

qualifying small power production facility pursuant to Section 292.207 of the Commission's regulations. No determination has been made that the submittal constitutes a complete filing. ZWHC states that the facility is a 18 MW wind energy generating facility in the Tehachapi Mountains, Kern County, California. ZWHC also states that the facility is interconnected with the Southern California Edison Company. ZWHC further states that recertification is sought to reflect a change in the upstream ownership of the Facility.

Comment Date: April 21, 2003.

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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Cheyenne Market Center Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

March 26, 2003.

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 Cheyenne Market Center Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC (Kinder Morgan) in Cheyenne and Kimball Counties, Nebraska and Weld County, Colorado.¹ These facilities consist of four new compressor units, ten new injection/withdrawal wells, two new storage field pipelines, construction of a new compressor station, and certain auxiliary or appurtenant facilities. 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.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Kinder Morgan provided to landowners. This fact sheet 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>).

¹ Kinder Morgan's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Kinder Morgan is proposing to construct and operate certain storage and transportation facilities necessary to develop its proposed Cheyenne Market Center located in the vicinity of the Cheyenne Hub (Rockport) in Weld County, Colorado and the Huntsman Storage Facility located in Cheyenne County, Nebraska. The proposed project would create incremental storage capacity for up to 6,000,000 dekatherms (Dth), with an associated injection capability of about 38,400 Dth per day (Dthd) and an associated withdrawal deliverability of about 62,400 Dthd. The proposed project would provide customers with additional flexibility to store gas and utilize receipt and delivery points on short notice.

In order to create the capacity to perform the Cheyenne Market Center service, Kinder Morgan proposes to construct and operate the following facilities:

Compressor Facilities

- Rockport (Cheyenne Hub) Compressor Station—install two new addition 1,680-horsepower (hp) compressor units within the existing Rockport Compressor Station located in Weld County, Colorado.
- Kimball Junction Compressor Station—install two 1,151-hp compressor units at the existing Kimball Junction Interconnect located in Kimball County, Nebraska.
- Huntsman Compressor Station—install two new 3,550-hp compressor units adjacent to the existing Huntsman Compressor Station, and a central injection meter and a central withdrawal meter within the confines of the existing Huntsman Compressor Station located in Cheyenne County, Nebraska.

Injection/Withdrawal Wells

- Drill ten new injection/withdrawal wells at the existing Huntsman Storage Field located in Cheyenne County, Nebraska. The proposed well field design configuration is to drill these wells directionally (diverging directionally from a vertical well bore) from two new multiple wellhead surface location sites. Six wells would be drilled at Pad #1, located west and adjacent to the existing Huntsman Storage Field Well #9. Four wells would be drilled at Pad #2 in the northeast corner of the Huntsman Station.