

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP05-617-000]

Texas Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Technical Conference

December 15, 2005.

Take a notice that the Commission will convene a technical conference on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at 10 a.m., in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The technical conference will provide a forum to discuss the revised tariff sheet filed on August 31, 2005, by Texas Gas Transmission, LLC (Texas Gas). The tariff sheet and supporting workpapers reflect Texas Gas's annual filing to adjust its Effective Fuel Retention Percentages pursuant to section 16 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff. The Commission directed its staff to convene this technical conference in an October 31, 2005 order establishing a technical conference.¹

FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an e-mail to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or 202-208-01659 (TTY), or send a fax to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

All interested persons are permitted to attend. For further information please contact Michael Krauthamer at (202) 502-6159 or e-mail michael.krauthamer@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6670-6]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for

¹ *Texas Gas Transmission, LLC.*, 113 FERC ¶ 61,104 (2005).

copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 1, 2005 (70 FR 16815).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20050415, ERP No. D-FRA-D51028-PA, Pennsylvania High-Speed Maglev Project, Construction between Pittsburgh International Airport (PIA) and Greensburg Area, The Pennsylvania Project of Magnetic Levitation Transportation Technology Deployment Program, Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties, PA

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns about air quality, environmental justice, and the disposal of excavated waste material, and also requests that additional information describing the quality of the habitat that is to be impacted should be provided in the FEIS.

Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050442, ERP No. D-NOA-D81036-WV, Canaan Valley Institute Office Complex, Proposes to Construct: Offices, Classrooms, Laboratories, 250-Seat Auditorium, Parking Facilities, Outdoor Classrooms and Interpretive Areas, US Army COE Section 404 Permit, Southeast of the Towns of Davis and Thomas, Tucker County, WV

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed action.

Rating LO.

EIS No. 20050427, ERP No. DB-FTA-L40210-WA, Central Link Light Rail Transit Project (Sound Transit) Construction and Operation of the North Link Light Rail Extension, from Downtown Seattle and Northgate, Updated Information on Refined Design Concepts, Funding, Right-of-Way and US Army COE Section 404 Permits, King County, WA

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed project.

Rating LO.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20050369, ERP No. F-FHW-D40298-MD, MD-32, Planning Study, Transportation Improvements from MD-108 to Interstate 70, Funding, Howard County, MD

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about aquatic and terrestrial impacts and the potential problems of induced traffic and secondary development.

EIS No. 20050447, ERP No. F-FHW-F40426-OH, Eastern Corridor Multi-Modal (Tier 1) Project, to Implement a Multi-Modal Transportation Program between the City of Cincinnati and

Eastern Suburbs in Hamilton and Clermont Counties, OH

Summary: The FEIS addressed many of EPA's previously stated concerns. However, EPA requests that FHWA provide supporting information for its discussion and conclusions regarding an omitted alternative to widen an existing bridge.

EIS No. 20050470, ERP No. F-NPS-K65275-AZ, Colorado River Management Plan, Analyzing Alternatives for Management of Recreational Use of the Colorado River, Grand Canyon National Park, Coconino County, AZ

Summary: EPA expressed concerns that without appropriate mitigation measures, impacts could result from fuel storage and operations, and other facilities near the river, and recommended the National Park Service commit to working closely with the Hualapai Tribe to develop best management practices to prevent oil spills and discharges of wastes in both Grand Canyon National Park and on the Hualapai Reservation.

EIS No. 20050444, ERP No. FS-FTA-D40289-VA, Norfolk Light Rail Transit System, from the western terminus near Eastern Virginia Medical Center through Downtown Norfolk to an eastern terminus at Newtown Road and Kempsville Road, Funding, US COE Section 404 Permit, USCGD Bridge Permit, City of Norfolk, VA

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed project.

Dated: December 20, 2005.

Robert W. Hargrove,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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[ER-FRL-6670-5]

Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements.

Filed 12/12/2005 Through 12/16/2005.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20050523, Draft EIS, AFS, PA, West Branch of Tionesta Project, Road Construction and Vegetation Management, State Game Lands No. 29 and Chapman Dam State Park,

Sheffield, Warren County, PA, Comment Period Ends: 02/06/2006, Contact: O'Dell Tucker 814-362-4613-Ext 125.

EIS No. 20050524, Final EIS, BLM, CA, Desert Southwest Transmission Line Project, New Substation/Switching Station Construction, Operation and Maintenance, Issuance of Right-of-Way Grant and U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, North Palm Springs and Blythe, CA, Wait Period Ends: 01/23/2006, Contact: Diane Gomez 760-251-4852.

EIS No. 20050525, Final EIS, NPS, CA, Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Fire Management Plan, Implementation, Muir Woods National Monument, Fort Point National Historic Site, San Mateo, San Francisco and Marin Counties, CA, Wait Period Ends: 01/23/2006, Contact: Alex Naar 415-331-6374.

EIS No. 20050526, Final EIS, NPS, CA, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Fire Management Plan, Implementation, Santa Monica Mountains, CA, Wait Period Ends: 01/23/2006, Contact: Marty O'Toole 415-331-6374.

