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Applicants: Boralex Inc.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR07–6–001]

Worsham-Steed Gas Storage, L.P.; Notice of Compliance Filing

April 25, 2008.

Take notice that on April 17, 2008, Worsham-Steed Gas Storage, L.P. filed a Statement of Operating Conditions in compliance with section 284.123(e) of the Commission's Regulations and Ordering Paragraph (C) of the Commission's letter order issued on May 11, 2007, in Docket No. PR07–6–000.

Any person desiring to participate in this proceeding must file a motion to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the date as indicated below. Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP07–62–000; CP07–63–000; CP07–64–000; CP07–65–000]

AES Sparrows Point LNG, LLC; Mid-Atlantic Express, L.L.C.; COE Application No. CENAB–OP–RMN (2007–01644–M16); Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Sparrows Point LNG Terminal and Pipeline Project

April 25, 2008.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), the U.S. Coast Guard, (Coast Guard), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal expansion and natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by AES Sparrows Point LNG, LLC and Mid-Atlantic Express, L.L.C. (collectively referred to as AES) in the above-referenced dockets. The draft EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project with appropriate mitigating measures, as recommended, would have mostly limited adverse environmental impact.

This is a joint public notice by the FERC and COE to advertise:

- The availability of the draft EIS;
- The scheduling of the joint FERC public meetings/COE public hearings on June 9, 11, and 12, 2008; and
- The submission of a Department of the Army permit application CENAB–OP–RMN (AES Sparrows Point LNG & Mid-Atlantic Express LLC/Dredging & Pipeline) 2007–01644–M16.

AES proposes to construct and operate an LNG import terminal in an industrial port setting on Sparrows

Point, in Baltimore County, Maryland. The LNG terminal would consist of facilities capable of unloading LNG ships, storing up to 480,000 cubic meters (m³) of LNG (10.2 billion cubic feet of natural gas equivalent), vaporizing the LNG, and sending out natural gas at a baseload rate of 1.5 billion cubic feet per day (Bcfd). The maximum potential gas sendout capacity without expansion is 1.595 Bcfd. Mid-Atlantic Express proposes to interconnect the LNG facilities with three existing interstate natural gas pipelines by construction of a single, approximate 88 mile pipeline north, to the vicinity of Eagle, Pennsylvania.

The draft EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following LNG terminal and natural gas (steel) pipeline facilities.

- A ship unloading facility, with two berths, capable of receiving LNG ships with capacities up to 217,000 m³;
- Three 160,000 m³ (net capacity) full-containment LNG storage tank, comprised of 9 percent nickel inner tank, pre-stressed concrete outer tank, and a concrete roof;
- A closed-loop shell and tube heat exchanger vaporization system;
- Various ancillary facilities including administrative offices, warehouse, main control room, security building, and a platform control room;
- Meter and regulation station within the LNG Terminal site;
- Dredging an approximate 118 acre area in the Patapsco River to –45 feet below mean lower low water to accommodate the LNG vessels; and
- Approximately 88 miles of 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline (steel) (approximately 48 miles in Maryland and 40 miles in Pennsylvania), a pig launcher and receiver facility at the beginning and ending of the pipeline, 9 mainline valves, and three meter and regulation stations, one at each of three interconnection sites at the end of the pipeline.

COE Permitting Requirements

AES Sparrows Point LNG, LLC and Mid-Atlantic Express, L.L.C. have applied, concurrently, to the COE for a Department of the Army Individual permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 U.S.C. 1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) for proposed dredging and structures in and under navigable waters of the United States and the discharge of dredged, excavated, and/or fill material into waters of the United States, including jurisdictional wetlands, to construct the preferred alternative identified in the

draft EIS. The decision whether to issue the permits will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed project on the public interest. The project would result in permanent and temporary impacts to approximately 19.43 acres of wetlands (including the permanent conversion of approximately 4.5 acres of forested wetlands to emergent or scrub/shrub wetlands), and 14,002 linear feet (4.07 acres) of streams. See Table 4.4.2–1 and Appendix I in the draft EIS for each stream/wetland crossing location, description, and impact. In addition, the applicant is proposing to dredge approximately 3.7 million cubic yards of sediment from an approximate 118 acre area in the Patapsco River to –45 feet below mean lower low water, and dispose of the dredge material by beneficial reuse (e.g., abandoned mine reclamation, landfill capping), or disposal in a landfill. The applicant has not submitted an aquatic resources compensatory mitigation plan to the COE; however, it is anticipated that a compensatory mitigation plan will be included in the final EIS.

The decision will reflect the national concern for the protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which would be reasonably expected to accrue from the proposed project, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposed work, will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, consideration of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The COE is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. Any comments received will be considered by the COE to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the proposal. To make this decision, the COE uses comments received to access impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above.

