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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 696-013—Utah]

#### PacifiCorp; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

August 5, 2004.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for surrender of the license for the American Fork Hydroelectric Project and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. The project is located on American Fork Creek, near the City of American Fork, about three miles east of Highland, in Utah County, Utah. The project occupies about 28.8 acres of land within the Uinta National Forest, administered by the U.S. Forest Service, and approximately 2,000 feet of the project's flowline passes through the Timpanogos Cave National Monument, administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the application and concludes that surrendering the project, with the appropriate environmental protective

measures, would not constitute a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is attached to a Commission order titled "Order Granting Surrender Application and Approving Project Removal Plan," which was issued August 4, 2004, and is available for review and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (prefaced by P-) and excluding the last 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 (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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#### CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Round Mountain & Helena Compression Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

August 6, 2004.

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 Round Mountain & Helena Compression Expansion Project involving extension and operation of facilities by CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CenterPoint) in Conway and Phillips Counties, Arkansas. The project would consist of the addition of 6,380 horsepower (hp) of compression to two existing compressor stations. CenterPoint states that the additional horsepower would enhance its system flexibility and reliability and provide additional firm transportation to a local distribution customer. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

CenterPoint seeks authorization from the Commission to expand the capacity of its facilities in Arkansas to supply an additional 70,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of natural gas to a local distribution company, Arkansas Western Gas Company (AWG), over a 10 year period. CenterPoint's application was filed with the Commission under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and subpart A of part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

To accomplish its project objectives, CenterPoint requests authority to install and operate:

- One 4,700-hp turbine compressor and appurtenant facilities at its Round Mountain Compressor Station in Conway County; and
- One 1,680-hp reciprocating compressor and appurtenant facilities at its Helena Compressor Station in Phillips County.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

The existing Round Mountain and Helena Compressor Stations are located on 6.5-acre and 4-acre fenced lots, respectively. All construction activities would take place within the fenced boundaries. Both compressor stations are surrounded by idle pastureland and mixed forest. Existing gravel access roads would not need improvement. Construction activities would be performed in accordance with the FERC's Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation, and Maintenance Plan and Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures.

#### 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

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