

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP04-265-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Technical Conference

June 24, 2004.

The Commission, in its order issued May 21, 2004,¹ directed that a technical conference be held to discuss and resolve Northern Natural Gas' proposal to modify the rate schedules to allow shippers to consolidate multiple Firm Deferred Delivery ("FDD") agreements into one operating agreement and transfer account balances between rate schedules FDD, Interruptible Deferred Delivery ("IDD") and Preferred Deferred Delivery ("PDD") without incurring injection or withdrawal fees.

Take notice that a technical conference will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2004 at 10 a.m. (e.s.t.), in room 3M-A/B at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

All interested parties and staff are permitted to attend. For further information please contact: Melissa Mitchell at (202) 502-6038.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. CP04-58-000, et al.]

Sound Energy Solutions; Notice of Site Visit and Technical Conference

June 24, 2004.

On Tuesday, July 13, 2004, staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Office of Energy Projects and the Port of Long Beach (POLB) will visit the site of Sound Energy Solutions' (SES) proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal and storage facility in Long Beach, California with the project sponsor. This site visit will be open to the public. Anyone interested in participating should meet in front of the Administration Building at 925 Harbor Plaza in the POLB at 9:30 a.m. (P.s.t.) on Tuesday, July 13, 2004. Participants must provide their own transportation

to the site. For additional information concerning the site visit, please contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-FERC.

On Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at 9 a.m. (P.s.t.), staff of the Office of Energy Projects will convene a cryogenic design and technical conference regarding SES' proposed LNG import terminal and storage facility. The cryogenic conference will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 925 Harbor Plaza in the POLB. In view of the nature of security issues to be explored, the cryogenic conference will not be open to the public. Attendance at this conference will be limited to existing parties to the proceeding (anyone who has specifically requested to intervene as a party) and to representatives of interested federal, state, and local agencies. Any person planning to attend the July 14th cryogenic conference *must register* by close of business on Monday, July 12, 2004. Registrations may be submitted either online at www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/cryo-tech-conf-0714-form.asp or by faxing a copy of the form to 202-208-2106. All attendees must sign a non-disclosure statement prior to entering the conference. For additional information regarding the cryogenic conference, please contact Steven Busch at steven.busch@ferc.gov or call 202-502-6353.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Symposium on Field Monitoring of Genetically Modified Crop Plants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice announcing a public symposium.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing that the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within the Office of Research and Development is sponsoring a three-day public symposium entitled, Symposium on Field Monitoring of Genetically Modified Crop Plants.

DATES: The symposium will be held Tuesday, August 3, 2004, through Thursday, August 5, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The symposium will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202; telephone: 703-769-3946. A limited number of rooms will be available at the Sheraton Hotel through July 3, 2004, for the special meeting rate of \$150 per night. The meeting location is within walking distance of the Crystal City Metro Stop on the Blue and Yellow Lines. TN & Associates, an EPA contractor, is organizing, convening, and conducting the symposium. To attend the symposium, please preregister by July 30, 2004, by calling Holly Stoddard (contractor) at (678) 355-5550 x0, register on line at hstoddard@tnainc.com. On site registration will be accommodated on a space available basis.

A preliminary program agenda will be available on the NCEA Web page at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A conference report of the symposium will be made available on the NCEA Web page shortly after the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For symposium information, registration, and logistics, contact Holley Stoddard, TN & Associates, Inc.; telephone: 678-355-5550; facsimile: 678-355-5545; e-mail: hstoddard@tnainc.com.

For further information the EPA contact is Dr. Robert Frederick, telephone: 202-564-3207; e-mail: frederick.bob@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: There is concern that the large scale adoption of crops with Plant Incorporated Protectants (PIPs) may have a significant environmental impact. Monitoring for resistant insects has been performed since 1991 to address the concern of developing insect resistance to specific PIPs. Other science based monitoring programs to assess possible environmental impacts of PIP crops have been limited. The National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA), a part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Research and Development, is sponsoring a three-day public symposium on recently published scientific research and current theory on monitoring for environmental effects from plants with incorporated protectants. The focus of the symposium will be to review the state of the science of environmental monitoring with particular focus on PIP crops, and to discuss the strengths/weaknesses of these approaches. The symposium will also address criteria for selecting ecological indicators, the use of statistical analysis for developing monitoring strategies, and the feasibility

¹ Northern Natural Gas Company, 107 FERC ¶ 61,178 (2004).

of large scale monitoring plans for PIP plants. The symposium is expected to be of interest to public interest groups, regulators, academics, and industry representatives involved in the field of genetically modified plants.

