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Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site <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. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13841-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-40-000; CP10-34-000]

#### East Cheyenne Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the East Cheyenne Gas Storage Project Well Plan Amendment and Request for Comments On Environmental Issues

December 13, 2010.

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 Well Plan Amendment proposed by

East Cheyenne Gas Storage, LLC (East Cheyenne). The proposed project would amend the East Cheyenne Gas Storage Project, authorized by the Commission on August 2, 2010 under Docket No. CP10-34-000, which consists of construction and operation of facilities in Logan County, Colorado. The proposed amendment primarily involves redeveloping a number of existing oil production wells in the West Peetz and Lewis Creek Fields to gas storage injection/withdrawal (I/W) wells. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project amendment 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 amendment. 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 January 13, 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 planned project amendment and 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?" was attached to the project notice East Cheyenne 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

The authorized East Cheyenne Gas Storage Project consists of construction and operation of a natural gas storage facility in two nearly depleted oil production fields in Logan County, Colorado. Prior to, and concurrent with development of the gas storage fields, East Cheyenne planned to do enhanced oil recovery (EOR) of petroleum reserves remaining in the storage fields. East Cheyenne's activities to date have included the conversion or plugging of existing wells in the West Peetz Field. The East Cheyenne Gas Storage Project is anticipated to have an initial working gas storage capacity of approximately 9.8 billion cubic feet (Bcf), which would increase to approximately 18.9 Bcf between 3 and 5 years after operation begins.

The proposed Well Plan Amendment consists of the following changes to the East Cheyenne Gas Storage Project:

- Conversion of 14 existing vertical oil production wells into natural gas storage I/W wells;
- Relocation of two of the certificated I/W wells, and the development of these wells as vertical wells rather than horizontal wells;
- Relocation of two of the originally certificated monitoring wells and the addition of three monitoring wells, using existing well pads and well bores;
- Reduction of the number of water disposal wells from four to three;
- Construction of additional gathering lines necessary to connect the additional and relocated wells;
- Conversion of 17 originally proposed and certificated temporary access roads to permanent access roads;
- Elimination of the temporary West Peetz Compressor Station; and
- Modification of the equipment to be used in the Process Facility to incorporate certain equipment previously included as part of the temporary West Peetz Compressor Station.

East Cheyenne proposes to amend its project because of recently acquired information about the existing conditions in the J Sands reservoir. As part of its EOR activities, East Cheyenne has reentered and evaluated the adequacy of previously plugged and abandoned wells and at the same time tested the characteristics of the reservoir. In response to new information, East Cheyenne undertook additional consultation and performed additional reservoir modeling. These consultations and modeling efforts suggest that the optimal method of commencing storage development and early storage operations will require an increased number of I/W wells and the conversion of horizontal wells to vertical wells.

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

#### Land Requirements for Construction

The approved East Cheyenne Gas Storage Project involved storing natural gas in nearly depleted reservoirs that underlie an area of approximately 2,360 acres, with an additional 3,400 acres serving as a storage buffer area. The

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at <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.

additional proposed facilities would all be located in previously surveyed areas within the project site. Construction of the proposed facilities within that area would require in total approximately 485.84 acres of land; an increase of 89.33 acres from the original project total of 396.51 acres. Following construction, about 201.39 acres would be maintained within the permanent right-of-way; an increase of 50.61 acres from the original project total of 150.78 acres. The remaining 284.45 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

### 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. 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 amendment 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 portions of the project amendment, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be presented in the EA. The EA will be placed in the public record and, depending on the comments received during the scoping process, may be published and distributed to the public. A comment period will be allotted if the EA is published for review. 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.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated the proposal relative to their responsibilities. 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.

### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project amendment. 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 they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 13, 2011.

For your convenience, there are three methods which you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances please reference the project docket number (CP11-40-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto: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 brief, 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.

### Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; 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 the EA is published for distribution, copies will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment.

### 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 included in the User's Guide under the "e-filing" link on the Commission's website.

### 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 <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., CP11-40). 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

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

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>.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Post-2014 Resource Pool-Loveland Area Projects, Allocation Procedures and Call for Applications

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of allocation procedures and call for applications.

