

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. PR10-55-000]****DCP Guadalupe Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Compliance Filing**

July 14, 2010.

Take notice that on July 1, 2010, DCP Guadalupe Pipeline, LLC (Guadalupe) filed a revised Statement of Operating Conditions for Transportation Services (SOC) reflecting the rates approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Letter Order issued June 10, 2010 in Docket No. PR05-17-006.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate 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.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern time on Tuesday, July 27, 2010.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP10-82-000]**

**Northern Natural Gas Company, Southern Natural Gas Company, Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, and Enterprise Field Services, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Matagorda Offshore Pipeline System Abandonment Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

July 14, 2010.

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 Matagorda Offshore Pipeline System Abandonment Project (Project) which would include the abandonment of facilities by Northern Natural Gas Company, Southern Natural Gas Company, Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, and Enterprise Field Services, LLC, collectively referred to as the Applicants, in Refugio County and offshore Texas. This 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 the Commission staff determine what issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on August 13, 2010. Further details on how to submit written comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. 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.

**Summary of the Proposed Project**

The Applicants propose to abandon in place certain facilities known as the Matagorda Offshore Pipeline System (MOPS) located both onshore in Refugio County, Texas, and in State and federal waters offshore Texas. These facilities would include about 86.9 miles of various diameter pipeline, a dehydration plant, and various interconnects located in Texas. The 86.9 miles of pipeline to be abandoned include about 60.3 miles of offshore pipeline and 26.6 miles of onshore pipeline.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

**Land Requirements for Construction**

Since the Applicants propose abandoning these facilities in place, there would be no new land use requirements. The project would be, therefore, entirely within the existing offshore and onshore rights-of-way. However, there would be some ground disturbance associated with offshore disconnects within federal waters.

**The EA Process**

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 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<sup>2</sup> 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, the Commission requests 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.

In the EA we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the proposed abandonment project under these general headings:

- Land use;
  - Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
  - Cultural resources;
  - Vegetation and wildlife;
  - Endangered and threatened species;
- and

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the *Federal Register*. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the link called "eLibrary" 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.

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