

Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 1;
- Reference Docket No. PF07-12-000;
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before September 28, 2007.

Please note that the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of comments. See 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "eFiling" 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."

The public scoping meeting (date, time, and location is listed above) is designed to provide state and local agencies, interested groups, affected landowners, and the general public with another opportunity to offer your comments on the project. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meetings and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the EA. A transcript of each meeting will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded.

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 September 18, 2007, the OEP staff will conduct a pre-certification site visit of the proposed Storage Factory Project.

We will view Dominion's proposed pipeline route, route variations, and aboveground facilities that are being considered for the proposed project. Staff will tour the proposed project area 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 p.m. in the parking lot of the Lawrenceville Fire Department at 9-11 Mechanic St., Lawrenceville, PA 16901.

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

#### Environmental Mailing List

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#### 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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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 <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 1-880-882-5055.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP07-430-000]

#### Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Colorado Lateral Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

August 29, 2007.

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 Colorado Lateral Expansion Project, involving construction and operation of natural gas facilities by Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission LLC (Kinder Morgan) in Weld County, Colorado. 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 October 1, 2007. 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 Kinder Morgan 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, Kinder Morgan could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with Colorado state law.

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>).

With this notice, we<sup>1</sup> are asking other federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to 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.

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Kinder Morgan seeks authorization to install about 41.4 miles of 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline from the existing Rockport Cheyenne Hub to a point on the west side of the City of Greeley, Colorado. All construction would be within Weld County, Colorado. The project would create about 55,000 decatherms per day of pipeline capacity from Kinder Morgan's Cheyenne Hub to distribution points in the Greeley market area. Kinder Morgan would construct four new meter stations (ranging in size from 0.18 acre to 0.92 acre) to distribute the natural gas to this market area. Further, a 12-inch-diameter pig launcher and pig receiver<sup>2</sup> would be located within the existing Rockport Compressor Station and the proposed Greeley South Meter Station, respectively.

#### Non-Jurisdictional Facilities

On behalf of a non-jurisdictional company, Atmos Energy Corporation (a local distribution company), Kinder Morgan would construct five lateral distribution pipelines of various diameters (ranging from 6 to 12 inches) totaling about 10.8 miles, and eight regulator facilities located within Kinder Morgan's proposed meter stations. The owner and operator of

these laterals and regulator facilities would be Atmos Energy Corporation. Figure 1 in Appendix A is a detailed map identifying all facilities associated with this project.<sup>3</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed Colorado Lateral Expansion Project would affect a total of about 501.6 acres during construction. Following construction, about 246.1 acres would be allowed to revert to its previous conditions. Disturbance associated with aboveground facilities would permanently disturb 4.6 acres of land.

Kinder Morgan would construct its 12-inch-diameter pipeline in a 90-foot-wide construction right-of-way and laterals within a 40-foot-wide construction right-of-way. Kinder Morgan would maintain a 50-foot-wide permanent right-of-way for operation and maintenance of its mainline and Atmos Energy Corporation would maintain a 20-foot-wide permanent right-of-way. Kinder Morgan's proposed mainline would overlap existing rights-of-way for about 94 percent of the route.<sup>4</sup>

#### The EA Process

We 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, 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.

The EA 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.
- Water resources.
- Wetlands.
- Land use and visual quality.
- Cultural resources.
- Vegetation, fisheries, and wildlife (including threatened and endangered species).
- Air quality and noise.
- Reliability and 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 for distribution and mailed to federal, state, and local agencies; public interest groups; interested individuals; affected landowners; newspapers and libraries in the project area; 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.

#### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commenter, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. Your comments 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:

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<sup>1</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.

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

<sup>3</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the "Additional Information" at the end 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 Kinder Morgan.

<sup>4</sup> Construction of the Colorado Lateral would follow and overlap an existing Public Service Company of Colorado pipeline, a SUNCOR Energy Inc. pipeline, and a Colorado Interstate Gas proposed pipeline.

Regulations (CFR) 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "eFiling" 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."

#### 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 eFiling system) or 14 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) (see Appendix B).<sup>5</sup> 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.

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proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern. If you do not return the attached form (Appendix C), you will be removed from the Commission's environmental mailing list.

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Finally, 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. You can also request additional information by calling Kinder Morgan at (303) 914-7715.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2197-077]

#### **Alcoa Power Generating Incorporated; Notice of Application for Temporary Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests**

August 30, 2007.

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 temporary variance of minimum flow release and reservoir drawdown limit.
- b. *Project No.:* 2197-077.
- c. *Date Filed:* August 23, 2007.
- d. *Applicant:* Alcoa Power Generating Incorporated.
- e. *Name of Project:* Yadkin.
- f. *Location:* On the Yadkin/Pee Dee River, in Montgomery, Stanley, Davidson, Rowan, and Davie Counties, North Carolina.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Marshall Olson, Alcoa Power Generating Inc., 293 NC 740 Highway, P.O. Box 576, Badin, NC 28009-0576, (704) 422-5622.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Thomas LoVullo, (202) 502-8900; e-mail: [thomas.lovullo@ferc.gov](mailto:thomas.lovullo@ferc.gov).
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene and protests:* September 28, 2007.

Please include the project number (P-2197) on any comments or motions filed. All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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.

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 Request:* Alcoa Power Generating, Inc. is requesting a temporary variance of the minimum flow release requirement under license article 33 for the Yadkin Project. Because of persistent and worsening drought conditions in the project area and the need to conserve water, Alcoa requests that it be allowed to reduce the weekly average discharge flow of 1,400 cubic feet per second (cfs) to a weekly

<sup>5</sup> Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.