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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP06-354-000; CP06-401-000; CP06-423-000]

#### Rockies Express Pipeline, LLC; TransColorado Gas Transmission Company; Questar Overthrust Pipeline Company; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Rockies Western Phase Project

March 16, 2007.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the construction and operation of the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Rockies Express Pipeline LLC (Rockies Express), TransColorado Gas Transmission Company (TransColorado), and Questar Overthrust Pipeline Company (Overthrust) in the above-referenced dockets. These individual project sponsors have submitted separate and distinct proposals to the Commission; however, the FERC views the proposed facilities as interconnected projects that are necessary components of a larger, combined natural gas transportation system. As such, all three project proposals have been included in the final EIS, and are collectively referred to as the Rockies Western Phase Project (or the Project). The Project facilities would be located in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and New Mexico.

The final EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Federal Land Management and Policy Act. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) are federal land management agencies with lands affected by this proposal and are cooperating agencies for the development of the EIS. A cooperating agency has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to potential environmental impacts associated with the proposal, and is involved in the NEPA analysis. The Project would cross federal land under the jurisdiction of

the BLM Rawlins, Kemmerer, and Rock Springs Field Offices. Lands administered by the FWS would also be crossed by the Project. Under section 185(f) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, the BLM has the authority to issue Right-of-Way Grants for all affected federal lands.

The FERC staff has concluded that if the Project is constructed and operated in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and each project sponsor's proposed mitigation, and the staffs' additional mitigation recommendations, it would have limited adverse environmental impact and would be an environmentally acceptable action.

As currently proposed, the Rockies Western Phase Project would consist of the construction and operation of approximately 795.6 miles of natural gas pipeline and a total of 237,320 horsepower of new compression. Following completion of the proposed facilities, the Project would transport up to 1.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day. Specifically, the final EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Rockies Express, TransColorado, and Overthrust:

#### Rockies Express (REX-West Project)

- 712.7 miles of 42-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri;
- 5.3 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline (Echo Springs Lateral) in Sweetwater and Carbon Counties, Wyoming;
- Five new compressor stations (Cheyenne Compressor Station in Weld County, Colorado; Julesburg Compressor Station in Sedgwick County, Colorado; Echo Springs Compressor Station in Sweetwater County, Wyoming; the Steele City Compressor Station in Gage County, Nebraska; and Turney Compressor Station in Clinton County, Missouri);
- Four new compressor units at two previously certificated compressor stations (Meeker Compressor Station in Rio Blanco County, Colorado and Wamsutter Compressor Station in Sweetwater County, Wyoming); and
- 8 new meter stations, 41 mainline valves, and associated facilities.

#### TransColorado (Blanco to Meeker Project)

- 392 feet of discharge line and 478 feet of suction line, 1,300 feet of 24-inch-diameter pipeline, and 60 feet of 16-inch-diameter pipeline in San Juan County, New Mexico;

- Two new compressor stations (Blanco Compression Station in San Juan County, New Mexico and the Conn Creek Compressor Station in Garfield County, Colorado);

- Modifications at four existing compressor stations (Mancos Compressor Station in Montezuma County, Colorado; Redvale Compressor Station in Montrose County, Colorado; Whitewater Compressor Station in Mesa County, Colorado, and the Greasewood Compressor Station in Rio Blanco County, Colorado); and
- One new meter station, one mainline valve, and associated facilities.

#### Overthrust (Wamsutter Expansion Project)

- 77.2 miles of 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Sweetwater County, Wyoming;
- 0.1 mile of 20-inch-diameter pipeline (TL-90 Tie-in);
- Two new compressor stations in Wyoming (Roberson Compressor Station in Lincoln County and Rock Springs Compressor Station in Sweetwater County); and
- Two new meter stations, three mainline valves, and associated facilities.

The final EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is 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.

CD-ROM 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 or provided comments during scoping; libraries and newspapers in the Project area; and parties to this proceeding. Hard copy versions of the final EIS were mailed to those specifically requesting them. A limited number of hard copies and CD-ROMs are available from the Public Reference Room identified above.

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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8290-8]

### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of Two Public Teleconferences and a Meeting of the Science Advisory Board Integrated Nitrogen Committee

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board Staff Office announces two public teleconferences and a meeting of the EPA Science Advisory Board Integrated Nitrogen Committee.

**DATES:** The teleconference meetings will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2007, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) and on June 8, 2007 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time). A face-to-face meeting will be held on June 20, 2007 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time), continuing from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) on June 21, and from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 22.

**ADDRESSES:** The teleconferences will be conducted by phone only. The June 20-22, 2007 face-to-face meeting will be held at the SAB Conference Center, located at 1025 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wishes to obtain the call-in number and access code for the teleconferences; attend the face-to-face meeting; or receive further information concerning the teleconferences and meeting may contact Ms. Kathleen White, Designated Federal Officer (DFO). Ms. White may be contacted at the EPA Science

Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; or via telephone/voice mail: (202) 343-9878; fax: (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at: [white.kathleen@epa.gov](mailto:white.kathleen@epa.gov). General information concerning the EPA SAB can be found on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background:** The SAB Integrated Nitrogen Committee is conducting an evaluative study on the need for integrated research and control management strategies. To begin its work, the Committee held a public meeting on January 30-31, 2007, to develop a work plan for the study. Background information on that meeting was provided in a **Federal Register** notice (72 FR 1989, January 17, 2007). On the April 19, 2007 call the Committee will discuss information needs on sources, transport, fate, effects, impacts and metrics relating to reactive nitrogen in the environment; and discuss options for meeting those needs through the literature, committee work, and invited speakers for the face-to-face meeting. On the June 8, 2007 call, members of the Committee will present the information they have developed, make recommendations for refining the agenda, and conduct other Committee business. At the June 20-22, 2007 face-to-face meeting the Committee will complete information gathering for the first phase of its work, relating to sources, transport, fate, effects, impacts and metrics relating to reactive nitrogen in the environment and make appropriate related writing assignments for its report. The Committee will also begin the second phase of its work addressing the relationship of nitrogen to ecosystem scale through case studies. The Committee may undertake other Committee business as needed and time allows.

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** The draft agenda, and other materials for this teleconference will be posted on the SAB Web site at [http://epa.gov/sab/panels/ad\\_hoc\\_inr\\_committee.htm](http://epa.gov/sab/panels/ad_hoc_inr_committee.htm) prior to the meeting

**Procedures for Providing Public Input:** Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the Integrated Nitrogen Committee to consider during the course of their study. **Oral Statements:** In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should

contact Ms. White, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail), by April 12, 2007, for the April 19 teleconference, by June 1 for the June 8 teleconference, and by June 13 for the June 20-22 meeting, at the contact information noted above, to be placed on the list of public speakers for this meeting. **Written Statements:** Written statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by the same dates. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format).

**Accessibility:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Ms. White at the phone number or e-mail address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: March 16, 2007.

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Agency information collection activities: Announcement of Board approval under delegated authority and submission to OMB

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**SUMMARY:** Background.

Notice is hereby given of the final approval of proposed information collection by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) under OMB delegated authority, as per 5 CFR 1320.16 (OMB Regulations on Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public). Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission, supporting statements and approved collection of information instrument(s) are placed into OMB's public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.