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Once AES and Mid-Atlantic Express formally file their application with the Commission, you may want to become an "intervenor," which is an official party to the proceeding. Intervenor 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.

#### Environmental Mailing List

If you wish to remain on the environmental mailing list, please return the attached Mailing List Retention Form (Appendix 3 of this NOI). If you do not return this form, we will remove your name from our mailing list.

To reduce printing and mailing costs, the draft and final EIS will be issued in both compact disk (CD-ROM) and hard copy formats. The FERC strongly encourages the use of CD-ROM format in its publication of large documents. Thus, all recipients will automatically receive the EIS on CD-ROM. If you wish to receive a paper copy of the draft EIS instead of a CD-ROM, you must indicate that choice on the return mailer.

#### 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." Click on the eLibrary link, select "General Search" and enter the project docket number excluding the last three digits (i.e., PF06-22) in the "Docket Number" field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance with eLibrary, the eLibrary helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or by e-mail at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). 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 rule makings.

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

Finally, AES has established an Internet Web site for this project at <http://www.AESsparrowspointLNG.com>. The Web site includes a project overview, status, answers to frequently asked questions, and links to related documents. You can also request additional information by calling AES directly at (866) 640-9080.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP03-12-001]

#### Egan Hub Storage, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Egan Horsepower Reconfiguration Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

May 18, 2006.

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 Egan Horsepower Reconfiguration Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Egan Hub Storage, LLC (Egan Hub). The project would include an additional 3,080 horsepower (hp) and about 2,700 feet of suction and discharge piping at the Egan Gas Storage Facility in Evangeline, Acadia Parish, Louisiana.<sup>1</sup> 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.

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. 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, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Egan Hub provided to landowners. This fact sheet 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

Egan Hub proposes to:

1. Install two 13,330-hp turbine compressors in lieu of the three certificated not-yet-installed 7,860-hp reciprocating compressors;
2. Install seven catalytic converters on seven existing reciprocating compressors; and
3. Install 1,200 feet of 24-inch diameter suction piping and 1,500 feet of 20-inch diameter of discharge piping and associated appurtenant facilities.

Egan Hub also requests authorization to extend the construction period for the three storage caverns and associated facilities to October 1, 2009.

Egan Hub indicates that the project would not increase the maximum operating capacity of the three storage caverns (31.5 Bcf of certificated maximum aggregate operating capacity). In support of its proposal, Egan Hub indicates that the increase of 3,080 hp would allow Egan Hub to increase the maximum daily injection capability from 0.8 Bcf to 1.3 Bcf and the maximum daily withdrawal capability from 1.5 Bcf to 2.5 Bcf.

Egan Hub requests authorization on or before August 1, 2006 to begin construction by November 1, 2006.

Egan Hub indicates that it would "install minor non-jurisdictional facilities comprised of 500 feet of new below-ground powerline and a 480 volt transformer."

The location of the project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Egan Hub's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than Appendix 1 (map), are available on the Commission's Web site at the

### Land Requirements for Construction

Egan Hub indicates that no additional property or right-of-way would be required. Construction of the proposed facilities would be within the existing fenced line of the Egan Gas Storage Facility.

### 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 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us 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, the Commission staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

In the EA we<sup>3</sup> 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
- Cultural resources
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- Endangered and threatened species
- Air quality and noise
- 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.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected

landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

### Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have identified noise near residences as an issue that we think deserves attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Egan Hub. Additional issues may be identified based on your comments and our analysis.

Also, we have made a preliminary decision to not address the impacts of the nonjurisdictional facilities. We will briefly describe their location and status in the EA.

### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA/EIS and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, 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: Magalie R. Salas, 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 2.
- Reference Docket No. CP03-12-001.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 19, 2006.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. 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 and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created on-line.

We may mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (Appendix 2). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding, or "intervenor". To become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214). Intervenor's have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. Motions to Intervene should be electronically submitted using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons without Internet access should send an original and 14 copies of their motion to the Secretary of the Commission at the address indicated previously. Persons filing Motions to Intervene on or before the comment deadline indicated above must send a copy of the motion to the Applicant. All filings, including late interventions, submitted after the comment deadline must be served on the Applicant and all other intervenors identified on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. Persons on the service list with e-mail addresses may be served electronically; others must be served a hard copy of the filing.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

### 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.

<sup>3</sup>"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.

<sup>3</sup>"We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

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**Magalie R. Salas,**  
Secretary.

**Appendix 1—Information Request**

[Docket No. CP03-12-001]

Please keep my name on the mailing list for the Egan Horsepower Reconfiguration Project.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me a paper copy of the environmental document instead of a CD.

FROM \_\_\_\_\_  
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ATTN: OEP—Gas 2, PJ—11.2, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Application for Temporary Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests**

May 16, 2006.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Request for authorization for a temporary for a temporary change in water surface elevation limits for the upper reservoir and an increase in the maximum daily generation limit under certain emergency conditions as determined by ISO New England Inc. during the period June 3, through September 30, 2006, for dealing with potential capacity and energy shortages during the summer.

b. *Project No.:* 2485-033.

c. *Date Filed:* May 12, 2006.

d. *Applicant:* Northeast Generation Company (NGC).

e. *Name of Project:* Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the east side of the Connecticut River, in the towns of Northfield and Erving, in Franklin County, Massachusetts. The project does not utilize federal or tribal lands.

g. *Filed pursuant to:* 18 CFR 4.201.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. William J. Nadeau, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Northeast Generation Services Company, 273 Dividend Road, Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067, (860) 665-5315 with copies of all correspondence and communications to: Mr. John Howard, Station Manager, Northfield Mountain Station, 99 Millers Falls Road, Northfield, Massachusetts 01360, (413) 659-4489; and

Ms. Catherine E. Shively, Senior Counsel, Public, Northeast Utilities Service Company, P.O. Box 330, Manchester, New Hampshire 03105, (603) 634-2326.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on Vedula Sarma (202) 502-6190, or [vedula.sarma@ferc.gov](mailto:vedula.sarma@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests, comments:* June 1, 2006.

k. *Description of Proposed Action:* NGC seeks temporary authorization to modify the upper reservoir's upper and lower water service elevation limits from 1000.5 and 938 feet, to 1004.5 and 920 feet, respectively, only under

certain ISO-NE emergency operating conditions from June 3, through September 30, 2006. According to NGC approval of changes in the water surface elevations would result in an increase in the maximum daily generation from 8,475 megawatt-hours (MWh) to 10,645 MWh. NGC states that it will not commence operations under the temporary amendment until the latter of June 3 or until data collected at Cabot Station, Turners Falls Project indicate that the Atlantic Salmon smolt migration has ended and guide net has been removed.

l. *Locations of Applications:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission in the 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 toll-free 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 particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers (P-2485-028). All