

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. CP04-37-000, CP04-44-000, CP04-45-000, and CP04-46-000]

**Corpus Christi LNG, L.P.; Cheniere Corpus Christi Pipeline Company; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Cheniere Corpus Christi Lng Project**

March 7, 2005.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a final environmental impact statement (EIS) on the liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal and natural gas pipeline facilities in Nueces and San Patricio Counties, Texas proposed by Corpus Christi LNG, L.P. and Cheniere Corpus Christi Pipeline Company (collectively referred to as Cheniere) in the above-referenced dockets.

The final EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project with appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact. The final EIS also evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including system alternatives, alternative sites for the LNG import terminal, and pipeline alternatives.

Cheniere's proposed facilities would have a nominal output of about 2.6 billion cubic feet of imported natural gas per day to the U.S. market. In order to provide LNG import, storage, and pipeline transportation services, Cheniere requests Commission authorization to construct, install, and operate an LNG terminal and natural gas pipeline facilities.

The final EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following LNG terminal and natural gas pipeline facilities in San Patricio and Nueces Counties, Texas:

- A new marine basin and dredged maneuvering area in La Quinta Channel on the northeast shore of Corpus Christi Bay;
- Two berths and unloading facilities for LNG carrier ships, and a third dock for tugs and line boats;
- Three LNG storage tanks, each with a nominal working volume of approximately 160,000 cubic meters (1,006,400 barrels equivalent);
- LNG vaporization and processing equipment;

- 23 miles of 48-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline; and
- 8 interconnects with existing intrastate and interstate pipelines, and related meter stations.

The final EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

A limited number of copies of the final EIS are available from the Public Reference Room identified above. In addition, copies of the final EIS have been mailed to federal, state, and local agencies; public interest groups; individuals and affected landowners who requested a copy of the final EIS; libraries; newspapers, and parties to this proceedings.

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA, no agency decision on a proposed action may be made until 30 days after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes a notice of availability of a final EIS. However, the CEQ regulations provide an exception to this rule when an agency decision is subject to a formal internal appeal process which allows other agencies or the public to make their views known. In such cases, the agency decision may be made at the same time the notice of the final EIS is published, allowing both periods to run concurrently. The Commission decision for this proposed action is subject to a 30-day rehearing period.

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 the appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact 1-202-502-8659. The "eLibrary" link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to the "eSubscription" link on the FERC Internet Web site.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. CP05-64-000]

**Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Turkey Point Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

March 8, 2005.

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 Turkey Point Project involving abandonment, construction and operation of facilities by Florida Gas Transmission (FGT) in Miami-Dade County, Florida. These facilities would consist of the construction and operation of a new 17,000 horsepower Compressor Station, and the installation of a 24-inch Tee and Side Valve on the existing FGT lateral on the grounds of the Turkey Point Power Plant owned by Florida Power and Light (FPL). The EA will be used by the Commission in its decisionmaking process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

**Summary of the Proposed Project**

FGT is requesting authorization to abandon facilities and to construct, own, and operate facilities consisting of a new 17,000 horsepower (hp) electric Compressor Station No. 22 (CS 22) and appurtenant facilities located in Miami-Dade County, Florida, on the existing FGT 24-inch Turkey Point Lateral within the existing Turkey Point Power Plant owned by FPL. Specifically, FGT plans to:

- Construct a 1,600-foot extension of the existing 18-inch mainline at approximate milepost (MP) 907.7 to the proposed Compressor Station 22, and back to the 18-inch mainline tie in;
- Abandon approximately 50 feet of the existing 18-inch mainline at MP 907.7 near the intersection of NW., 72nd Avenue (Milam Dairy Road) and NW., 64th Street;

- Construct Compressor Station 22 with two 8,500 hp electric driven compressors designed for unmanned operation on the existing FGT 18-inch mainline located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, Florida on FPL-owned property located northeast of the intersection of NW., 72nd Avenue (Milam Dairy Rd) and NW., 64th Street;

- Install a motor control center, gas after-cooling, an oily water storage tank, facility blowdown, a pipeline liquids storage tank, at the fully fenced Compressor Station 22; and

- Install a new 24-inch Tee and Side Valve on the existing FGT 24-inch Turkey Point Lateral at FPL's new 24-inch lateral to the FGT system.

The location of the proposed site is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 14.68 acres of land. Following construction, about 6.86 acres would be maintained as new aboveground facility sites and pipeline right-of-way. The remaining 0.92 acre of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

#### 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 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.

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.

In the EA we<sup>2</sup> will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- Land use
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- Cultural resources
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Air quality and noise
- Endangered and threatened species
- Reliability and safety

We will also evaluate reasonable 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.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

#### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations and routes), 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. CP05-64-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 8, 2005.

<sup>2</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

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 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 385.214) (see Appendix 2).<sup>3</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-

<sup>3</sup> Interventions may also be filed electronically. See previous discussion on electronic filing.

<sup>1</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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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.

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

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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.

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Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Project No. 7758-004]

#### The City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Soliciting Additional Study Requests and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

March 8, 2005.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application*: Subsequent Licensing.

b. *Project No.*: 7758-004.

c. *Date Filed*: February 25, 2005.

d. *Applicant*: The City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department.

e. *Name of Project*: Holyoke No. 4 Hydro Project.

f. *Location*: On the Holyoke Canal (Connecticut River), Hampden County, Massachusetts. The project does not use lands of the United States.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: Nancy J. Skancke, Law Offices of GKRSE, 1500 K St. NW., Suite 330, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 408-5400.

i. *FERC Contact*: Jack Hannula, [john.hannula@ferc.gov](mailto:john.hannula@ferc.gov), (202) 502-8917.

j. *Cooperating Agencies*: We are asking Federal, state, and local agencies and Indian tribes with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in item l. below.

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for Filing Additional Study Requests and Requests for Cooperating Agency Status*: April 25, 2005.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

Additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status

may be filed electronically via the 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 at (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

m. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *Description of Project*: The Holyoke No. 4 Project consists of: (a) Two 7-foot-diameter and 76-foot-long penstocks drawing water from the first level canal of the Holyoke Canal System; (b) a powerhouse with 2 turbine-generator units with a total rated capacity of 760 kW in the first floor of a 3-story brick building; (c) two 13-foot-wide and 300-foot-long tailraces discharging into the second level canal; (d) a 4.8-kV, 25-foot-long transmission line; (e) the 0.48-kV generator leads; (f) the 0.48/4.8-kV transformer; and (g) appurtenant facilities.

o. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the 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 1-866-208-3076 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36, CFR., at § 800.4.

q. *Procedural schedule and final amendments*: The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Acceptance or Deficiency Letter: April 2005.

Issue Scoping Document for Comments: May 2005.

Notice that application is ready for environmental analysis: August 2005.

Notice of the availability of the EA: February 2006.