protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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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 e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP05-91-000; CP05-380-000]

Calhoun LNG, L.P., Point Comfort Pipeline Company, L.P.; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Calhoun LNG Terminal and Pipeline Project

August 10, 2007.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal and natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Calhoun LNG, L.P. and Point Comfort Pipeline Company, L.P. (collectively referred to as Calhoun Point Comfort) in the above-referenced dockets. The Calhoun LNG Terminal and Pipeline Project (Project) would be located in Calhoun and Jackson Counties, Texas.

The Final EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that the proposed Project, with the appropriate mitigation measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), U.S. Coast Guard, (Coast Guard), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries); U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) are federal cooperating agencies for the development of this EIS. A federal cooperating agency has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved with the proposal and is involved in the NEPA analysis.

The general purpose of the proposed Project is to import, store, and vaporize on average about 1.0 billion cubic feet per day (bcfd) of LNG to provide a competitive supply of natural gas to local industrial customers and to deliver natural gas into existing interstate and intrastate natural gas pipelines.

The Final EIS addresses the potential environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the following facilities:

• A new marine terminal on the southeastern shore of Lavaca Bay, south of Point Comfort, in Calhoun County, Texas that could accommodate about 120 LNG vessels per year;

• two full containment LNG storage tanks each with a nominal working volume of approximately 160,000 m³ (1,006,000 barrels equivalent);

associated LNG vaporization and processing equipment;

• an approximately 27.1-mile-long, 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline extending northward from the LNG terminal to natural gas pipeline interconnects southwest of Edna, Texas;

• a 0.25-mile-long, 8-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline lateral extending from the proposed pipeline to a meter station servicing the Formosa Hydrocarbons Company (Formosa Lateral);

- a 0.25-mile-long, 16-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline lateral extending from the proposed pipeline to a meter station servicing the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation (Transco Lateral):
- ten delivery points/interconnects;
- associated pipeline facilities including pig launcher and receiver facilities and three mainline valves.

In a separate, but related action, the Calhoun County Navigational District (CCND) would dredge a turning basin and ship berth affecting about 49 acres of Lavaca Bay, resulting in the need to dispose of approximately 2.7 million cubic yards of dredged material. This activity is essential to the operation of

the Calhoun LNG Project. Calhoun Point Comfort would use the CCND's turning basin to maneuver its LNG ships.

Dependent upon Commission approval, Calhoun Point Comfort anticipates it would complete construction and begin operating the proposed Project in 2010.

The Final ÉIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502–8371.

A limited number of copies of the Final EIS are available from the Public Reference Room identified above. In addition, the Final EIS has been mailed to affected landowners; various federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; local libraries and newspapers; intervenors; and other individuals that expressed an interest in the proposed Project.

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA, no agency decision on a proposed action may be made until 30 days after the EPA publishes a notice of availability of a Final EIS. However, the CEQ regulations provide an exception to this rule when an agency decision is subject to a formal internal process that allows other agencies or the public to make their views known. In such cases, the agency decision may be made at the same time the notice of the Final EIS is published, allowing both periods to run concurrently. Should the FERC issue Calhoun Point Comfort authorizations for the proposed Project, it would be subject to a 30-day rehearing period. Therefore, the Commission could issue its decision concurrently with the EPA's notice of availability.

Additional information about the proposed 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). To access information via the FERC Web site click on the "eLibrary" link then click on "General Search" and enter the docket number (CP05-91) excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. The "eLibrary" link provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. For assistance with "eLibrary", please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP07-207-000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Public Comment Meeting for the Proposed High Plains Expansion Project

August 10, 2007.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Colorado Interstate Gas Company's (CIG) under the abovereferenced docket. CIG's High Plains Expansion Project (Project) would be located in Weld, Morgan, and Adams Counties, Colorado.

The Draft EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The FERC staff concludes that the proposed Project, with the appropriate mitigation measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact.

The purpose of the Project is to expand CIG's existing pipeline system along Colorado's Front Range in order to provide additional transportation services to this rapidly growing market. CIG is proposing to construct about 163.7 miles of 24-inch and 30-inch-diameter pipeline in four separate pipeline segments and associated ancillary facilities.

The Draft EIS addresses the potential environmental impacts resulting from the construction and operation of the following facilities:

• Line 250A: 64.5 miles of 30-inchdiameter pipeline and 20.3 miles of 24inch-diameter pipeline that would extend from CIG's existing Cheyenne Compressor Station to an interconnect point on the proposed Line 251A in northeast Adams County;

• Line 251A: 57.9 miles of 24-inchdiameter pipeline between CIG's existing Watkins and Fort Morgan

Compressor Stations;

- Line 252A: 14.9 miles of 30-inchdiameter pipeline extending westward from a point on the proposed Line 250A about one mile north of the existing Hudson Power Plant in the Town of Hudson, Colorado, to a new interconnect with Public Service Company of Colorado's existing Tri-Town facilities in Weld County, Colorado;
- Line 253A: 6.1 miles of 24-inchdiameter pipeline extending westward from the Watkins Compressor Station to CIG's existing East Denver measurement facility in Adams County, Colorado;
- Ten new meter stations and 19 new block valves; and
 - Twelve pig launcher/receivers.

The entire project would be capable of transporting about 899,000 decatherms of gas per day. CIG proposes to begin construction in January 2008. It would put each pipeline segment into service as it is completed, and the entire Project would be in service by October 2008.

Any person wishing to comment on the Draft EIS may do so. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded so that they may be considered in the Final EIS, please carefully follow these instructions:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of your comments to the attention of Gas Branch 2, DG2E;
- Reference Docket No. CP07–207– 000 on the original and both copies; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC, on or before October 1, 2007.

Please note that the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments to this proceeding. Instructions on "eFiling" comments can be found on the Commission's Web site at http://www.ferc.gov under the "Documents and Filings" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments, you will need to open a free account which can be created online.

In lieu of or in addition to sending written comments, we invite you to attend a public comment meetings the FERC will conduct in the Project area to receive comments on the Draft EIS. FERC staff will be in attendance. The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm (MST)

on August 28, 2007, at the following location: Best Western Hotel, 701 8th Street, Greeley, CO 80631, (970) 353–8444

The public comment meetings will be posted on the FERC's calendar located at http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the Draft EIS. Transcripts of the meetings will be prepared. This notice is being mailed to parties who are on the mail list for the Draft EIS.

After the comments received are reviewed, any significant new issues are investigated, and modifications are made to the Draft EIS, a Final EIS will be published and distributed by the FERC staff. The Final EIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments received on the Draft EIS.

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 EIS. You must file your request to intervene as specified above. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

The Draft EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502–8371.

A limited number of copies of the Draft EIS are available from the Public Reference Room identified above. In addition, CD copies of the Draft EIS have been mailed to affected landowners; various federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; local libraries and newspapers; intervenors; and other individuals that expressed an interest in the proposed Project. Hard-copies of the Draft EIS have also been mailed to those who requested that format during the scoping and comment periods for the proposed Project.

Additional information about the proposed 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).

¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.