

of scientific disciplines, specifically chemistry, biology, materials sciences, alternative energy, and geosciences. The selected projects represent four research profiles: Small- and large-scope, and incremental and radical innovation. Policies that encourage diverse work teams and the exchange of information will also be explored. (5) Type of Respondents: Research staff and research managers; (6) Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,800 researchers and 132 project leaders and managers; (7) Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 900 hours for researchers and 132 hours for project leaders and managers at six national laboratories. This is a one time collection of information. Due to calendar considerations this collection will be split between FY 2009 and FY 2010 as opposed to the original goal of completing the survey in FY 2009. (8) Estimated annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden: zero.

**Statutory Authority:** Sec. 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

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**Raymond L. Orbach,**

*Under Secretary for Science.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-6-002]

#### Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC; Notice of Amendment

January 12, 2009.

Take notice that on December 30, 2008, Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC (Midcontinent) 3250 Lacey Road, Suite 700, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515, filed in Docket No. CP08-6-002, pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, to amend its certificate of public convenience and necessity issued on July 25, 2008. Specifically, Midcontinent proposes to change the location of the Vicksburg Compressor Station from the originally certificated location in Warren County, Mississippi to a new location 3.5 miles eastward in Hinds County, Mississippi, and to substitute a different model for the two compressor units authorized at the Atlanta Compressor Station in Cass County, Texas.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Bruce

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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 comment date stated below, 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 to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone

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 commentors will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* February 2, 2009.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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