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In lieu of or in addition to sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public comment meetings the FERC will conduct in the project area to receive comments on the Draft EIS. The public comment meetings on the Draft EIS for the Carthage to Perryville Project will be conducted jointly with the

public scoping meetings for the East Texas Expansion Project (FERC Docket No. PF06-17-000), which we are currently evaluating under our Pre-Filing Process. All meetings will begin at 7 p.m. (CDT), and are scheduled as follows:

Date and time	Location
Wednesday, June 21, 2006	Quitman High School Auditorium, 181 Wolverine Drive, Quitman, LA 71268, Telephone: (318) 259-2698.
Thursday, June 22, 2006	Delhi High School Auditorium, 413 Main Street, Delhi, LA 71232, Telephone: (318) 878-2235.

The public comment meetings will be posted on the FERC's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx>. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the Draft EIS. Transcripts of the meetings will be prepared.

After the comments received are reviewed, any significant new issues are investigated, and modifications are made to the Draft EIS, a Final EIS will be published and distributed by the FERC staff. The Final EIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments received on the Draft EIS.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214). Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this Draft EIS. You must file your request to intervene as specified above.¹ You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

The Draft EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

A limited number of copies of the Draft EIS are available from the Public Reference Room identified above. In addition, CD copies of the Draft EIS have been mailed to affected landowners; various Federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; local libraries and newspapers; intervenors; and other individuals that expressed an interest in the proposed

Project. Hard-copies of the Draft EIS have also been mailed to those who requested that format during the scoping period for the proposed Project.

To reduce printing and mailing costs for the Final EIS, the FERC will be issuing that document in both CD and hard-copy formats. In a separate mailing, the parties on the current mailing list for the Draft EIS will be sent a postcard providing an opportunity to select the format of the Final EIS that they wish to receive. The FERC is strongly encouraging the use of the CD format in their publication of large documents.

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" and enter the project docket number excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP06-85) 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 or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or TTY (202) 502-8659. 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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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-143-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Algonquin Cape Cod Project; Request for Comments on Environmental Issues and Notice of Site Visit

May 26, 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 Algonquin Cape Cod Project (Project) involving construction, and operation of facilities by Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (Algonquin) in Barnstable County, Massachusetts. The project would provide firm transportation service for new deliveries of natural gas to KeySpan Energy Delivery Services Company of New England (Keyspan) to ensure reliability and meet future demand. The project would provide up to 38,000 dekatherms per day (dth/d) of transportation capacity. In general, the project consists of about 3.5 miles of new pipeline and other auxiliary facilities.

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. Please note that the scoping period will close on June 26, 2006.

This notice is being sent to potentially affected landowners; Federal, State, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes, other interested parties; local libraries and newspapers. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

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 Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). 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>).

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.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Algonquin proposes to construct and operate¹ approximately 3.5 miles of 18-inch-diameter pipeline in the towns of Bourne and Sandwich in Barnstable County, Massachusetts. The line would commence at the Mirant Energy Generation Facility and terminate at a new proposed meter station west of Route 130 in Sandwich. Algonquin also proposes to construct a pig² launcher upstream of the proposed facilities in the town of Bourne at the beginning of the G-24 pipeline and a pig receiver at the proposed meter station.

The general location of Algonquin's proposed facilities is shown on the map attached as Appendix 1.³

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of Algonquin's proposed facilities would require about 45.35 acres of land for the construction right-of-way for the pipelines, additional temporary workspaces, staging areas,

and access roads. The construction right-of-way for the pipelines would typically be 75 feet wide. Following construction, a 50-foot wide permanent right-of-way would be maintained.

Construction access to Algonquin's project would be via existing public and private roads. Algonquin has identified 19 existing access roads necessary for the construction of its project.

The EA Process

We⁴ are preparing the EA to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which 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.

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 below.

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.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

In the EA, we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the project. We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project.

⁴ "We", "us", and "our", refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

We have already identified some issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Algonquin. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Impact of crossing the Shawme-Crowell State Forest and Massachusetts Military Reservation.
- Disturbance of 20.39 acres of forest land.

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 and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, 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: 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 1.
- Reference Docket No. CP06-143-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 26, 2006.

Please note that 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 an account which can be created online.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must send one electronic copy (using the Commission's e-Filing system) or 14

¹ Algonquin's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

² A pipeline "pig" is a device used to clean or inspect the pipeline. A pig launcher/receiver is an aboveground facility where pigs are inserted or retrieved from the pipeline.

³ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than appendix 1 (maps), 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.

paper copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want 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).⁵ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

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.

Site Visit

On June 20, 2006, the OEP staff will conduct a pre-certification site visit of the planned Cape Cod Project.

We will view the proposed route and variations that are being considered for the planned pipeline. Staff will view the area by automobile and on foot.

Representatives of Algonquin will be accompanying the OEP staff.

All interested parties may attend the site visit on June 20, 2006. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation. If you are interested in attending the site visit, please meet us at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of ENSR, 95 State Road, Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts.

If you plan on attending and will be entering the Massachusetts Military Reservation along with FERC on the site visit, it will be necessary that you provide certain information no later than Monday, June 12, 2006. We will attempt to get pre-approval for anyone attending. Please e-mail the following information to τζimmer@ensr.com: Name; Drivers License Number; Agency/Affiliation; Vehicle make, model, color, year, and license plate number of vehicle entering the base.

Anyone attending who will be entering the Massachusetts Military Reservation needs to be pre-approved and must bring a Photo ID to gain access.

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

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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 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Texas Eastern Incremental Market Expansion II Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

May 26, 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 Texas Eastern Incremental Market Expansion (TIME) II Project involving construction, replacement, and operation of facilities by Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) in Pickaway and Monroe Counties, Ohio and Somerset, Bedford, Franklin, Bucks, Fayette, and Adams Counties, Pennsylvania. The TIME II Project would provide additional natural gas pipeline capacity to the New Jersey market area, alleviating the constraints currently experienced as a result of

increasing market demand. The TIME II Project would provide up to 150,000 dekatherms per day (dth/d) of transportation capacity.

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. Please note that the scoping period will close on June 30, 2006.

This notice is being sent to potentially affected landowners; Federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes, other interested parties; local libraries and newspapers. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

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?" 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 the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

Summary of the Proposed Project¹

In 2007, Texas Eastern proposes to:

- Remove about 6.4 miles of its existing 24-inch-diameter Line 1 pipeline and replace it, within the same trench, with a 36-inch-diameter pipeline in Somerset and Bedford Counties, Pennsylvania (Uniontown Discharge);
- Remove about 4.9 miles of its existing 24-inch-diameter Line 1 pipeline and replace it, within the same trench, with a 36-inch-diameter pipeline in Franklin County, Pennsylvania (Bedford Discharge);
- Remove about 10.3 miles of its existing 20-inch-diameter Line 2 pipeline and replace it, within the same

¹ Texas Eastern's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.