

a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

Hydro Friends' proposed Lock and Dam No. 13 Hydroelectric Project (L+D No. 13 Project or project) No. 13424-002 would consist of: (1) A concrete pad built just upstream of the submersible dike and supporting a frame module containing the turbines; (2) a 200-foot-long, 30-foot-deep frame module fitted with a trash rack and containing 15 hydropower turbines each having a capacity of 720 kilowatts (kW) for a total installed capacity of 10,800 kW operating at a net head of nine feet; (3) a 250-foot-long, 200-foot-wide tailrace; (4) a yet undetermined number of draft tubes that would be incorporated into the dyke; (5) a 69 kilovolt transmission line conveying the generated power to the existing power grid at an existing substation on the Illinois side of the river; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the L+D No. 13 Project would be 66,225 megawatt hours. The project would operate run-of-river and utilize the water pool behind the Corps' dam.

*Applicant Contact:* Mark R. Stover, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Hydro Green Energy, LLC, 900 Oakmont Lane, Suite 301, Westmont, IL 60559; phone: (877) 556-6566, ext. 711.

FFP Iowa 2's Mississippi Lock and Dam 13 Water Power Project (Mississippi L+D 13 Project or project) No. 14516-000 would consist of: (1) A powerhouse located at the west end of the movable section of the dam and containing three horizontal bulb turbines with a total nameplate capacity of 21.93 megawatts; (2) a 69-kilovolt, 1.25-miles-long either overhead or submarine transmission line connecting the project generation with Alliant Energy transmission facilities; and (3) appurtenant facilities. The majority of the project would be located on lands owned by the United States government and operated by the Corps. The estimated annual generation of the Mississippi L+D 13 Project would be 126.7 gigawatt-hours. The project would operate run-of-river and utilize the water pool behind the Corps' dam.

*Applicant Contact:* Daniel Lissner, Free Flow Power Corporation, 239 Causeway Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114; phone: (978) 252-7111.

*FERC Contact:* Sergiu Serban; phone: (202) 502-6211.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of

intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and five copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13424-002, or P-14516-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: April 29, 2013.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP13-125-000]

#### **Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Giles County Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Environmental Site Review**

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 Giles County Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) in Giles County, Virginia, and Summers and Monroe Counties,

West Virginia. The Commission will use this EA 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 they need to evaluate in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on May 30, 2013. Further details on how to submit written comments are in the Public Participation section of this notice.

On May 16, 2013, the Commission staff will conduct an onsite environmental review of the Giles County Project. The purpose of this site review is to examine the proposed location for Columbia's project. The site review will be accessible by vehicle and on foot. All interested parties planning to attend must provide their own transportation. Those attending should meet at the following time and location:

8:00 a.m. Thursday, May 16, 2013,  
Holiday Inn Express, 805 Oakvale Rd.,  
Princeton, West Virginia, 24740.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should 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, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, 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 where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

Columbia provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?". This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)).

#### **Summary of the Proposed Project**

Columbia proposes to construct and operate 12.6 miles of 8-inch-diameter

pipeline loop<sup>1</sup> in Giles County, Virginia, and Summers and Monroe Counties, West Virginia. The project would also include the installation of a pig launcher<sup>2</sup>, a pig receiver, and a mainline valve. According to Columbia, its project is needed to provide about 46,000 dekatherms of natural gas per day to a manufacturing plant in Virginia undergoing a coal to natural gas conversion (the Celanese plant).

In association with the proposed project, Columbia Gas of Virginia (CGV) plans to construct about 4 miles of pipeline between the Celanese plant and the terminus of Columbia's pipeline loop in Giles County, Virginia. CGV's pipeline would not be under the jurisdiction of the FERC, but would be regulated by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. Depending on the route of CGV's pipeline, it could cross the Jefferson National Forest and portions of the Appalachian Trail.

The general location of the FERC regulated project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>3</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would disturb about 133 acres of land for the aboveground facilities and the pipeline. Following construction, Columbia would maintain about 69 acres for permanent operation of the project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and revert to former uses. About 97 percent of the proposed pipeline loop parallels Columbia's existing pipeline right-of-way; 33 acres of new permanent easement would be required for operation of the pipeline loop and the remaining 36 acres would be a part of Columbia's existing pipeline right-of-way.

#### 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

<sup>1</sup> A pipeline loop is a segment of pipe constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity.

<sup>2</sup> A "pig" is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.

<sup>3</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at [www.ferc.gov](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.

Necessity. NEPA also requires us<sup>4</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. We will consider all filed comments during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA we 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;
- water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
- Cultural resources;
- Vegetation and wildlife;
- Air quality and noise;
- Endangered and threatened species; and
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate reasonable 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.

The EA will present our independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in the public record through eLibrary. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, we may also publish and distribute the EA to the public for an allotted comment period. We will consider all comments on the EA before making our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure we have the opportunity to consider and address your comments, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section below.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA.<sup>5</sup> Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

<sup>4</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.

<sup>5</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1501.6.

#### Consultations Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are using this notice to initiate consultation with applicable State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.<sup>6</sup> We will define the project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPOs as the project develops. On natural gas facility projects, the APE at a minimum encompasses all areas subject to ground disturbance (examples include construction right-of-way, contractor/pipe storage yards, compressor stations, and access roads). Our EA for this project will document our findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

#### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before May 30, 2013.

For your convenience, there are three methods which you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances please reference the project docket number (CP13-125-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature

<sup>6</sup> The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

#### Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If we publish and distribute the EA, copies will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (appendix 2).

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an "intervenor" which is an official party to the Commission's proceeding. Intervenor 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 the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are in the User's Guide under the "e-filing" link on the Commission's Web site.

#### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC Web site at [www.ferc.gov](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 in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP13-125). 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 (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).

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at [www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx](http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx) along with other related information.

Dated: April 30, 2013.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP13-96-000]

#### Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP; Supplemental Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Southeast Market Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

As previously noticed on November 19, 2012, and supplemented herein, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impact of the Southeast Market Expansion Project (SEME Project or Project) involving the construction and operation of facilities by Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP (Gulf South) in Jasper, Forrest, Perry, Greene, George,

and Jackson Counties, Mississippi and Mobile County, Alabama. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the Project is in the public convenience and necessity. The Commission staff began its review of the Project on September 17, 2012, during the pre-filing process under Docket No. PF12-21-000. The initial scoping period closed on December 19, 2012.

This notice announces the opening of a supplemental scoping period that the Commission will use to gather input from the public and newly affected landowners due to Gulf South's proposed pipeline right-of-way route modifications and change in location of the Moss Point Compressor Station made after the initial scoping period. This notice is being sent as a supplement to the *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Southeast Market Expansion Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings* (original NOI) issued November 19, 2012 to ensure that all stakeholders on the Commission's current environmental mailing list have been notified and provide the opportunity for newly affected landowners to comment on the Project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. Please note that this supplemental scoping period will close on May 28, 2013. Further details on how to submit written comments are in the Public Participation section of this notice.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the Project, 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 where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.