

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP04-104-000]

**Transwestern Pipeline Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed San Juan 2005 Expansion Project**

May 26, 2004.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed San Juan 2005 Expansion Project. Transwestern proposes to expand its natural gas system by the construction of approximately 72.6 miles of pipeline loop and modifying facilities at three existing compressor stations in New Mexico.

The purpose of the San Juan 2005 Expansion Project is to provide additional natural gas pipeline capacity for upstream producers and shippers of natural gas from the San Juan and Rocky Mountain basins. Transwestern states that it is proposing to construct these facilities in order to transport up to 375 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) of natural gas to downstream markets in the Southwestern and Midwestern United States.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, State and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before

the date specified below. 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 comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Branch 2, PJ 11.2.
- Reference Docket No. CP04-104-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 28, 2004.

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 "Sign-up."

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214). 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 comments considered.

Additional information about the 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>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance with eLibrary, the eLibrary helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659 or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The

eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in 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>, click on "eSubscription" and then click on "Sign-up."

**Magalie R. Salas,***Secretary.*

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**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket Nos. PF04-2-000 and PF04-5-000]

**BP Crown Landing, LLC and Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Additional Scoping Meeting for the Proposed Crown Landing LNG and Logan Lateral Projects**

May 26, 2004.

This notice announces an additional public scoping meeting regarding the Crown Landing LNG and Logan Lateral Projects. This meeting is scheduled at the request of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. Previous public scoping meetings were held on May 5 and 6, 2004, in Chester Township, Pennsylvania, and Swedesboro, New Jersey, respectively.

The location and time of the public scoping meeting is as follows: Wednesday, June 9, 2004, 7 p.m. (e.s.t.); Holiday Inn, 630 Naamans Road, Claymont, DE 19703; (302) 791-4603.

FERC staff is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of BP Crown Landing, LLC's (Crown Landing) Crown Landing LNG Project located in Gloucester County, New Jersey and New Castle County, Delaware. The EIS will also address the associated Texas Eastern Transmission, LP's (Texas Eastern) Logan Lateral Project in Gloucester County, New Jersey and Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

On April 19, 2004, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed

Crown Landing LNG and Logan Lateral Projects, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting (Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS).

The Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS is attached for those who have been added to our mailing list since the first notice was issued. Those who have previously received the Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS will not get the attachment. However, the document can be viewed at the Commission's Internet Web site. See Availability of Additional Information at the end of this notice.

The public scoping meeting to be held on June 9, 2004, in Claymont, Delaware is designed to provide another opportunity to offer comments on the proposed projects. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend these meetings and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the EIS. Transcripts of the meetings will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded. Please note that the scoping period will close on June 21, 2004.

Comments may be submitted in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are provided in the Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS.

#### Availability of Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-FERC (3372) or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" (*i.e.*, PF04-2-000 or PF04-5-000), and follow the instructions. Searches may also be done using the phrase "Crown Landing LNG" or "Logan Lateral" in the "Text Search" field. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, Crown Landing has established an Internet Web site for its project at <http://www.bpcrownlanding.com>. The Web site includes a description of the project, maps and photographs of the proposed site, information on LNG, and links to related documents. Texas Eastern has also established a Web site for its project at <http://www.degt-loganlateral.com>.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Southwestern Power Administration

#### Integrated System Power Rates

**AGENCY:** Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of public review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), has prepared Current and Revised FY 2004 Power Repayment Studies which show the need for an increase in annual revenues to meet cost recovery criteria. Such increased revenues are needed primarily to cover increased investments and replacements in hydroelectric generating and high-voltage transmission facilities and increased operation and maintenance expenses. The Administrator has developed proposed Integrated System rates, which are supported by a rate design study, to recover the required revenues. Beginning January 1, 2005, and thereafter, the proposed rates would increase annual system revenues approximately 8 percent from \$114,973,800 to \$124,012,497.

**DATES:** The consultation and comment period will begin on the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice and will end September 2, 2004.

1. Public Information Forum—June 29, 2004, 9 a.m., Tulsa, OK

2. Public Comment Forum—July 27, 2004, 9 a.m., Tulsa, OK

**ADDRESSES:** The forums will be held in Southwestern's offices, Room 1402, Williams Center Tower I, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Forrest E. Reeves, Assistant Administrator, Office of Corporate Operations, Southwestern Power Administration, U.S. Department of

Energy, One West Third Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, (918) 595-6696, [gene.reeves@swpa.gov](mailto:gene.reeves@swpa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Established by Secretarial Order No. 1865 dated August 31, 1943, Southwestern is an agency within the U.S. Department of Energy which was created by an Act of the U.S. Congress, entitled the Department of Energy Organization Act, Pub.L. 95-91, dated August 4, 1977. Guidelines for preparation of power repayment studies are included in DOE Order No. RA 6120.2, Power Marketing Administration Financial Reporting. Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments of the Power Marketing Administrations are found at title 10, part 903, subpart A of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 903).

Southwestern markets power from 24 multi-purpose reservoir projects with hydroelectric power facilities constructed and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These projects are located in the states of Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. Southwestern's marketing area includes these States plus Kansas and Louisiana. The costs associated with the hydropower facilities of 22 of the 24 projects are repaid via revenues received under the Integrated System rates, as are those of Southwestern's transmission facilities, which consist of 1,380 miles of high-voltage transmission lines, 24 substations, and 46 microwave and VHF radio sites. Costs associated with the Sam Rayburn and Robert D. Willis Dams, two Corps of Engineers projects that are isolated hydraulically, electrically, and financially from the Integrated System are repaid under separate rate schedules and are not addressed in this notice.

Following Department of Energy guidelines, the Administrator, Southwestern, prepared a Current Power Repayment Study using existing system rates. The Study indicates that Southwestern's legal requirement to repay the investment in power generating and transmission facilities for power and energy marketed by Southwestern will not be met without an increase in revenues. The need for increased revenues is primarily due to increased Operations and Maintenance (O&M) power-related expenses for the U.S. Army's Corps of Engineers and increased investments in the hydroelectric generating facilities. The Revised Power Repayment Study shows that additional annual revenues of \$9,038,697, (an 8 percent increase),