

project reservoirs and 11 of 12 existing transmission lines from the project.

m. 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 excluding the last three digits 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 is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. *Scoping Process*: The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EIS will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Additional Scoping Meeting

In addition to previously scheduled scoping meetings in Boise (November 18, 2003) and Weiser (November 20, 2003), Idaho, and Halfway, Oregon (November 19, 2003), FERC staff will conduct an additional scoping meeting in Council, Adams County, Idaho. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend any of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS. The time and location of the additional meeting is as follows:

When: Thursday, November 20, 2003, from 1 p.m. until about 2:30 p.m.
Where: Council Senior Center, 103 South Main Street, Council, Idaho.

Copies of the Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EIS were distributed to the parties on the Commission(s) mailing list. Copies of the SD1 will be available at the scoping meeting or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link (see item m above).

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will:

- (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the

EIS; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff(s) preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EIS; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings are recorded by a stenographer and become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meeting and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EIS.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP04-4-000]

Lake Charles Express, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Lake Charles Express Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

November 12, 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 Lake Charles Express Project (LCE Project) involving construction and operation of facilities by Lake Charles Express, LLC (LCE) in Beauregard, Allen, Jefferson Davis, and Calcasieu Parishes, Louisiana.¹ These facilities would consist of about 38.5 miles of various diameter pipeline. This 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

¹ LCE's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission(s) regulations.

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 LCE 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>).

Summary of the Proposed Project

LCE wants to expand the capacity of its facilities in Louisiana to transport an additional 1,200,000 million British thermal units per day of natural gas to eight gas transmission companies. LCE seeks authority to:

- Construct an interconnection with the facilities of Trunkline LNG Company, LLC (TLNG) at the TLNG import terminal in Calcasieu Parish consisting of two tap valves, with meter and regulation facilities (M&Rs);
- Construct 22.84 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline (called the South Segment) from TLNG's facilities to Texas Eastern's Transmission, LP's (Texas Eastern's) Iowa Gas Plant in Jefferson Davis Parish;
- Construct 15.01 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline, (called the "North Segment") from the Iowa Gas Plant to an interconnection with the facilities of Texas Eastern's Gillis Compressor Station in Beauregard Parish;
- Construct five M&Rs along the South Segment to provide one interconnection with Sabine Gas Transmission Company (Sabine Gas); two interconnections with Cantera Natural Gas, Inc (Cantera); one interconnection with Calcasieu Gas Gathering System (Calcasieu Gas) in Calcasieu Parish; and an interconnection with Texas Eastern where the proposed pipeline enters the Iowa Gas Plant;
- Construct six M&Rs and associated facilities along the North Segment to provide interconnections with Texas Eastern where the proposed pipeline exits the Iowa Gas Plant and including