

submitted by ConEd that Suez contends is erroneous, as more fully explained in the complaint.

The Complainant states that a copy of the complaint has been served on the Respondents.

Any person desiring 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, 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. The Respondent's answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent's answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainants.

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 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 2, 2014.

Dated: August 11, 2014.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP13-551-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Leidy Southeast Expansion Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Leidy Southeast Expansion Project, proposed by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) in the above-referenced docket. Transco requests authorization to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities in various counties in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina to expand the natural gas delivery capacity to the northeast region of the United States by up to 525,000 dekatherms per day.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Leidy Southeast Expansion Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). 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.

On June 12, 2014, FERC issued a *Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Leidy Southeast Expansion Project*. That notice identified the EA issuance date as August 8, 2014, with a 90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline of November 6, 2014 (now November 9, 2014).

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis. The COE will use the EA as part of its review to consider the issuance of a Section 404 Clean Water Act permit.

The proposed Leidy Southeast Expansion Project includes the following facilities:

- About 29.8 miles of new 42-inch-diameter pipeline loop<sup>1</sup> in four separate segments in Mercer, Somerset, and

Hunterdon Counties, New Jersey, and Monroe and Luzerne Counties, Pennsylvania;

- Additional compression and modification of existing Compressor Stations 205, 515, 517, and 520 in Mercer County, New Jersey, and Luzerne, Columbia, and Lycoming Counties, Pennsylvania, respectively;
- Modification of existing compressor stations in North Carolina (1 facility), Virginia (5 facilities), and Maryland (1 facility); and
- Modification of existing meter and regulating stations, mainline valves, and pig launchers and receivers in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maryland.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to Federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; newspapers and libraries in the project area; and parties to this proceeding. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. 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.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. 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 the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before September 10, 2014.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (CP13-551-000) 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 submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

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

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. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but 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 (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC Web site ([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., CP13-551). 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 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/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[ Docket Nos. CP14-511-000; CP14-347-000 ]

#### **Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Lake Charles Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will discuss the potential environmental effects of the Lake Charles Expansion Project (Project), involving construction and operation of natural gas facilities by Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline, LLC (KMLP), in the Commission's environmental impact statement (EIS) currently under preparation for the Magnolia Liquefied Natural Gas Project (Magnolia LNG Project) in Docket No. CP14-347-000 for Magnolia LNG, LLC (Magnolia). Under the proposed Lake Charles Expansion Project, KMLP would construct and operate approximately 40 feet of 36-inch-diameter pipeline off of KMLP's existing 42-inch-diameter mainline and a meter station to deliver approximately 1,400 thousand cubic feet per day (Mcf/d) of natural gas to the Magnolia Terminal in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. KMLP would also construct and operate one compressor station, approximately 6,400 feet of 36-inch-diameter and 700 feet of 24-inch-diameter header pipelines, and modify five existing meter stations to be bi-directional in Acadia and Evangeline Parishes, Louisiana. The additions and changes proposed in the Lake Charles Expansion Project would move gas south to the proposed Magnolia Terminal, resulting in the creation of a new firm north-to-south service path on the existing 42-inch-diameter KMLP mainline.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on KMLP's project. Commission staff previously held a scoping period for the Magnolia LNG Project from June 18, 2013 through

July 19, 2013. Magnolia filed an application for its Project on April 30, 2014. Because the Magnolia LNG Project is operationally dependent on the Lake Charles Expansion Project to provide the intended service, and the two projects have similar projected construction and in-service dates, the Commission staff will evaluate the two projects jointly in the EIS. This EIS will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the Magnolia LNG and Lake Charles Expansion Projects are in the public convenience and necessity.

Comments on the Lake Charles Expansion Project may be submitted to the FERC either electronically or by mail. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice. Please note that the scoping period for the Lake Charles Expansion Project will close on September 10, 2014.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for both the Magnolia LNG and Lake Charles Expansion Projects. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of the Lake Charles Expansion Project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern. This scoping period is established to receive comments on the Lake Charles Expansion Project; comments previously filed with the FERC regarding the Magnolia LNG Project should not be refiled under the Lake Charles Expansion Project docket.

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.

<sup>1</sup> See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.