

NUC-001-3, was filed with the Commission by NERC on September 15, 2014.

The purpose of Reliability Standard NUC-001-3 is to require “coordination between nuclear plant generator operators and transmission entities for the purpose of ensuring nuclear plant safe operation and shutdown.”<sup>6</sup> Reliability Standard NUC-001-3 applies to nuclear plant generator operators (generally nuclear power plant owners and operators, including licensees) and “transmission entities,” defined in the Reliability Standard as including a nuclear plant’s suppliers of off-site power and related transmission and distribution services. Reliability Standard NUC-001-3 requires a nuclear power plant operator and its suppliers of back-up power and related transmission and distribution services to coordinate concerning nuclear licensing requirements for safe nuclear plant operation and shutdown and system operating limits. Information collection requirements include establishing and maintaining interface agreements, including record retention requirements.

*Type of Respondents:* Nuclear operators, nuclear plants, transmission entities.

*Estimate of Annual Burden*<sup>7</sup>: The Commission estimates for the annual public reporting burden for the information collection are unchanged from the public notice issued for Reliability Standard NUC-001-2 on 10/30/2014<sup>8</sup> in Docket No. IC14-16-000. Reliability Standard NUC-001-3 represents the implementation of recommendations made by the NERC Five Year Review Team to revise Reliability Standard NUC-001-2. These recommendations include clarifying and conforming changes to update the standard for current use of terminology implemented in other area of the Reliability Standards, as well as updated Violation Risk Factors and Violation Severity Levels for the evaluation of violations of the Reliability Standard. The burden of

complying with the requirements under Reliability Standard NUC-001-3 will not change as the changes from the previous Reliability Standard NUC-001-2 are substantially administrative in nature.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: November 13, 2014.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP14-545-000]

#### Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Bailey East Mine Panel 2L Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

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 Bailey East Mine Panel 2L Project in Docket No. CP14-545-000 (project). The project involves the excavation, abandonment, replacement, temporary elevation, and reburial of pipeline facilities currently operated by Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) in Greene County, Pennsylvania to facilitate the underground longwall mining of coal. 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 December 17, 2014.

You may submit comments in written form. The details on how to submit written comments are 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 should notify their constituents of the 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 a temporary easement to abandon, replace, elevate and monitor the proposed activities. 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.

Texas Eastern 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

Texas Eastern is seeking authorization from the FERC pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for the project, which includes work to be performed for the planned longwall coal mining activities of CONSOL Energy, Inc. (CONSOL) in Panel 2L of its Bailey East Mine. Texas Eastern designed the project to ensure the safe and efficient operation of its existing pipeline facilities at their certificated design capacities during the planned longwall mining activities which include mining coal below the pipelines and then allowing the mine roof to collapse after removing the mine braces.

Texas Eastern proposes to excavate and elevate sections of Lines 10, 15, and 25 totaling about 7,726 feet in length over Panel 2L to monitor and mitigate potential strains and stresses on these pipeline sections. Texas Eastern would also replace with like-diameter pipeline the excavated segments of Lines 10, 15, and 25 during pipe elevation. Also,

Reliability Standard was approved the Commission did not go to OMB for approval. It is assumed that the changes made did not substantively affect the information collection and therefore a formal submission to OMB was not needed.

<sup>6</sup> See Reliability Standard NUC-001-3 at <http://www.nerc.com/files/NUC-001-3.pdf>.

<sup>7</sup> The Commission defines burden as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>8</sup> Published in the **Federal Register** at 79 FR 61068.

Texas Eastern would conduct maintenance on Line 30 and would install a temporary 2,735-foot-long section of pipeline above-ground to ensure continued service from Line 30 during mining.

The four mainline segments would remain elevated using sandbags and skids for about 2 years until the longwall mining activities have been completed and the area is allowed time to settle. During the actual subsidence event, all segments would be monitored with strain gauges, and adjustments to sandbags and skids would be made, as necessary, to minimize pipeline stresses. After mining and allowing for a settlement period, the pipelines would be reburied within Texas Eastern's existing easements.

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

### Land Requirements for Construction

The project would disturb about 34.0 acres of land for the excavation, abandonment, replacement, elevation, and reburial at the CONSOL mine, most of which consists of existing previously disturbed easements. The acreages include permanent and temporary construction right-of-way, access roads, and wareyard. Following pipeline reburial and restoration, Texas Eastern would continue to maintain its existing 9.8 acres of easement at the CONSOL mine for the continued permanent operation of its pipelines; the remaining acreage would be restored and allowed to revert to former uses.

### 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. We will consider all

<sup>1</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.

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

filed comments during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the excavation, abandonment, replacement, temporary elevation, and reburial of Texas Eastern's existing pipeline facilities 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;
- public safety; and
- cumulative impacts.

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 beginning on page 5.

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>3</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.

### 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 the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (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

<sup>3</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.6.

historic properties.<sup>4</sup> We will define the project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPO as the project develops. On natural gas facility project, 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 December 17, 2014.

For your convenience, there are three methods which you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances please reference the appropriate project docket number (CP14-545-000) 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 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

<sup>4</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.

(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., CP14-545). 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/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

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.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14628-000]

#### Minnesota Leased Housing Associates IV, Limited Partnership; Notice of Scoping Meeting, Initial Information Meeting, and Soliciting Scoping Comments for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment Using the Alternative Licensing Process

*a. Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Pre-Application Document for an Original License.

*b. Project No.:* 14628-000.

*c. Applicant:* Minnesota Leased Housing Associates IV, Limited Partnership (Minnesota Housing Associates).

*d. Name of Project:* A-Mill Artists Loft Hydroelectric Project (A-Mill Project).

*e. Location:* On the Mississippi River, in the city of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

*f. Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

*g. Applicant Contact:* Owen Metz, 2905 Northwest Blvd., Suite 150, Plymouth, MN 55441; (763) 354-5618; email [ometz@dominiuminc.com](mailto:ometz@dominiuminc.com).

*h. FERC Contact:* Janet Hutzel at (202) 502-8675; or email at [janet.hutzel@ferc.gov](mailto:janet.hutzel@ferc.gov).

*i. Deadline for filing scoping comments:* January 3, 2015.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <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 at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14628-000.

*j. The proposed project would consist of:* (1) Removal of the existing concrete bulkhead blocking the existing intake structure and installation of a new trash rack at the intake; (2) an existing headrace tunnel that would be rehabilitated and sleeved with a new horizontal 600-foot-long, 5-foot-diameter steel penstock; (3) a new vertical 50-foot-long, 5-foot diameter steel pipe installed in an existing downstream drop-shaft; (4) a new sluice gate; (5) a new 650-kilowatt turbine/generator set and related control system; (6) a new outlet structure consisting of a 4-foot-high by 6-foot-wide concrete box culvert installed on the invert of the existing downstream tailrace; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

*k. Scoping Process:* Minnesota Housing Associates intends to utilize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) alternative licensing process (ALP). Under the ALP, Minnesota Housing Associates will prepare an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) and license application for the A-Mill Project.

Minnesota Housing Associates expects to file with the Commission, the APEA and the license application for the A-Mill Project by January 2015. Although the Commission's intent is to prepare an environmental assessment (EA), there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the opportunity to participate in the upcoming scoping meetings and environmental site review identified