The evaluation of the impact of the work described above on the public

interest will also include application, by the COE, of the Guidelines [section 404(b)(1)] promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of section 404 of the CWA.

For COE permitting purposes, the applicant is required to obtain a Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the CWA from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PDEP). The COE hereby requests that MDE and PDEP review the proposed discharges for compliance with the applicable water quality standards. The Section 401 certifying agencies have a statutory limit of one year in which to make their decisions. Additionally, for COE permitting purposes, the applicant is required to obtain Coastal Zone Management Consistency concurrence from the MDE, as well. It should be noted that the MDE has a statutory limit of 6 months in which to make its consistency determination.

Joint FERC Public Meetings/COE Public Hearings are held to provide interested individuals with the opportunity to present information about the effects of the project, including its social, economic and environmental effects. These meetings/hearings provide the opportunity for interested parties to present views, opinions, and information that will be considered by the FERC and the COE in evaluating the proposed project.

Coast Guard Permitting Requirements

The Coast Guard within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is also participating as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS because it exercises regulatory authority over LNG facilities that affect the safety and security of port areas and navigable waterways under Executive Order 10173; the Magnuson Act (50 U.S.C. 191); the Ports and Waterways Safety Act of 1972, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1221, *et. seq.*); and the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (46 U.S.C. 701). The Coast Guard also has authority for LNG facility plan review, approval and compliance verification as provided in Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 105, and siting as it pertains to the management of vessel traffic in and around the LNG facility. As required by its regulations, the Coast Guard is responsible for issuing a Letter of Recommendation (LOR) as to the suitability of the waterway for LNG marine traffic. The Coast Guard plans to adopt the EIS if it adequately covers the impacts associated with issuance of the LOR.

Comment Procedures and FERC Public Meetings/COE Public Hearings

Any person wishing to comment on the draft EIS 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 carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your comments to: Kimberly D. Bose, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Reference Docket Nos. CP07-62-000, CP07-63-000, CP07-64-000, and CP07-65-000.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 2.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 16, 2008.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions 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 link to "Documents and Filings" and "eFiling." eFiling is a file attachment process and requires that you prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper, and save it to a file on your hard drive. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "Sign up" or "eRegister." 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 or project number(s).

The COE public hearings provide members of the public the opportunity to present views, opinions, and information which will be considered by the COE in evaluating the Department of the Army permit. All comments received will become part of the formal project record. Copies of any written statements expressing concern for aquatic resources may be submitted to:

- Mr. Joseph P. DaVia, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District,

Attention: CENAB-OP-RMN, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715.

The COE public hearing comment period closes on June 26, 2008.

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend one of the FERC public meetings/COE public hearings we have scheduled at 7 p.m. (EDT) as follows:

Monday, June 9, 2008, Patapsco High School auditorium, 8100 Wise Avenue, Baltimore, MD, 410-887-7060.

Wednesday, June 11, 2008, East Brandywine Fire Hall, 2096 Bondsville Road, Downingtown, PA, (610) 269-1817.

Thursday, June 12, 2008, Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Rd., Edgewood, MD, (410) 671-7500.

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the draft EIS. Transcripts of the meetings will be prepared.

After these comments 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 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 commenter 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 on 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 distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

The draft EIS is also available for review and inspection (not for distribution) at the locations listed below:

Chester County Library, 450 Exton Square Parkway, Exton, PA 19341.
Harford County Public Library, Bel Air Branch, 100 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Bel Air, MD 21014.

North Point Library, 1716 Merritt Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21222.

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

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, Regulatory Branch, City Crescent Building, 10 South Howard Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, (410) 962-3670.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, Regulatory Branch, John Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107, (215) 656-6836.

Hard-copies of the draft EIS have been mailed to federal, state, and local agencies; public interest groups; individuals and affected landowners who requested a copy of the draft EIS or provided comments during scoping; libraries; newspapers; and parties to this proceeding. In the alternate, those persons or organizations who were identified as potential stakeholders on this environmental mailing list are receiving an Executive Summary document and a full version of the draft EIS on CD-ROM. A limited number of documents and CD-ROMs are available from the Public Reference Room identified above. In addition, hard-copies of the document are also available for reading at public libraries along the proposed project route, listed above.

To reduce printing and mailing costs, the final EIS will be issued in both CD-ROM 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 for them to select which format of the final EIS they wish to receive. The FERC strongly encourages the use of the CD-ROM format in its publication of large documents. If you wish to receive a paper copy of the final EIS instead of CD-ROM, you must return the postcard indicating that choice.

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, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP07-62) 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 on the FERC Internet Web site 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 the eSubscription link on the FERC Internet Web site.

