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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 696-013—Utah]

PacifiCorp; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

August 5, 2004.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for surrender of the license for the American Fork Hydroelectric Project and has prepared a Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. The project is located on American Fork Creek, near the City of American Fork, about three miles east of Highland, in Utah County, Utah. The project occupies about 28.8 acres of land within the Uinta National Forest, administered by the U.S. Forest Service, and approximately 2,000 feet of the project's flowline passes through the Timpanogos Cave National Monument, administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the application and concludes that surrendering the project, with the appropriate environmental protective

measures, would not constitute a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is attached to a Commission order titled "Order Granting Surrender Application and Approving Project Removal Plan," which was issued August 4, 2004, and is available for review and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (prefaced by P-) and excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

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[Docket No. CP04-377-000]

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Round Mountain & Helena Compression Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

August 6, 2004.

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 Round Mountain & Helena Compression Expansion Project involving extension and operation of facilities by CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CenterPoint) in Conway and Phillips Counties, Arkansas. The project would consist of the addition of 6,380 horsepower (hp) of compression to two existing compressor stations. CenterPoint states that the additional horsepower would enhance its system flexibility and reliability and provide additional firm transportation to a local distribution customer. 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.

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 Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

Summary of the Proposed Project

CenterPoint seeks authorization from the Commission to expand the capacity of its facilities in Arkansas to supply an additional 70,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of natural gas to a local distribution company, Arkansas Western Gas Company (AWG), over a 10 year period. CenterPoint's application was filed with the Commission under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and subpart A of part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

To accomplish its project objectives, CenterPoint requests authority to install and operate:

- One 4,700-hp turbine compressor and appurtenant facilities at its Round Mountain Compressor Station in Conway County; and
- One 1,680-hp reciprocating compressor and appurtenant facilities at its Helena Compressor Station in Phillips County.

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

Land Requirements for Construction

The existing Round Mountain and Helena Compressor Stations are located on 6.5-acre and 4-acre fenced lots, respectively. All construction activities would take place within the fenced boundaries. Both compressor stations are surrounded by idle pastureland and mixed forest. Existing gravel access roads would not need improvement. Construction activities would be performed in accordance with the FERC's Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation, and Maintenance Plan and Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures.

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

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than appendix 1 (maps), are available on the Commission's website at the "eLibrary" link 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. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us 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, the Commission staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

Our ² independent analysis of the issues will be presented in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified two issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by CenterPoint. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Potential noise impacts on nearby residents.
- Effect of compressor emissions on air quality.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more

specific your comments, the more useful they will be. 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 letter to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 1.
- Reference Docket No. CP04-377-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before September 7, 2004.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of comments. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created on-line.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must send one electronic copy (using the Commission's eFiling system) or 14 paper copies of any filing to the Secretary of the Commission, and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).³ 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 environmental comments considered.

Environmental Mailing List

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations,

and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. This includes all landowners who own homes within distances defined in the Commission's regulations of certain aboveground facilities.

Additional Information

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.

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Magalie R. Salas,
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Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Pine Prairie Energy Center, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Site Visit

August 6, 2004.

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 Pine Prairie Energy Center involving construction and operation of facilities by Pine Prairie Energy Center, LLC (Pine Prairie) in Evangeline, Acadia, and Rapides Parishes, Louisiana. These

² "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

³ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.