

land and 229.00 acres of Forest Service land, the Merwin Project occupies 142.65 acres of BLM land, and the Swift No. 2 Project occupies 3.79 acres of Forest Service land.

The final EIS contains staff evaluations of the applicant's proposal and the alternatives for relicensing the Lewis River Projects. The final EIS documents the views of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, affected Indian tribes, the public, the license applicant, and Commission staff.

A copy of the final EIS is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The final EIS also may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number 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 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 516-417]

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

March 23, 2006.

A draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The draft EA analyzes the environmental impacts of an application for non-project use of project lands and waters filed for the Saluda Project. The project is located on Lake Murray in Lexington County, South Carolina.

The draft EA was written by staff in the Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and is available for review at the Commission

or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access documents. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Anyone may file comments on the draft EA. The public as well as federal and state resource agencies are encouraged to provide comments. All written comments must be filed within 30 days of the issuance date of this notice shown above. Send an original and eight copies of all comments marked with the project number, P-516-417, to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call Shana High at (202) 502-8674.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline, L.L.C.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Kinder Morgan Pipeline Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

March 24, 2006.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Kinder Morgan Pipeline Project proposed in southwest Louisiana by Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline, L.L.C. This notice describes the proposed project, the EIS process and how the public can participate in our¹ analysis.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local

government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. We encourage government representatives to notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Kinder Morgan proposes to construct, operate and maintain approximately 133 miles of natural gas pipeline in Cameron, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, Acadia and Evangeline Parishes, Louisiana. According to Kinder Morgan, the purpose of this project is to provide an additional source of long-term, competitively priced natural gas from the Sabine Pass Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal to intrastate and interstate natural gas markets. Kinder Morgan has stated that this project is necessary to help meet the growing imbalance between national supply and demand.

Specifically, Kinder Morgan is proposing to construct, operate and maintain:

- 130 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline beginning within the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal in Cameron Parish and extending northward and easterly through Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis and Acadia Parishes until it connects with an existing Columbia Gulf Transmission interstate pipeline in Evangeline Parish, Louisiana.

- 1 mile of 36-inch-diameter bi-directional pipeline beginning within the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal and extending northward until it connects with the existing Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America pipeline approximately one mile north of the LNG terminal in Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

- 2.2 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline extending eastwardly from approximately Milepost 109 of the 130-mile leg described above until it connects with the existing Florida Gas Transmission Company's Compressor Station #7 near the town of Williams in Acadia Parish, Louisiana.

- Associated mainline block valves, metering, tie-in and pigging facilities.

The Kinder Morgan Pipeline would deliver approximately 3.4 million decatherms (Dth) of natural gas per day and would connect with fourteen intrastate and interstate pipeline facilities. No compressor stations would be included as part of the project.

A general location of the proposed pipeline is provided in Appendix 1.²

¹ "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.