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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP05-3-000]

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Line Ad Expansion Project

April 5, 2005.

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 CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CEGT) 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 two new compressor stations, Hinton and Allen, in Caddo and Hughes counties, Oklahoma, respectively, and additional compression at an existing compressor station facility in Grady County, Oklahoma, including:

- A 10,310-horsepower (hp) Compressor Station in Caddo County, Oklahoma;
- A 13,220-hp Compressor Station in Hughes County, Oklahoma; and
- An additional 4,735-hp of compression and appurtenant facilities to the existing Amber Compressor Station in Grady County, Oklahoma.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to increase the transportation

capacity on CEGT's Line AD by 112,900 Dth per day which would enable the Line AD capacity to receive Rocky Mountain gas supplies for transportation west to east across CEGT's system.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the Commission. 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 everyone who responded to the November 1, 2004 Notice of Intent 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 3, PJ11.3.
- Reference Docket No. CP05-03-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before May 6, 2005.

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).¹ 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, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.