

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Iraq - Logistics Support for C-130E Aircraft

The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of logistics support for (3) C-130E aircraft to include supply and maintenance support, flares, electronic warfare support, software upgrades, pyrotechnics, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and documentation, personnel training and training equipment, fuel and fueling services, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$172 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country. This proposed sale directly supports the Iraqi government and serves the interests of the Iraqi people and the U.S., as well as offering hope for a more stable and peaceful Middle East.

The Government of Iraq needs the contractor technical support, maintenance, and logistical services to maintain the operational capabilities of its C-130E aircraft, previously procured from the United States. These C-130E aircraft will be used to provide airlift support. Additionally, this sale offers the U.S. the opportunity to facilitate the political transition currently underway and build additional links to the Iraqi military.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

There will be a competition between the contractors in joint negotiations for Contractor Engineering Technical Services. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale may require the assignment of up to four representatives to support Contractor Engineering Technical Services in Iraq for two years.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Request for Public Scoping Comments

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and the regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508), the Department of the Navy (DON) announces its intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). This SEIS supplements the Navy's 1999 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), "Developing Home Port Facilities for Three NIMITZ-Class Aircraft Carriers in Support of the U.S. Pacific Fleet," as authorized by the Record of Decision (ROD) dated January 28, 2000 and

published in the **Federal Register** on February 8, 2000 (65 FR 6181). The limited purpose of this SEIS is to supplement the traffic analysis contained in the 1999 FEIS, to assess potential new information, validate impacts to traffic and to analyze the effectiveness of existing traffic mitigation measures implemented per the 2000 ROD when three CVNs home ported at Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI), California are simultaneously in port.

Completion of the SEIS is necessary under 40 CFR 1502.9 to assess potential new information and to validate impacts

to traffic during infrequent periods when three CVNs home ported at NASNI are simultaneously in port. The SEIS will analyze the effectiveness of existing traffic mitigation measures implemented per the 2000 ROD under these conditions. The SEIS will evaluate impacts such as changes in local traffic conditions, changes in personnel loading and potential changes in CVN operational deployment and maintenance schedules that could affect the average number of days three carriers are simultaneously in port. The SEIS will also evaluate the effects of traffic mitigation measures implemented pursuant to the 2000 ROD. Past, present and reasonably foreseeable future regional actions impacting traffic will be examined from a cumulative impacts perspective.

In addition, the SEIS will address infrastructure improvements for Berth LIMA, which include utilities upgrades previously analyzed under the 1999 FEIS and newly defined site improvements and other minor alterations to existing infrastructure. Utilities upgrades include: repairs and upgrades to electrical power, communications and information systems, security lighting, fire protection, steam, compressed air, potable water, wastewater and fueling systems. Site improvements and other alterations include: Demolition of existing fenders, moorings, and pier pavement; installation of new fender pile system (with 200–300 fender piles) and mooring fittings; construction of Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) features (watch tower, guard kiosk, fencing and surveillance equipment); and demolition, repair and paving of the wharf, sidewalks, curbing, storm water drainage features and vehicle parking areas; and landscaping. It is anticipated that the construction of infrastructure improvements to Berth LIMA will take approximately one year to accomplish.

Public input is requested to ensure the scope of the SEIS analysis incorporates public concerns and affords the public an input in the decision making process.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The agency must receive comments on or before November 19, 2007. Comments may be submitted by mail or electronically through the project Web site. Comments may be mailed to the following address: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, Attention: Ms. Ann Rosenberry (Code OPME.AR), 2730 McKean St., Building 291, San Diego, CA 92136. Comments may be submitted electronically at the project Web site at: <http://www.nimitzcarriersseis.com>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ann Rosenberry, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, 2730 McKean St., Building 291, San Diego, CA 92136; telephone: 619–556–7368, facsimile: 619–556–0195.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Navy is initiating the scoping process to identify community concerns and local issues to be addressed in the SEIS. Federal agencies, State agencies, local agencies, and interested persons are encouraged to provide comments to the Navy to identify specific issues or topics of environmental concern that should be addressed in the SEIS. Written comments must be postmarked within thirty days from the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Notices announcing the intent to prepare a SEIS will also appear in local newspapers in both English and Spanish. As the SEIS process progresses, the public may obtain updates by logging on to <http://www.nimitzcarriersseis.com> which is linked to the Commander, Naval Air Force Pacific Public Affairs Web site found at <http://www.cnaf.navy.mil>.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08–2–000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

October 11, 2007.

Take notice that on October 2, 2007, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), Post Office Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in Docket No. CP08–2–000, an application under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of new compression facilities and authorization to abandon, in place, its existing Eunice Mainline Compressor Station located in Lea County, New Mexico.

El Paso's proposal is more fully described as set forth in the application that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The instant filing may be also viewed on the Web 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, call (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to: Richard L. Derryberry, Director of Regulatory Affairs, El Paso Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944 at (719) 520–3782 or by fax at (719) 667–7534.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR.157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the below listed comment date, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition