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Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, which can be reached by phone at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). Following the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number CP11-159 in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or by phone 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.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-67-000; CP11-67-001]

Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Texas Eastern Appalachia to Market Expansion Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Texas Eastern Appalachia to Market 2012 Expansion Project (Project) as proposed by Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) in the above referenced dockets. Texas Eastern proposes to install and operate approximately 17.3 miles of 36-inch-diameter natural gas transmission pipeline and associated aboveground facilities in Greene, Fayette, Franklin, Adams and Fulton Counties, Pennsylvania. Texas Eastern also proposes to abandon approximately 11.3 miles of 24-inch-diameter natural gas transmission pipeline in Franklin and Adams Counties, Pennsylvania. Additionally, Texas Eastern proposes to increase the amount of compression at its Bedford Compressor Station located in Bedford County, Pennsylvania by 20,720 horsepower (hp).

The EA assesses the potential impacts on the environment resulting from construction and operation of the proposed Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). As described in the EA, the FERC staff has concluded that approval of the proposed Project, with the implementation of appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public viewing on the FERC's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. 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.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; Native American Tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; newspapers and libraries in the project area; and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the potential impacts on the environment, 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 properly recorded and considered prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before September 26, 2011.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances please reference the project docket number (CP11-67-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages the electronic filing of comments (eFiling) and has dedicated expert staff to assist you by phone at (202) 502-8258 or by electronic mail at efiling@ferc.gov.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to Documents and Filings. An eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's Web site at <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 will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing"; or

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

Although your comments will be considered by the Commission, simply filing comments will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. 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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-531-000]

Golden Triangle Storage, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Golden Triangle Storage Expansion 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 Golden Triangle Storage Expansion Project (GTS Expansion Project),

involving construction and operation of facilities by Golden Triangle Storage, Inc. (GTS) in Jefferson County, 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 September 28, 2011.

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 proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative 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 project is approved by the Commission, 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?" was attached to the project notice GTS provided to landowners. 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

Summary of the Proposed Project

GTS proposes to construct and operate two new salt dome natural gas storage caverns. The GTS Expansion Project would provide an additional working gas capacity of 16.6 billion cubic feet. According to GTS, its project would provide needed natural gas storage capacity in the Gulf Coast region.

The GTS Expansion Project would consist of the following facilities:

- Two wellheads and associated valves for solution mining and natural gas injections/withdrawals;

- Two new permanent well pads and access roads;

- Two 16-inch-diameter raw water supply pipelines (750 and 1,400 feet in length) and two 16-inch-diameter brine return pipelines (750 and 1,400 feet in length);

- Two 20-inch-diameter natural gas pipelines (1,300 and 700 feet in length); and

- Other appurtenant facilities.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.¹

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would disturb about 20.2 acres of land. Following construction, about 4.5 acres would be maintained for permanent operation of the project's facilities; 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 us² 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 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

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