

another opportunity to offer your comments on the project. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meeting and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the EA. A transcript of the meeting will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded.<sup>3</sup>

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

Once Dominion formally files its application with the Commission, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenors play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in a Commission proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are included in the User's Guide under the "e-filing" link on the Commission's Web site. Please note that you may not request intervenor status at this time. You must wait until a formal application is filed with the Commission.

#### Site Visit

On February 6, 2008, the Office of Energy Projects staff will conduct a pre-certification site visit of the proposed Middletown Compressor Station in Middletown, Maryland. We will view Dominion's proposed compressor station site and possibly alternative sites that are being considered for the proposed project. Staff will tour these proposed project areas by automobile and on foot. Representatives of Dominion will accompany the OEP staff.

All interested parties may attend the site visit. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation. If you are interested in attending the site visit, please meet us at 1:30 p.m. at the proposed Middletown Compressor Station Site. The directions to the location of the proposed compressor station from Middletown, Maryland are as follows:

Take US-40-Alt West to Marker Road, turn left. Travel on Marker Road about 1.5 miles until you pass PL-1 pipeline and power lines. The proposed compressor station property will be on your left (see Appendix A map for location).

<sup>3</sup> We previously held a public scoping meeting on September 18, 2007, in Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania to address Dominion's proposed facilities in Pennsylvania.

For additional information, please contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-FERC (3372).

#### 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-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. If you do not return the attached form (Appendix B), you will be removed from the Commission's environmental mailing list. All individuals who provide written comments, attend the scoping meeting, or return the "Keep on Mailing List Form" will remain on our environmental mailing list for this project.

Any individual who participated in the first scoping period will remain on our mailing list and does not need to mail back the enclosed "Keep on Mailing List Form". This includes those who already have:

- Mailed in comments to FERC;
- Mailed back the "Keep on the Mailing List Form" ; or
- Attended the scoping meeting in Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, on September 18, 2007.

#### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-FERC (3372) or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, PF07-12), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the 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 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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the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, Dominion has established an Internet Web site for this project at <http://www.dom.com/about/gas-transmission/storage/index.jsp>. The Web site includes a project overview, status, and answers to frequently asked questions. You can also request additional information by calling Dominion at 1-888-882-5055.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF08-2-000]

#### MarkWest Pioneer, L.L.C.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Arkoma Connector Pipeline Project; and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 18, 2008.

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 proposed Arkoma Connector Pipeline Project which involves the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in Coal, Atoka, and Bryan Counties, Oklahoma. This notice announces the opening of the scoping period that will be used to gather environmental input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on February 20, 2008.

Comments may be submitted in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are provided in the Public Participation portion of this notice.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. MarkWest Pioneer, L.L.C. (MarkWest) would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an

agreement, MarkWest could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this proposed project and to encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

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

### Summary of the Proposed Project

MarkWest seeks authorization to construct new pipeline facilities in Coal, Atoka, and Bryan Counties, Oklahoma. The Arkoma Connector Pipeline Project would consist of about 50 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline, a 10,000-horsepower compressor station and associated facilities, and two meter stations. The pipeline project would be designed to deliver a peak day capacity of 300,000 to 350,000 decatherms of natural gas from producers in the Arkoma Basin area of southeastern Oklahoma to the Midcontinent Express Pipeline that is currently proposed under Docket No. CP08-6-000. The general location of the proposed project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed project would affect a total of about 629 acres. Following construction, about 319 acres would be allowed to revert to its previous conditions. Disturbance associated with aboveground facilities would permanently impact approximately 10 acres of land. The compressor station would require about 8 acres and the two meter stations would each require about 1 acre of disturbance. MarkWest would seek a 90-foot-wide construction right-of-way for

the pipeline, and would maintain a 50-foot-wide permanent right-of-way for operation of the pipeline.

### The EA Process

We<sup>2</sup> are preparing this EA to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impact that could result if it authorizes MarkWest's proposal. By this notice, we are also asking federal, state, and local agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. Agencies that would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided below.

NEPA also requires the FERC 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, we are requesting public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received will be considered during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA we 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.
- Hazardous waste.
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate possible 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.

Although no formal application has been filed, the FERC staff has already initiated its NEPA review under its Pre-filing Process. The purpose of the Pre-filing Process is to encourage the early involvement of interested stakeholders and to identify and resolve issues before an application is filed with the FERC.

### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific

comments or concerns about the project. By filing comments, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, reasonable 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: Kimberly D. Bose, 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. PF08-2-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC, on or before February 20, 2008.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments. See Title 18 Code of Federal Regulations, section 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. Prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper and save it to a file on your hard drive. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing."

We might mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (Appendix 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

### Additional Information

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 also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 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. Requests for detailed maps of the proposed facilities should be made directly to MarkWest.

<sup>2</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER08-323-000]

#### SYNERGY Power Marketing Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

January 18, 2008.

SYNERGY Power Marketing Inc. (SYNERGY) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with accompanying tariff. The proposed market-based rate tariff provides for the sale of energy and capacity at market-based rates. SYNERGY also requested waivers of various Commission regulations. In particular, SYNERGY requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by SYNERGY.

On January 18, 2008, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development-West, granted the requests for blanket approval under Part 34 (Director's Order). The Director's Order also stated that the Commission would publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** establishing a period of time for the filing of protests. Accordingly, any person desiring to be heard concerning the blanket approvals of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by SYNERGY, should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. 18 CFR 385.211, 385.214 (2007). The Commission encourages the electronic submission of protests using the FERC Online link at <http://www.ferc.gov>.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests is February 19, 2008.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition to such blanket approvals by

the deadline above, SYNERGY is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of SYNERGY, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approvals of SYNERGY's issuance of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Director's Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP05-413-005]

#### East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC; Notice of Amendment

January 18, 2008.

Take notice that on January 7, 2008, East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC (East Tennessee), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed an abbreviated application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, for an amendment to its certificate of public convenience and necessity to increase the capacity of its Jewell Ridge Lateral, located in Tazewell and Smyth Counties, Virginia, from 235,000 Dth per day, as certificated in an order issued on February 8, 2006, to 275,862 Dth per day. East Tennessee does not request authorization to construct any facilities. East Tennessee proposes to continue to charge its

existing rate for the expanded service, but states that a slightly higher rate could be supported based on the actual costs of the project.

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" link. 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 for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding the application are to be directed to Garth Johnson, General Manager, Certificates & Reporting, East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC, 5400 Westheimer Court, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, telephone no. (713) 627-5415 and E-mail: [gjohnson@spectraenergy.com](mailto:gjohnson@spectraenergy.com).

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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

*Comment Date:* February 8, 2008.

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Secretary.

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