

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protest: February 11, 2008. All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

k. *Description of the Report:*

Consumers Energy Company filed the Retirement Study Report, pursuant to Articles 204 and 205 of the licenses. Consumers prepared the report in accordance with the Retirement Study Plans, which was approved by the Commission on April 7, 2005 (111 FERC ¶ 62,029).

l. *Locations of the Report:* A copy of the report is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing 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. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions To Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but

only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the report.

o. Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers.

p. *Agency Comments:* Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described report. A copy of the report may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

q. 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 at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-54-000; CP06-55-000]

#### **Broadwater Energy LLC; Broadwater Pipeline LLC; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Broadwater LNG Project**

January 11, 2008.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) in cooperation with the U.S. Coast Guard (Coast Guard); U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service; and the New York Department of State has prepared a final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal and natural gas pipeline (referred to as the Broadwater LNG Project) proposed by Broadwater Energy LLC and Broadwater Pipeline LLC (jointly referred to as Broadwater) in the above-referenced dockets. Broadwater

Energy LLC is jointly owned by TCPL USA LNG, Inc. (a subsidiary of TransCanada Corporation) and Shell Broadwater Holdings LLC (a subsidiary of Shell Oil Company). Broadwater Pipeline LLC is owned by Broadwater Energy LLC.

The proposed LNG terminal would be located in New York State waters of Long Island Sound, approximately 9 miles from the nearest shoreline of Long Island, and about 10 miles from the nearest shoreline in Connecticut. The terminal would be a floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU) that would be attached to a yoke mooring system (YMS) that includes a mooring tower embedded in the seafloor. The FSRU would look like a marine vessel and would remain moored in place for the duration of the Project (expected to be 30 years or more). The YMS would allow the FSRU to pivot or "weathervane" around the YMS, enabling the FSRU to orient in response to the prevailing wind, tide, and current conditions.

LNG would be delivered to the FSRU by LNG carriers, temporarily stored, vaporized (regasified), and then transported in a new subsea natural gas pipeline that would extend from the seafloor beneath the FSRU approximately 21.7 miles to an offshore connection with the existing Iroquois Gas Transmission System (IGTS) pipeline in Long Island Sound.

Natural gas would be routed from the FSRU to the subsea pipeline and into the IGTS pipeline for delivery at an average flow rate of about 1.0 billion cubic feet per day. LNG would be delivered to the FSRU by 2 to 3 LNG carriers per week to meet the Project's planned send-out volumes of natural gas. LNG carriers would transit from the Atlantic Ocean to either the Point Judith Pilot Station (northeast of Block Island) or the Montauk Pilot Station (southwest of Block Island). From the Point Judith Pilot Station, carriers would transit Block Island Sound north of Block Island, head generally west to enter Long Island Sound at its eastern end (an area known as the Race), and then proceed to the FSRU. From the Montauk Pilot Station, carriers would head generally northwest to approach the Race, then proceed to the FSRU.

The final EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following LNG and natural gas pipeline facilities:

- A double-hulled FSRU approximately 1,215 feet long and 200 feet wide, with a closed-loop shell-and-tube vaporization system and a total

storage capacity of 350,000 cubic meters (approximately 8 billion cubic feet);

- A berthing facility at the FSRU for receiving LNG ships with capacities up to 250,000 cubic meters;
- A YMS embedded in the seafloor to moor the FSRU;
- Approximately 2 to 3 LNG carriers per week that would call at the FSRU;
- LNG carriers that would transit through waters subject to federal jurisdiction as well as waters under the jurisdiction of the state of New York, and in some cases, may transit waters under the jurisdiction of the states of Rhode Island and Connecticut;
- Approximately 21.7 miles of 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline, a pig launcher and receiver facility, and a meter station at the interconnect with the IGTS pipeline; and
- Onshore facilities at either Greenport or Port Jefferson, New York, including administrative offices, a warehouse, guardhouse, and an existing commercial pier.

Broadwater proposes to construct the Project in two phases. The first phase would include installation of the subsea pipeline between October 2009 and April 2010. The second phase would include installation of the YMS, hookup of the FSRU, and connection of the project components between September and December 2010. Broadwater anticipates that the Project would be in service by the end of December 2010.

As part of this evaluation, FERC staff has prepared a final EIS to assess the environmental impacts of the Project. The final EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The Coast Guard has assessed potential risks to navigation safety and port security associated with the proposed Project. The Coast Guard's safety and security assessment is documented in the Captain of the Port Long Island Sound's Waterways Suitability Report (WSR). The final EIS includes an analysis of the environmental impacts related to the Coast Guard's Letter of Recommendation regarding the suitability of the involved waterways for LNG carrier operations.

The Coast Guard Captain of the Port Long Island Sound will issue a Letter of Recommendation to Broadwater Energy and the appropriate federal, state and local agencies, in accordance with 33 CFR 127.009. The Letter of Recommendation, which will be based on the Coast Guard's WSR, is an official determination regarding the suitability or unsuitability of Long Island Sound to support the proposed FSRU and associated LNG marine traffic. The

Coast Guard intends to adopt all or portions of the EIS being prepared by FERC to serve as the NEPA analysis for the Letter of Recommendation. The Letter of Recommendation will not be issued until after the NEPA process has been completed.

The final EIS also evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including alternative energy sources, system alternatives, alternative sites for the LNG import terminal, alternative designs, pipeline alternatives, and alternatives to the Coast Guard Letter of Recommendation action. Based on the analysis included in the final EIS, the FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed Project with appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impacts.

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.

A limited number of hard copies and CDs are available at the Public Reference Room identified above. CD copies of the final EIS have been mailed to federal, state, and local agencies; public interest groups; and individuals 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.

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 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-33-000]

#### **Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Dominion Hub I Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

January 11, 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 Dominion Hub I Project, involving construction and operation of natural gas facilities by Dominion Transmission, Inc. (Dominion) in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

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 11, 2008. Details on how to submit comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a Dominion representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed project facilities. The pipeline company 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, Dominion could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with Pennsylvania state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need