

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed underground natural gas storage facility and related appurtenant facilities in Lowndes County, Mississippi, including:

- Eight new injection/withdrawal storage wells;
- Three, 3,550-horsepower gas engine compressor units and ancillary facilities at a new compressor facility site;
- About 0.32 mile of small diameter well interconnect pipeline;
- About 0.85 mile of 24-inch-diameter pipeline to connect the wells to the compressor facility; and
- About 0.87 mile of 24-inch-diameter pipeline to connect the compressor facility to Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's interstate pipeline system.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to convert a nearly depleted natural gas reservoir, known as the Caledonia Field, into a high-deliverability, multi-cycle gas storage field capable of storing 11.7 billion cubic feet of working gas with an initial maximum withdrawal capacity of 330 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d), and a maximum injection capability of 260 MMcf/d. Caledonia states the project would help meet the rising demand for gas storage in North America and serve local distribution company markets, gas fired electric generation markets, and liquefied natural gas markets that require high-cycling capability.

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 interested state agencies and individuals, two United States congressmen, a Mississippi State representative, a local newspaper, 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: 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 3, PJ11.3;

- Reference Docket No. CP05-15-000; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before March 11, 2005.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, 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 <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 by clicking on "Sign-up."

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).¹ 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 website (<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.

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

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Lower Monroe, Monroe City; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

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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 a subsequent license for the Lower Monroe Hydroelectric Project, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). The operating project is located on Monroe Creek, 2 miles east of Monroe City, Sevier County, Utah. The project affects about 1.36 acres of federal lands within the Fishlake National Forest. The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with 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 available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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