below, and to solicit your scoping

# Scoping Meetings, Initial Information Meeting (also known as a Joint Meeting), and Environmental Site Review<sup>1</sup>

Minnesota Housing Associates will hold two scoping meetings, one in the daytime and one in the evening, to help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the APEA. The initial information meeting will be held at the same time as the daytime scoping meeting.

The daytime scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns, while the evening scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the APEA. The times and locations of these meetings and environmental site review are as follows:

## Daytime Meeting

Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 12 p.m. (CST), 1000 LaSalle Avenue, Room 202 of the Terrence Murphy Hall, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

### Evening Meeting

Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 5 p.m. (CST), 1000 LaSalle Avenue, Room 202 of the Terrence Murphy Hall, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

#### Environmental Site Review

Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 2 p.m. (CST), Xcel Energy Water Power Park, 206 Main Street SE., Minneapolis, MN 55414.

Please notify Neal Route at (763) 354–5500, or email: *nroute*@

*dominiuminc.com* if you plan to attend the environmental site review.

To help focus discussions, Minnesota Housing Associates will mail the Scoping Document 1 (SD1), outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the APEA, to the parties on the mailing and distribution list. Copies of the SD1 also will be available at the scoping meetings. Minnesota Housing Associates will file SD1 with the Commission and the document will be available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits (P–14628) in the docket number field to access the document.

You may also register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Based on all written comments received, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping sessions.

### **Meeting Objectives**

At the scoping meetings, Minnesota Housing Associates will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the APEA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the APEA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, Minnesota Housing Associates' preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the APEA: and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

### **Meeting Procedures**

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Dated: November 14, 2014.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP14-504-000]

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

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Rock Springs Expansion Project (Project), proposed by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) in the above referenced docket. Transco requests authorization to construct and operate natural gas pipeline facilities in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and Cecil County, Maryland. The Project would provide 192,000 dekatherms of natural gas per day to the Wildcat Point Generating Facility in Cecil County, Maryland.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed 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.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources participated as a cooperating agency 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 National Environmental Policy Act analysis.

Transco proposes to: (1) Construct and operate a 11.2-mile-long pipeline lateral from Transco's Mainline Systems "A" and "B" in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania to the Old Dominion Electric Cooperative's Wildcat Point Generating Facility; (2) a new 4,000horsepower electric compressor station at the terminus of the lateral, and appurtenant facilities; and (3) modify piping and valves at its existing Compressor Station 200 in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

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) 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

comments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> With this notice, 18 CFR 4.38(b)(3)(ii), the requirement to hold an initial information meeting, also known as a joint meeting, no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days after the Alternative Licensing Process is approved, is waived. Holding the initial information meeting outside the required timeframe will result in greater participation from the licensing participants.

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 December 15, 2014.

For your convenience, there are three methods in which you can use to file your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket numbers (CP14–504–000) 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*.

(1) You may file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature on the Commission's Web site (*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 may also file your comments electronically using the *eFiling* feature on the Commission's Web site (*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 may file a paper copy of your

(3) You may file a paper copy of you comments by mailing them to the following address:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St. 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).1 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.

<sup>1</sup> See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments. 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) 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., CP14-504). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *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.

Dated: November 14, 2014.

## Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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# DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF14-10-000]

## Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, Supplemental Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Dalton Expansion Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

On October 21, 2014, the Commission issued the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Dalton Expansion Project, and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting (NOI). It has come to our attention that the environmental mailing list was not provided copies of the NOI; therefore, we are issuing this Supplemental NOI to extend the scoping period and provide additional time for interested parties to file comments on environmental issues. The NOI identified November 20, 2014 as the close of the scoping period. Please note that the scoping period is now extended and will close on December 20, 2014.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC's (Transco's) Dalton Expansion Project (Project) involving construction and operation of new pipeline and aboveground facilities in Georgia and the modification of Transco's existing mainline system in Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. 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 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 planned 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 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*). 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.

## **Summary of the Planned Project**

Transco plans to construct and operate about 110.8 miles of new natural gas pipeline in Coweta, Carroll, Douglas, Paulding, Bartow, Gordon, and Murray Counties, Georgia and a new compressor station in Carroll County, Georgia. In addition, Transco plans to modify facilities along its existing mainline system in Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina to accommodate bidirectional flow. Transco has indicated that the Project would provide 448,000 dekatherms per day of incremental firm transportation service to markets in northwest Georgia.

The Project would include the installation of the following facilities: