

the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant and all parties to this proceeding.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 2180-007-WI, 1979-012-WI, 2207-009-WI]

#### PCA Hydro Inc., Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, Mosinee Paper Corporation; Notice of Availability of Multi-Project Environmental Assessment

October 28, 2004.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47879), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for new license for the Grandmother Falls, Alexander, and Mosinee Projects, located on the

Wisconsin River, in Lincoln and Marathon Counties, Wisconsin, and has prepared a Multi-Project Environmental Assessment (EA). In the EA, Commission staff analyze the potential environmental effects of relicensing the projects and conclude that issuing new licenses for the projects, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute major federal actions that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA may also 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the issuance date of this notice, and should be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix the appropriate project name and project number to all comments. Comments may be filed electronically via Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. For further information, contact Michael Spencer at (202) 502-6093, or by e-mail [michael.spencer@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.spencer@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP05-3-000]

#### CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Line Ad Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

November 1, 2004.

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 Line AD Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities by CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission (CEGT) in Caddo, Hughes, and Grady Counties, Oklahoma.<sup>1</sup> The Line AD Expansion Project would involve the construction of two new compressor stations, the Hinton and Allen Compressor Stations, and adding a compressor unit within CEGT's existing Amber Compressor Station in order to install 28,265 hp of additional compression to CEGT's Line AD. 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 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 CEGT 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

CEGT wants to expand the capacity of its Line AD by approximately 112,900 Decatherms (Dth) per day by installing 28,265 horsepower of additional compression in Caddo, Hughes, and Grady counties, Oklahoma. This will increase Line AD capacity to receive Rocky Mountain gas supplies for transportation west to east across CEGT's system. Specifically, CEGT seeks authority to construct and operate:

- 10,310 hp of gas turbine-driven compression at a new site called the Hinton Compressor Station in Caddo County, Oklahoma;
- 13,220 hp of gas turbine-driven compression at a new site called the

<sup>1</sup>CEGT's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

Allen Compressor Station in Hughes County, Oklahoma;

- 4,735 hp of additional reciprocating gas engine-driven compression at the existing Amber Compressor Station in Grady County, Oklahoma.

The location of the project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require a total of about 9.6 acres of land. Following construction, about 4.3 acres would be fenced in as part of the compressor station facilities.

### 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 the Commission 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 staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to 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.

In the EA we<sup>3</sup> will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Water resources.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Cultural resources.
- Geology and soils.
- Land use.
- Air quality and noise.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Hazardous waste.
- Public safety.

We will not discuss impacts to the following resource areas since they are

not present in the project area, or would not be affected by the proposed facilities.

- Fisheries, wetlands and hazardous waste sites.

We will also 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 beginning on page 7.

### 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 CEGT. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Five federally listed endangered or threatened species and two candidate species may occur in Caddo County (Hinton Compressor Station) and five federally listed endangered or threatened species have the potential to occur in Hughes County (Allen Compressor Station).
  - A total of 4.6 acres of agricultural land would convert to industrial use.
  - Decrease in air quality due to emissions from the two new compressor stations as well as increased levels of Hazardous Air Pollutant (formaldehyde) emissions from the existing Amber Compressor Station.
  - Increase in noise pollution within the surrounding region of the new Hinton and Allen Compressor Stations.

### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EA/EIS and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential

environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations), 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 Branch 3.
- Reference Docket No. CP05-3-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before December 1, 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 on-line.

We might mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (Appendix 4). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA/EIS scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must send one electronic copy (using the Commission's eFiling system) or 14 paper copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than appendix 1 (maps), are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

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

385.214) (see Appendix 2).<sup>4</sup> 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 environmental comments considered.

#### Environmental Mailing List

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. This includes all landowners who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within distances defined in the Commission's regulations of certain aboveground facilities. By this notice we are also asking governmental agencies, especially those in Appendix 3, to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EA.

#### Additional Information

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 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/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/>

[EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx](#) along with other related information.

Linda Mitry,

Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-424-000]

#### Petal Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Heidelberg Compressor Station Uprate Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

November 1, 2004.

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 Heidelberg Compressor Station Uprate Project involving increased compression by Petal Gas Storage, LLC (Petal) in Jasper County, Mississippi.<sup>1</sup> The new facilities would consist of the uprate and modification of two compressor units to provide additional compression at Petal's existing compressor station, providing a total of 442 additional horsepower (hp). 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.

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 Petal 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

Petal seeks authority to increase the horsepower of the compressor units at its Heidelberg Compressor Station in Jasper County, Mississippi. Petal wishes to increase the withdrawing and delivering of natural gas to downstream pipeline interconnects from 0.7 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/day) to 1.3 Bcf/day by uprating its existing compressors from 9,000 hp to 9,442 hp. No

additional compressor units would be necessary.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

No ground disturbance would occur. The two compressors to be uprated are already in place on Petal's property, within its compressor building.

#### 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 staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to 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.

In the EA we will discuss air quality and noise impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings. We will not discuss impact to the following resource areas since they are not present in the project area, or would not be affected by the proposed facilities:

- Surface water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Geology, soils, and groundwater.
- Land use and visual quality.
- Cultural resources.
- Socioeconomics.
- Vegetation and wildlife (including threatened and endangered species).

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or

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<sup>4</sup> Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

<sup>1</sup> Petal's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.