

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the PAD in preparation for the scoping meetings. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and SD1 are included in item n. of this document.

### Meeting Procedures

Scoping meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the Commission's formal record for this proceeding.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP05-45-001; CP06-401-001]

### TransColorado Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Love Ranch Relocation Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

March 18, 2008.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the potential environmental impacts of the Love Ranch Relocation Project involving the relocation of previously authorized, but uninstalled, natural gas transmission system facilities by TransColorado Gas Transmission Company (TransColorado) in Rio Blanco 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 process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on April 18, 2008. Details on how to submit comments are provided in the "Public Participation" section of this notice.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this proposed project

and to encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

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>).

### Summary of the Proposed Project

TransColorado proposes to relocate two compressor units previously authorized for installation at the existing Greasewood Compressor Station to an alternative site about 6 miles west (referred to as the Love Ranch Compressor Station site). Both locations are in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Specifically, TransColorado proposes to amend its authorizations for both the North Expansion Project in Docket No. CP05-45-000 and the Blanco-Meeker Expansion Project in Docket No. CP06-401-000 to relocate a 2,370 horsepower unit and a 3,550 horsepower unit, respectively, to the Love Ranch Compressor Station site. TransColorado further seeks authority to construct and operate a new interconnect with Rockies Express Pipeline, LLC (Rockies Express) at the existing Meeker Compressor Station.

Both compressor units were originally authorized to allow TransColorado to deliver up to 300,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) to Williams Energy Marketing and Trading Company (Williams) through Wyoming Interstate Company's pipeline system. Installation of the units was deferred to coincide with an increase in Williams' contract quantities beginning January 1, 2008. TransColorado states that relocating the compressor units and the new interconnect would accommodate the changing market needs of Williams on the TransColorado pipeline system and increases the overall delivery flexibility of the pipeline. Upon installation of the two compressors at the Love Ranch Compressor Station site, TransColorado would be capable of delivering 130,000 Dth/d to WIC at the Greasewood Compressor Station and 210,000 Dth/d to Rockies Express via the proposed interconnect at the Meeker Compressor Station.

Construction and operation of the proposed project would affect 7.2 acres, including the compressor station (6.75 acres), access road (0.25 acre), and the meter station (0.2 acre). The compressor station would be located immediately adjacent to TransColorado's existing natural gas transmission pipeline

system on privately-owned rangeland that is currently used for grazing. TransColorado would access the site by a new 230-foot-long by 50-foot-wide access road off of Rio Blanco County Road 5.

The general location of the proposed facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

### The EA Process

We<sup>2</sup> are preparing this EA to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impact that could result if it authorizes TransColorado's proposal. 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 provided below.

NEPA also requires the FERC 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, 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
- land use and visual quality
- cultural resources
- vegetation 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, where necessary, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the *Federal Register*. Copies of all appendices are available on the Commission's website 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 "Additional Information" section 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 TransColorado.

<sup>2</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be presented 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, local libraries and newspapers, 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 received and considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the "Public Participation" section below.

### 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 and alternatives to the proposal, including alternative compressor station sites 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: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 1, PJ-11.1;
- Reference Docket Nos. CP05-45-001 and CP06-401-001; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC, on or before April 18, 2008.

Please note that the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments, interventions, or protests to this proceeding. See Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 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." In addition, there

is a "Quick Comment" option available, which is an easy method for interested persons to submit text only comments on a project. The *Quick-Comment User Guide* can be viewed at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/quick-comment-guide.pdf>. Quick Comment does not require a FERC eRegistration account; however, you will be asked to provide a valid email address. All comments submitted under either eFiling or the Quick Comment option are placed in the public record for the specified docket.

### 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 2).<sup>3</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.

### Environmental Mailing List

As described above, we may publish and distribute the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving an EA for review and/or comment, please return the Environmental Mailing List Form (appendix 3). If you do not return the Environmental Mailing List Form, you will be taken off the mailing list. All individuals who provide written comments will remain on our environmental mailing list for this project.

<sup>3</sup> Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

### Additional Information

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, then 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 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 <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, any public meetings or site visits scheduled for this proposed project will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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### Massie Power, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

March 17, 2008.

Massie Power, LLC (Massie Power) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying market-based rate schedule. The proposed market-based rate schedule provides for the sale of energy, capacity and ancillary services at market-based rates. Massie Power also requested waivers of various Commission regulations. In particular, Massie Power requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and