

intervenor status at this time. You must wait until a formal application is filed with the Commission.

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If you received this notice, you are on the environmental mailing list for this project. If you do not want to send comments at this time, but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Information Request (Appendix 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be removed from the Commission's environmental mailing list.

Availability of Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC (3372) or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary link." Click on the eLibrary link, select "General Search" and enter the project docket number excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, PF06-1) 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 TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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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.

Finally, CEGT has established an Internet Web site for this project at

<http://www.centerpointenergy.com/carthagetoperryville/>. The Web site includes a description of the project, a map of the proposed pipeline route, and answers to frequently asked questions. You can also request additional information or provide comments directly to CEGT at 1-888-641-8326 or carthagetoperryville@CenterPointEnergy.com.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-26-000]

Dominion Cove Point LNG, L.P.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Cove Point Air Separation Unit Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 6, 2006.

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 Cove Point Air Separation Unit Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Dominion Cove Point LNG, L.P. (Dominion) in Calvert County, Maryland. These facilities would consist of two air separation units, a liquid nitrogen storage tank, a gas turbine generator, a site rating generator and associated instrumentation and equipment at the existing Cove Point Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal. 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.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping period that will be used to gather environmental input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Please note that the scoping period will close on February 6, 2006.

This notice is being sent to landowners within 0.5 mile of the project area; Federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; local libraries and newspapers in this proceeding. Government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposal and advise

them to comment on their areas of concern.

The purpose of the Project is to add facilities to the terminal that would increase the capability of the LNG import terminal to process high British Thermal Unit (BTU) content LNG in order to assure that the resulting natural gas meets the gas quality specifications. The proposed facilities would also enhance the reliability of service at the terminal and provide more flexibility to acquire and schedule cargoes of LNG from a wider variety of supply sources.

Dominion seeks authority to construct and operate:

- Two air separation units;
- One 62,825 gallon liquid nitrogen storage tank;
- Two electric substations and associated automation and electric facilities;
- One 20,500 horsepower (HP) International Standards Organization (ISO) rating Solar Titan simple cycle gas turbine generator;
- One 13,800 volt, 13.2 megawatt (MW) site rating generator;
- Fuel gas equipment and piping;
- Associated instrumentation; and
- Fiber optic and electrical duct banks.

All construction activities would take place within the existing Cove Point Terminal. No additional land would be required for construction.

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 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 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. 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 filling comments provided below.

In the EA we¹ will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

The EA will present our independent analysis of the issues. 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 issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Dominion. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- The installation of a 20,500 HP gas turbine generator may substantially increase air contaminant emissions from the Dominion Cove Point facility above currently permitted emission levels.
- The installation of a 20,500 HP gas turbine generator and two air separation units may increase noise levels at affected noise-sensitive areas (NSAs).

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, 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 3.
- Reference Docket No. CP06–26–000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC, on or before February 6, 2006.

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 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 its filings 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.² 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).³ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Stakeholders 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.

² Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

³ The appendix referenced in this notice is not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the appendix was sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Golden Pass Pipeline LP; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Golden Pass Optimized Pipeline Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 6, 2006.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that discusses the environmental impacts of Golden Pass Pipeline LP's (Golden Pass)

¹ "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).