**SUMMARY:** Western Area Power Administration (Western), a Federal power marketing agency of the Department of Energy (DOE), is publishing this notice of allocation procedures and call for applications from preference entities interested in an allocation of Federal electric power. Subpart C of the Energy Planning and Management Program (Program), which was developed in part to implement Section 114 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, provides for establishing project-specific resource pools and allocating power from these pools to eligible new preference customers and for other appropriate purposes as determined by Western. These allocation procedures and call for applications, in conjunction with the Loveland Area Projects (LAP) Final Post-1989 Marketing Plan (Post-1989 Marketing Plan), establish the framework for allocating power from the LAP resource pool. This resource pool is comprised of up to one percent of the long-term marketable resource of the LAP.

**DATES:** An entity interested in applying for an allocation of electric power from Western must submit a written application (see Applicant Profile Data

(APD) in Section V.A.) to Western's Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region at the address below. Western must receive the application by 4 p.m., MST, on Friday, March 4, 2011. Western reserves the right to not consider an application that is received after the prescribed date and time.

A single public information forum (not to exceed 3 hours) on the allocation procedures, call for applications, and APD will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2011, at 1 p.m. MST; at the address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit applications for an allocation of electric power to Bradley S. Warren, Regional Manager, Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration. Applications may be delivered by certified mail, commercial mail, e-mail, or fax. Mail applications to 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, CO 80538-8986. Submit e-mail applications to [POST2014LAP@wapa.gov](mailto:POST2014LAP@wapa.gov) with an electronic signature. If an electronic signature is not available, fax the signature page to 970-461-7204, or mail it to the address above. Fax applications to 970-461-7204.

Information about the Post-2014 Resource Pool Allocation Procedures, including letters and other supporting documents made or kept by Western pertaining to these allocation procedures and call for applications, is available for public inspection and copying at the Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region office, Western Area Power Administration, 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, CO 80538-8986.

The single public information forum on the allocation procedures, call for applications and APD will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2011, at 1 p.m., MST, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Spa and Conference Center, 4705 Clydesdale Parkway, Loveland, CO 80538; telephone number 970-593-6200.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Swails, Public Utilities Specialist, 970-461-7339, or Melanie Reed, Contracts and Energy Services Manager, 970-461-7229. Written requests for information should be sent to Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, Attn: J6200, P.O. Box 3700, Loveland, CO 80539-3003.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Western published the final rule establishing the Program on October 20, 1995 (60 FR 54151). The rule became effective on November 20, 1995 and is codified at 10 CFR part 905. Subpart C of the Program, Power Marketing Initiative, provides for allocations from project-specific power

resource pools to eligible new preference customers and/or for other appropriate purposes as determined by Western. Up to one percent of existing customers' allocations will be placed in a resource pool from which power allocations to new customers will be made. Allocations to new preference customers shall be made in accordance with the Post-1989 Marketing Plan and the Program. This notice sets forth the Post-2014 Resource Pool Allocation Procedures for making these allocations. These procedures address: (1) The amount of pool resources; (2) general eligibility criteria; (3) general allocation criteria, *i.e.*, how Western plans to allocate pool resources to new customers as provided for in the Program; (4) general contract principles under which Western will sell the allocated power, and; (5) APD, *i.e.*, application information required from each applicant. As restated below, these procedures are consistent with the key principles and general eligibility and allocation criteria established in the LAP Post-2004 and Post-2009 Resource Pool Procedures.

#### I. Amount of Pool Resources

Western will allocate up to one percent of the LAP long-term firm hydroelectric resource available as of October 1, 2014, as firm power. "Firm power" means firm capacity and associated energy allocated by Western that is subject to the terms and conditions specified in Western's long-term firm electric service contract. The amount of resource that will become available on October 1, 2014, is approximately 6.9 MW for the summer season and 6.1 MW for the winter season.

#### II. General Eligibility Criteria

Western will apply the following general eligibility criteria to applicants seeking an allocation of firm power under the Post-2014 Resource Pool Allocation Procedures:

A. Qualified applicants must be preference entities as defined by Section 9c of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, 43 U.S.C. 485h(c), as amended and supplemented.

B. Qualified applicants must be located within the currently established LAP marketing area. (See Section III.C. below for a description of the LAP marketing area.)

C. Qualified applicants must not have a current firm electric service contract nor be a member of a parent entity that has a firm electric service contract with Western.

D. Qualified utility and non-utility applicants must be able to use the firm