- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Branch 1, PJ– 11.1; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 4, 2008.

Please note that the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <a href="http://www.ferc.gov">http://www.ferc.gov</a> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account which can be created on-line.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but 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).<sup>3</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. 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 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (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. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, 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 http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm.

#### Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP07-427-000]

PetroLogistics Natural Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Petrologistics Gas Storage Project

January 4, 2008.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed to be constructed by PetroLogistics Natural Gas Storage, LLC (PetroLogistics) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The 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 EA assesses the potential environmental effects of constructing and operating:

- One 20,000-horsepower electric compressor station on a 2-acre site;
- One 350-foot-long 24-inch-diameter interconnect pipeline;
- 7.3 miles of 24-inch-diameter natural gas header pipeline connecting the compressor station and the Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), CrossTex LIG Pipeline Company (Crosstex)/Bridgeline Pipeline System (Bridgeline) and Texas Eastern Transmission Company (TETCO) interconnects;
- 5.83 miles of 16-inch-diameter interconnect pipeline from the Bridgeline/CrossTex tie-in to the Southern Natural Gas Company (SONAT) pipeline interconnect;
- A 0.60-mile-long TETCO 16-inchdiameter lateral from near the terminus of the 24-inch-diameter header pipeline to the TETCO Lateral Meter Station;
- Five meter stations/interconnects (FGT, Bridgeline, Crosstex, TETCO and SONAT Meter Stations) and two mainline valves; and

• The recasing of the existing nonjurisdictional Well No. 25.

The purpose of the proposed project is to build and operate a high-deliverability, multi-cycle natural gas storage facility and appurtenant facilities in an existing brine cavern within the Choctaw Salt Dome located 4 miles northwest of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. 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 agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your comments to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Branch 2, PJ11.2.
- Reference Docket No. CP07–427– 000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 5, 2008.

Please note that the Commission strongly encourages the electronic filing ("eFiling") of comments. Instructions on how to "eFile" comments can be found on the Commission's Web site at <a href="http://www.ferc.gov">http://www.ferc.gov</a> under the "Documents and Filings" link.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but 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). Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this Draft EA. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. You must file your request to intervene

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## Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF07-11-000]

North Baja Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Yuma Lateral Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 4, 2008.

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 proposed Yuma Lateral Project involving construction and operation of natural gas facilities by North Baja Pipeline, LLC (North Baja) in Yuma County, Arizona. The EA will be used by the Commission in its decisionmaking 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 determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on February 4, 2008. Details on how to submit comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice.

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. North Baja 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, North Baja could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this proposed project and to encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

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

## **Summary of the Proposed Project**

The Yuma Lateral Project would involve construction of approximately 3.3 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline from the international border at the Colorado River to the Yucca Power Plant, also in Yuma County, Arizona. An additional 3.1 miles would be constructed in Mexico. A meter station would be constructed at the Yucca Power Plant along with a pig receiver. The majority of the Yuma Lateral would be constructed on public lands, primarily a Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) canal right-of-way (ROW). The majority of the proposed pipeline ROW route is co-located immediately adjacent to an existing railroad ROW.

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide the Yucca Power Plant with access to existing and future power generation needs. Gas would be shipped from Sempra's Gasoducto Bajanorte pipeline through a new 3.1-mile-long lateral in Mexico to the international border, from which 81,250 Dth/day of gas would be shipped via the Yuma Lateral to supply the Yucca Power Plant.

The general location of the proposed project is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Land Requirements for Construction**

Construction of the proposed project would affect a total of about 29.5 acres during construction. Following construction, about 21.0 acres would be allowed to revert to its previous conditions. Disturbance associated with aboveground facilities would permanently impact 0.5 acre of land.

North Baja proposes a typical construction ROW for the proposed pipeline of between 52 and 80 feet, which is 32 to 60 feet of temporary workspace and 20 feet of permanent ROW.

## The EA Process

We <sup>2</sup> are preparing this EA to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impact that could result if it authorizes North Baja's proposal. By this notice, we are also asking federal, state, and local agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. Agencies that would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided below.

NEPA also requires the FERC 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 of Intent, we are requesting public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All

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¹The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the Federal Register. Copies are available on the Commission's Internet Web site (http://www.ferc.gov) at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 502–8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the "Additional Information" section at the end of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail. Requests for detailed maps of the well locations and other proposed facilities should be made directly to North Baja.

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