's Fitchburg Expansion Project would increase the size of a portion of its Fitchburg Lateral and install some minor facilities in order to provide 12,300 dekatherms per day of firm transportation service for the Massachusetts Development Financial Agency. To accomplish this, Tennessee proposes to:

- Replace approximately 5.15 miles of 6-inch-diameter pipeline with 12-inch-diameter pipeline on Tennessee's Line 268-100 (Fitchburg Lateral) in Worcester County, Massachusetts;
- Install a pig <sup>1</sup> launcher at the existing mainline valve at the beginning of the Fitchburg Lateral in Framingham, Massachusetts; and
- Install a pig receiver at the existing Unifit Meter Station at the terminus of the Fitchburg Lateral (milepost 5.13) in Lunenburg, Massachusetts.

The general location of the proposed facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Tennessee proposes to utilize a 70-to 80-foot-wide construction right-of-way. This includes the existing permanent right-of-way that varies between 20 and 30 feet, which would continue to be maintained after construction. A total of 55.19 acres would be affected during construction and 15.95 acres would be affected during operation. The pig launcher and receiver would be constructed adjacent to existing Tennessee aboveground structures.

#### The EA Process

We <sup>3</sup> are preparing this EA to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), which requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impact that could result if it authorizes Tennessee's proposal. By this notice, we are also asking federal, state, and local agencies with

<sup>1</sup> A pig is an internal tool that can be used to clean and/or inspect a pipeline for damage or corrosion. A pig launcher/receiver is an aboveground facility where pigs are inserted into and or retrieved from the pipeline.

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices are available on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the "Additional Information" section 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 Tennessee.

<sup>3</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.

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 important environmental issues. By this Notice, 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 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 presented 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; local libraries and newspapers; 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 commentator, 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 pipeline routes, 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. CP08-63-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before March 24, 2008.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments. See Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "eFiling" link and the link to the User's Guide. Prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper and save it to a file on your hard drive. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing."

### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the Commission's process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must send one electronic copy (using the Commission's eFiling system) or 14 paper copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. 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).<sup>4</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 environmental comments considered.

### Site Visit

On April 1, 2008, the Office of Energy Projects' (OEP) staff will conduct a pre-certification site visit of the proposed Fitchburg Expansion Project. We will view Tennessee's proposed pipeline route, route variations, and aboveground facilities that are being considered for the proposed project. Staff will tour the proposed project area by automobile and on foot. Representatives of Tennessee will accompany the OEP staff.

All interested parties may attend the site visit. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation. If you are interested in attending the site visit, please meet us at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of the Target at 86 Orchard Hill Park Drive, Leominster, MA.

For additional information, please contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-FERC (3372).

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In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in

<sup>4</sup> Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. PR04-6-005; PR04-6-006; PR07-5-002; PR07-5-003]

#### Cranberry Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filings

February 21, 2008.

Take notice that on February 13, 2008, Cranberry Pipeline Corporation (Cranberry) made two filings to comply with the letter order issued on December 14, 2007, (December 14, 2007 order).<sup>1</sup> In Docket Nos. PR04-7-005 and PR07-5-002, Cranberry filed a Report of Refunds in compliance with the Commission's December 14, 2007 order, and in Docket Nos. PR04-7-006 and PR07-5-003, Cranberry filed a revised Statement of Operating Conditions in compliance with the Commission's December 14, 2007 order.

Any person desiring to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Protests to this filing will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Such protests must be filed on or before the date as indicated below. Anyone filing a protest must serve a copy of that document on all the parties to the proceeding.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time February 26, 2008.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No 2713-073]

#### Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Commencement of Licensing Proceeding, Scoping Meetings, Solicitation of Comments on the Pad and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests

February 22, 2008.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application for a New License and Commencing Licensing Proceeding.

b. *Project No.:* 2713-073.

c. *Date Filed:* December 28, 2007.

d. *Submitted By:* Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.

e. *Name of Project:* Oswegatchie Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Oswegatchie River, within St. Lawrence County New York. No federal lands are involved.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Thomas Skutnik, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P., 225 Greenfield Parkway, Suite 201, Liverpool, New York 13088, (315) 413-2789.

i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Spencer, [michael.spencer@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.spencer@ferc.gov), (202) 502-6093.

j. We are asking federal, State, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with

us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in paragraph o below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. *With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with:* (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and (b) the State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations. The Commission issued the Scoping Document for the proposed Thomson Project on February 22, 2008.

n. A copy of the PAD and the scoping document are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (<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 Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

o. With this notice, we are setting the effective date for the commencement of licensing proceeding as February 26, 2008, and soliciting comments on the PAD and the scoping document, as well as study requests. All comments on the PAD and the scoping document, and

<sup>1</sup> Letter Order issued December 14, 2007, in Docket Nos. PR04-6-002, PR04-6-003, PR04-6-004, PR07-5-000 and PR07-5-001, (2007).