It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the proposed work to any persons known by you to be interested and not being known to this office, who did not receive a copy of this notice.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6698-5]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 11, 2008 (73 FR 19833).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20070524, ERP No. D-BLM-J65502-00. PROGRAMMATIC EIS—Oil Shale and Tar Sands Resource Management (RMP) Amendments to Address Land Use Allocations in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about the potential for adverse impacts to air quality, surface water and groundwater. In addition, EPA suggested that the final EIS should strengthen the No Action alternative analysis, broaden the alternative analysis, and consider reasonably foreseeable development scenarios in the cumulative impacts analysis. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20080002, ERP No. D-BLM-K08066-CA. Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Line Project, Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment, Construction and Operation of a New 91-mile 500 kilovolt (kV) Electric Transmission Line from Imperial Valley

Substation (in Imperial Co. near the City of El Centro) to a New Central East Substation (in Central San Diego Co.) Imperial and San Diego Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts to watershed resources, air quality, and the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. We recommend further discussion on basic project objectives, including the demonstration of purpose and need and the disclosure of economic costs and benefits. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20080021, ERP No. D-SFW-L64053-AK. Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge Project, Proposed Federal and Public Land Exchange, Right-of-Way Grant, Anchorage, AK.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns about potential habitat fragmentation impacts; the lack of appraisal information and other data for exchange lands; and the limited range and number of alternatives considered. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20080037, ERP No. D-AFS-L65548-ID. Yakus Creek Project, Proposes Timber Harvest, Watershed Improvement, and Access Management Activities, Lochsa Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest, Idaho County, ID.

Summary: EPA supports actions to improve forest and watershed health. However, the final EIS should consider increasing the rate of decommissioning closed roads and review the need for the proposed OHV connector trails which could potentially adversely impact water quality in source water areas. Rating EC1.

EIS No. 20080045, ERP No. D-BIA-K69008-CA. North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians Fee-to-Trust and Casino/Hotel Project, Proposed 305-Acres-Fee-to-Trust Land Acquisition in Unincorporated Madera County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential groundwater impacts, and requested that a mitigation monitoring and enforcement program be included in the final EIS. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20080048, ERP No. D-BLM-J67034-MT. Montana Tunnels Mine Project, Proposed M-Pit Mine Expansion to Existing Mine Pit to Access and Mine Additional Ore Resources, Jefferson County, MT.

Summary: EPA identified potential significant adverse impacts to water quality that should be avoided by ensuring that metals contamination of surface and ground-water will be adequately mitigated, and that pollutant loads are consistent with TMDLs for impaired waters. EPA requested that the final EIS include information regarding

mine site water management, TMDL consistency, mitigation, closure, and bonding. Rating EO2.

EIS No. 20080070, ERP No. D-AFS-K65338-AZ. Warm Fire Recovery Project, Removal of Fire-Killed Trees Reforestation, Fuel Reduction and Road Reconstruction of Wildland Fire Burn Portion, Coconino County, AZ.

Summary: EPA expressed concern about water resource and habitat impacts. EPA requested additional information on these impacts and suggested that the selection of Alternative 3—Winter Logging would reduce many of the impacts. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20080076, ERP No. D-AFS-L65549-ID. Bussel 484 Project Area, Manage the Project Area to Achieve Desired Future Conditions for Vegetation, Fire, Fuels, Recreation, Access, Wildlife, Fisheries, Soil and Water, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, St. Joe Ranger District, Shoshone County, ID.

Summary: EPA supports the proposed actions for managing forest health goals at the landscape level. However, EPA has environmental concerns with impacts to water quality from new road construction in the Bussel Creek Trail; impacts to riparian resources along the Norton Creek and Lines Creek trails under the proposed alternative; and the proposed time line for riparian plantings (10–15 years). The final EIS should include information on mitigation and whether new roads will be temporary. Rating EC1.

EIS No. 20080078, ERP No. D-AFS-J65512-MT. Butte Lookout Project, Proposed Timber Harvest, Prescribed Burning, Road Work and Management Activities, Missoula Ranger District, Lola National Forest, Missoula County, MT.

Summary: EPA supports activities to reduce bark beetle infestations and risks of wildfire, rehabilitate degraded watersheds, and provide timber for local and regional economies. However, EPA expressed environmental concerns about water quality impacts from logging and road construction and available funding to implement road decommissioning to achieve consistency with the downstream Lolo Creek TMDL. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20080079, ERP No. D-USN-A11081-00. Introduction of the P-8A MMA into the U.S. Navy Fleet, To Provide Facilities and Functions That Support the Homebasing of 12 P-8A Multi-Mission Maritime Aircraft (MMA) Fleet Squadrons (72 Aircraft) and one Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS), which include the Following Installations: Naval Air Station Jacksonville, FL; Naval Air Station