At the end of each speaker's presentation, there will be a limited period for related questions from the audience. Members of the public may attend the symposium as observers and participate in question periods. Space is limited, and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The focus of the symposium is the state of the science of environmental monitoring of genetically modified plants.

Dated: June 25, 2004.

George W. Alapas,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7780-8]

Fifth Meeting of the World Trade Center Expert Technical Review Panel To Continue Evaluation on Issues Relating to Impacts of the Collapse of the World Trade Center Towers

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The World Trade Center Expert Technical Review Panel will hold its fifth meeting intended to provide for greater input from individuals on ongoing efforts to monitor the situation for New York residents and workers impacted by the collapse of the World Trade Center. The panel members will help guide the EPA's use of the available exposure and health surveillance databases and registries to characterize any remaining exposures and risks, identify unmet public health needs, and recommend any steps to further minimize the risks associated with the aftermath of the World Trade Center attacks. The panel will meet several times over the course of approximately two years. These panel meetings will be open to the public, except where the public interest requires otherwise. Information on the panel meeting agendas, documents (except where the public interest requires otherwise), and public registration to attend the meetings will be available from an Internet Web site. EPA has established an official public

docket for this action under Docket ID No. ORD-2004-0003.

DATES: The fifth meeting of this panel will be held on July 26, 2004 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., eastern daylight savings time. On-site registration will begin at 9:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at St. John's University, Saval Auditorium, 101 Murray Street (between Greenwich Street and West Side Highway), New York City (Manhattan). The auditorium is located on the second floor of the building and is handicap accessible. A government-issued identification (e.g., driver's license) is required for entry.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For meeting information, registration and logistics, please see the Web site <http://www.epa.gov/wtc/panel> or contact ERG at (781) 674-7374. The meeting agenda and logistical information will be posted on the Web site and will also be available in hard copy. For further information regarding the technical panel, contact Ms. Lisa Matthews, EPA Office of the Science Advisor, telephone (202) 564-6669 or e-mail: matthews.lisa@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Meeting Information

Eastern Research Group, Inc., (ERG), an EPA contractor, will coordinate the meeting. To attend the meeting as an observer, please register by visiting the Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/wtc/panel>. You may also register for the meeting by calling ERG's conference registration line between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. e.d.s.t. at (781) 674-7374 or toll free at 1-800-803-2833, or by faxing a registration request to (781) 674-2906 (include full address and contact information). Pre-registration is strongly recommended as space is limited, and registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for pre-registration is July 21, 2004. Registrations will continue to be accepted after this date, including on-site registration, if space allows. There will be a limited time at the meeting for oral comments from the public. Oral comments will be limited to five (5) minutes each. If you wish to make a statement during the observer comment period, please check the appropriate box when you register at the Web site. Please bring a copy of your comments to the meeting for the record or submit them electronically via e-mail to meetings@erg.com, subject line: WTC.

II. Background Information

Immediately following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack on New York City's World Trade Center, many federal

agencies, including the EPA, were called upon to focus their technical and scientific expertise on the national emergency. EPA, other federal agencies, New York City, and New York State public health and environmental authorities focused on numerous cleanup, dust collection and ambient air monitoring activities to ameliorate and better understand the human health impacts of the disaster. Detailed information concerning the environmental monitoring activities that were conducted as part of this response is available at the EPA Response to 9-11 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/wtc/>.

In addition to environmental monitoring, EPA efforts also included toxicity testing of the dust, as well as the development of a human exposure and health risk assessment. This risk assessment document, *Exposure and Human Health Evaluation of Airborne Pollution from the World Trade Center Disaster*, is available on the Web at www.epa.gov/ncea/wtc.htm. Numerous additional studies by other Federal and State agencies, universities, and other organizations have documented impacts to both the outdoor and indoor environments, and to human health.

While these monitoring and assessment activities were ongoing, and the cleanup at Ground Zero itself was occurring, EPA began planning for a program to clean and monitor residential apartments. From June 2002 until December 2002, residents impacted by World Trade Center dust and debris in an area of about 1 mile by 1 mile south of Canal Street were eligible to request either federally-funded cleaning and monitoring for airborne asbestos or monitoring of their residences. The cleanup continued into the summer of 2003, by which time the EPA had cleaned and monitored 3,400 apartments and monitored 800 apartments. Detailed information on this portion of the EPA response is also available at <http://www.epa.gov/wtc/>.

A critical component of understanding long-term human health impacts is the establishment of health registries. The World Trade Center Health Registry is a comprehensive and confidential health survey of those most directly exposed to the contamination resulting from the collapse of the World Trade Center towers. It is intended to give health professionals a better picture of the health consequences of 9/11. It was established by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDHMH) in cooperation with a number of academic institutions,