

will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents, and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, Commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission, and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a Federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

*Comment Date:* November 28, 2003.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-46-000]

#### Transwestern Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

November 6, 2003.

Take notice that on November 3, 2003, Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, Second Revised Sheet No. 106-111, to become effective February 23, 2000.

Transwestern states that on October 1, 1992, First Revised Sheet Nos. 105-111 were canceled by the Commission's Order in Docket No. RS92-87. Subsequently, in Docket Nos. RP99-481-000 and 001, Transwestern states that it implemented the Form of Service Agreement for its Enhanced Firm Backhaul Service on Sheet Nos. 105 and 105A. Transwestern further states that it inadvertently did not file Revised Sheet Nos. 106 through No. 111 stating that these sheets remain canceled. In the instant filing, Transwestern states that it is filing tariff revisions on Second Revised Sheet Nos. 106-111 to correct the pagination in the tariff.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with § 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with § 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing 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. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. 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 eFiling link.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP03-75-000]

#### Freeport LNG Development, L.P.; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Freeport LNG Project

November 6, 2003.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this draft environmental impact statement (EIS) on the liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal and natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Freeport LNG Development, L.P. (Freeport LNG) in the above-referenced docket.

The draft EIS 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 as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact. The draft EIS also evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including system alternatives, alternative sites for the LNG import terminal, and pipeline alternatives.

The draft EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities in Brazoria County, Texas.

- LNG ship docking and unloading facilities with a protected single berth equipped with mooring and breasting dolphins, three liquid unloading arms, and one vapor return arm;
- reconfiguration of a storm protection levee and a permanent access road;
- two 26-inch-diameter (32-inch outside diameter) LNG transfer lines, one 16-inch-diameter vapor return line, and service lines (instrument air, nitrogen, potable water, and firewater);
- two double-walled LNG storage tanks each with a usable volume of 1,006,000 barrels (3.5 billion cubic feet of gas equivalent);
- six 3,240 gallon-per-minute (gpm) in-tank pumps;
- seven 2,315 gpm high pressure LNG booster pumps;
- three boil-off gas compressors and a condensing system;

- six high-pressure LNG vaporizers using a primary closed circuit water/glycol solution heated with twelve water/glycol boilers during cold weather and a set of intermediate heat exchangers using a secondary circulating water system heated by an air tower during warm weather, and circulation pumps for both systems;
- two natural gas superheaters and two fuel gas heaters;
- ancillary utilities, buildings, and service facilities at the LNG terminal; and

- 9.6 miles of 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline extending from the LNG import terminal to a proposed Stratton Ridge Meter Station.

The purpose of the Freeport LNG Project is to provide the facilities necessary to deliver LNG to intrastate shippers, including Dow Chemical Company (Dow), at the proposed Stratton Ridge Meter Station by 2007. Freeport LNG's proposed facilities would re-vaporize and transport up to 1.5 billion cubic feet per day.

#### Comment Procedures and Public Meeting

Any person wishing to comment on the draft EIS 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: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP03-75-000;
- Label one copy of your comments for the attention of Gas Branch 2, PJ11.2; and;
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before December 29, 2003.

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 the project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions 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 online.

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public scoping meeting we will conduct in the area. The location and time for this meeting is listed below: December 9, 2003, 7 p.m., Lake Jackson Civic Center, 333 Highway 332 East, Lake Jackson, Texas 77566, Telephone: 979-415-2600.

This meeting will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

After these comments are reviewed, any significant new issues are investigated, and modifications are made to the draft EIS, a final EIS will be published and distributed by the staff. The final EIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments received on the draft EIS.

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).

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS. You must file your request to intervene as specified above.<sup>1</sup> You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

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

A limited number of copies are available from the Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch identified above. In addition, the draft EIS has been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies; public interest groups; individuals, and affected landowners who requested a copy of the draft EIS; libraries; newspapers; and parties to this proceeding.

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 ([www.ferc.gov](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

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

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 on the FERC Internet website 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 the eSubscription link on the FERC Internet Web site.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

November 6, 2003.

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type*: Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.*: 2058-038.

c. *Date Filed*: July 18, 2003.

d. *Applicant*: Avista Corporation.

e. *Name of Project*: Clark Fork.

f. *Location*: The project is located on the Clark Fork River, in Bonner County, Idaho and Sanders County, Montana, and affecting lands of the United States within the Idaho Panhandle, Lolo and Kootenai National Forests.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Steven A. Fry, Hydro Licensing and Safety Manager, Avista Corporation, PO Box 3727, Spokane, Washington 99220-3727, (509) 495-4852.

i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Mrs. Anumzziatta Purchiaroni at (202) 502-6191, or e-mail address: [anumzziatta.purchiaroni@ferc.gov](mailto:anumzziatta.purchiaroni@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions*: December 5, 2003.

k. *Description of Request*: Avista Corporation, (Avista) filed an amendment of its license to revise the