

### Storage Field Lines

- Install about 2,000 feet of 12-inch-diameter pipeline loop<sup>2</sup> originating at the proposed multiple wellhead Pad #1 site and terminating at the existing Huntsman Compressor Station inlet header facilities. This new 12-inch-diameter pipeline would loop the existing 12-inch-diameter pipeline from Huntsman Storage Field Well #9 to the compressor station.

- Install about 1,800 feet of 8-inch-diameter pipeline loop originating at the proposed multiple wellhead Pad #2 site and terminating at the existing Huntsman Compressor Station inlet header facilities. This new 8-inch-diameter pipeline would start at Pad #2, tie into the existing 8-inch-diameter discharge pipeline at Huntsman Storage Field Well #23 and loop the existing 8-inch-diameter pipeline back to the compressor station.

### Auxiliary Facilities

- Install computer-based supervisory type process control systems, a check meter and bi-directional flow control assembly, control valves, pigging and gas cleaning facilities, and an office building with septic system and water well.

The general location of Kinder Morgan's proposed facilities is shown on the map attached as appendix 1.

### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of Kinder Morgan's proposed facilities would require about 52.6 acres of land, including construction right-of-way for the storage field pipeline loops, and work areas needed at the compressor stations, the injection/withdrawal wells sites, and for pipe storage. The construction disturbance width for each storage field pipeline would be 75 feet and there would be no change to the unspecified use area for the operation of either of the looped storage field lines. Kinder Morgan indicates that about 11.9 acres of operational area would be maintained. Construction access would be via existing access roads.

### 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<sup>3</sup> 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, 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 and Wetlands
- Vegetation and Wildlife
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Socioeconomics
- Cultural Resources
- Land Use
- Reliability and Safety
- Air Quality and Noise

We will evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the 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 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.

### Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Kinder Morgan. This preliminary list of

issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Threatened and Endangered Species
  - Potential impact on six Federally-listed bird species.
  - Potential impact on two Federally-listed animal species.
  - Potential impact on two Federally-listed plant species.
- Air and Noise
  - Impacts to air quality from the proposed project.
  - Impacts on noise levels from the proposed compressor units at nearest noise sensitive areas.

### 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 locations or 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: Magalie R. Salas, 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 1, PJ-11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP03-39-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 27, 2003.

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 "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to

<sup>2</sup> A loop is a segment of pipeline that is installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it on both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the pipeline system.

<sup>3</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).