

replaced the Proposed Actions originally filed with the license applications. The draft EIS documents the views of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, affected Indian tribes, the public, the license applicants, and Commission staff.

Comments should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All comments must be filed within 60 days of the notice in the **Federal Register**, and should reference either Project No. 2197-073 (Yadkin Project) or Project No. 2206-030 (Yadkin-Pee Dee River Project). Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the eLibrary link.

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS (18 CFR 380.10). You may also file your request to intervene electronically. You do not need intervenor status to have the Commission consider your comments.

Copies of the draft EIS are available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The draft EIS also may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number (either P-2197 or P-2206) to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

CD versions of the draft EIS have been mailed to everyone on the mailing list for the projects. Copies of the CD, as well as a limited number of paper copies, are available from the Public Reference Room identified above.

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 these or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

For further information, contact Stephen Bowler at (202) 502-6861 or [stephen.bowler@ferc.gov](mailto:stephen.bowler@ferc.gov) or Lee Emery at (202) 5028379 or [lee.emery@ferc.gov](mailto:lee.emery@ferc.gov).

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP07-367-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Columbia Eastern Market Expansion Project

October 1, 2007.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of Columbia's proposed Eastern Market Expansion Project (EME Project). The EME Project would consist of: (a) Expanding the existing Crawford Storage Field in Fairfield and Hocking Counties, Ohio; (b) expanding the existing Coco A and C Storage Fields in Kanawha County, West Virginia; (c) installing a total of 35,091 horsepower and upgrades at four existing compressor stations in West Virginia; and (d) constructing three sections of 26- to 36-inch-diameter pipeline looping totaling 15.26 miles in Clay and Randolph Counties, West Virginia, and Warren, Clarke, and Fauquier Counties, Virginia. The proposed expansion would provide an additional 97,050 dekatherms per day of storage deliverability and associated firm pipeline transportation capacity. Columbia also proposes abandonment by replacement of several appurtenant facilities associated with this project.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are 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.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals,

newspapers in the project area, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below.

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 a free account which can be created by clicking on "Sign-up."

If you are filing written comments, 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 comments to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP07-367-000;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Branch 1, PJ-11.1; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before October 31, 2007.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentator 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).<sup>1</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 party. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

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 ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, then on "General Search" and

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

enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP07-367). 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.

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 [www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm](http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm).

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11879-001—Idaho]

#### Symbiotics, LLC; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

September 28, 2007.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) regulations (18 CFR part 380), Commission staff have reviewed the license application for the Chester Diversion Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 11879) and have prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) on the proposed action. The project is located on the Henry's Fork of the Snake River in Fremont County, Idaho, downstream of some of the most well-known fly fishing areas in the country.

Symbiotics, LLC (applicant) filed an application for license with the Commission for an original license for the 3.3-megawatt (MW) Chester Diversion Hydroelectric Project, using the existing Cross Cut Diversion dam (Chester Diversion dam).<sup>1</sup> In this draft

<sup>1</sup> The Chester Diversion dam was initially constructed as the "Cross Cut Diversion dam" because it served as the diversion dam for the Cross Cut irrigation canal. It now also serves as the diversion dam for the Last Chance irrigation canal, and because of its location near Chester, Idaho, is now referred to as the Chester Diversion dam.

EA, Commission staff analyzes the probable environmental effects of construction and operation of the project and have concluded that approval of the license, with appropriate staff-recommended environmental measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the draft EA are available for review in Public Reference Room 2-A of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC. The draft EA also may be viewed on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 502-6088, or on the Commission's Web site using the eLibrary link. For assistance with eLibrary, contact [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY contact (202) 502-8659.

Any comments on the draft EA should be filed within 30 days of the date of this notice and should be addressed to Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please reference "Chester Diversion Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 11879-001" on all comments. Comments 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.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF07-14-000]

#### CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Tontitown Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

September 26, 2007.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will

While both names are appropriate, we use the "Chester Diversion" moniker for consistency and clarity in this EA.

discuss the environmental impacts of constructing and operating the CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company's (CenterPoint) proposed Tontitown Project (Project).

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process<sup>1</sup> public comment period we will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies about the proposed 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 27, 2007.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; Federal, State, and local government representatives and agencies; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties in this proceeding; and local libraries and newspapers. We encourage government representatives to notify their constituents of this proposed 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 Commission 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 Website (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

CenterPoint proposes to modify its existing interstate natural gas transmission system. Specifically, CenterPoint proposes to construct and operate approximately 16.0 miles of 24-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline (OM-1-A pipeline) and ancillary facilities adjacent to an existing interstate natural gas pipeline in Logan and Franklin Counties, Arkansas.

<sup>1</sup> The National Environmental Policy Act requires the Commission to undertake a process to identify and address concerns the public may have about a proposed project. This process is commonly referred to as the "scoping process".