EIS No. 20050527, Final EIS, AFS, OR, Big Butte Springs Timber Sales, To Implementation Management Direction, Roque River-Siskiyou National Forest, Butte Falls Ranger District, Cascade Zone, Jackson County, OR, Wait Period Ends: 01/23/2006, Contact: Joe T. King 541-560-3400.

EIS No. 20050528, Draft EIS, AFS, IN, Tell City Windthrow 2004 Project, Salvage Harvest and Prescribed Burning of Windthrow Timber, Implementation, Hoosier National Forest, Perry, Crawford and Dubois Counties, IN, Comment Period Ends: 02/06/2006, Contact: Ron Ellis 812-275-5987.

EIS No. 20050529, Final EIS, FHWA, CA, 1st Street Viaduct and Street Widening Project, To Replace Two Traffic Lanes on the 1st Street Viaduct between Vignes Street and Mission Road, Funding, in the City and County of Los Angeles, CA, Wait Period Ends: 01/23/2006, Contact: Steve Healow 916-498-5849.

EIS No. 20050530, Draft EIS, FHWA, ID, ID-75 Timmerman to Ketchum—US-20 to Saddle Road, Increase Roadway and Transportation Safety, Cities of Bellevue, Hailey, Ketchum and the City of Sun Valley, Blaine County, ID, Comment Period Ends: 02/24/2006, Contact: Ed Johnson 208-334-9180.

EIS No. 20050531, Draft EIS, COE, CA, Prado Flood Control Basin Master Plan Project, Construct, Maintain and Operate Recreation Facilities, Santa

Ana River Basin, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, CA, Comment Period Ends: 02/06/2006, Contact: Dr. Nedenia C. Kennedy 213-452-3856.

EIS No. 20050532, Draft EIS, FRC, LA, Creole Trail Liquefied National Gas (LNG) Terminal and Pipeline Project, Construction and Operation, Cameron, Calcasieu, Beauregard, Allen, Jefferson, Davis and Acadia Parishes, LA, Comment Period Ends: 02/21/2006, Contact: Thomas Russo 1-866-208-3372.

EIS No. 20050533, Draft EIS, AFS, WV, Allegheny Wood Product Easement, Proposes to Convey an Easement of Right-of-Way along the Railroad Grade located in the Blackwater Canyon Area, Monongahela National Forest, Tucker County, WV, Comment Period Ends: 02/06/2006, Contact: Bill Shields 304-636-1800 Ext 287.

EIS No. 20050534, Draft EIS, AFS, WA, The Summit at Snoqualmie Master Development Plan (MPD), Proposal to Ensure Long-Term Economic Viability, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie/Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests, King County, WA, Comment Period Ends: 02/06/2006, Contact: Larry Donovan 415-744-3403.

EIS No. 20050535, Draft EIS, BIA, AK, Cordova Oil Spill Response Facility, Construct an Oil Spill Response Facility at Shepard Point, NPDES Permit and U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Cordova, AK, Comment Period Ends: 02/10/2006, Contact: Kristin K'eit 907-586-7423.

EIS No. 20050536, Final EIS, FAA, 00, Horizontal Launch and Reentry of Reentry Vehicles, Facilitate the Issuance of Licenses in United States, Wait Period Ends: 01/23/2006, Contact: Stacey Zee 202-267-9305.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20050460, Draft Supplement, USN, 00, Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low Frequency Active (SURTASS LFA) Sonar Systems, Updated and Additional Information, Implementation, Comment Period Ends: 02/10/2006, Contact: J.S. Johnson 703-465-8404.

Revision of Notice Published in FR 11/10/2005: Extending Comment Period from 12/27/2005 to 02/10/2006.

Dated: December 20, 2005.

Robert W. Hargrove,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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State Innovation Grant Program, Notice of Availability of Solicitation for Proposals for 2006 Awards

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Innovation (NCEI) is giving notice of the availability of its solicitation for proposals for the 2006 grant program to support innovation by state environmental regulatory agencies—the “State Innovation Grant Program.”

The solicitation is available at the Agency's State Innovation Grant Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/stategrants/solicitation2006.pdf>, or may be requested from the Agency by e-mail, telephone, or by mail. Only the principal environmental regulatory agency within each State (generally, where delegated authorities for Federal environmental regulations exist) is eligible to receive these grants.

DATES: State environmental regulatory agencies will have until January 20, 2006 to respond with a pre-proposal, budget, and project summary. The environmental regulatory agencies from the fifty (50) States; Washington, DC, and four (4) territories were notified of the solicitation's availability by fax and e-mail transmittals on December 12, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Solicitation can be downloaded from the Agency's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/stategrants> or may be requested by telephone (202-566-2186), or by e-mail

(Innovation_State_Grants@epa.gov). You can request a solicitation application package be sent to you by fax or by mail by contacting NCEI as indicated below.

Applicants may apply by sending a hardcopy submission of their pre-proposal to EPA or by applying electronically either through www.grants.gov as explained in Section 4.4 of the solicitation, or directly by e-mail to:

Innovation_State_Grants@epa.gov. Applicants must submit the information required below with their application package. Applicants may download individual grant application forms, or electronically request a paper application package and an accompanying computer CD of