

order to meet its statutory requirements under HAVA Section 15371(b), the EAC has developed the EAC's Voting System Test Laboratory Accreditation Program. The procedural requirements of the program are established in the proposed information collection, the EAC *Voting System Test Laboratory Accreditation Program Manual*. Although participation in the program is voluntary, adherence to the program's procedural requirements is mandatory for participants. The procedural requirements of this Manual will supersede any prior laboratory accreditation requirements issued by the EAC. This manual shall be read in conjunction with the EAC's *Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual* (OMB 3265-0004).

*Affected Public:* Voting system test laboratories.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8.

*Total Annual Responses:* 8.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 200 hours.

**Thomas R. Wilkey,**

*Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Request for Substantive Comments; EAC's Voting System Test Laboratory Accreditation Program Manual

**AGENCY:** United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

**ACTION:** Notice; request for substantive comments.

**SUMMARY:** The EAC has drafted a procedural manual for its Voting System Test Laboratory Accreditation Program. This manual establishes the administrative procedures for obtaining an EAC accreditation for Voting System Test Laboratories (VSTL). Section 231(b) of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15371(b)) requires that the EAC provide for the accreditation and revocation of accreditation of independent, non-federal laboratories qualified to test voting systems to Federal standards. In order to meet its statutory requirements under HAVA 15371(b), the EAC has developed the EAC's Voting System Test Laboratory Accreditation Program. Although participation in the program is voluntary, adherence to the program's procedural requirements is mandatory for participants. The procedural requirements of this Manual will supersede any prior laboratory accreditation requirements issued by the

EAC. This manual shall be read in conjunction with the EAC's *Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual* (OMB 3265-0004). The purpose of this notice is to request public comment on the substantive aspects of the program.

*Substantive Comments:* The EAC seeks substantive comments from the public on its proposed procedural manual. Please submit comments consistent with the information below. Comments should identify and cite the section of the manual at issue. Where a substantive issue is raised, please propose a recommended change or alternative policy. All comments submitted will be published at the end of the comment period on the EAC's Web site <http://www.eac.gov>. This publication and request for comment is not required under the rulemaking, adjudicative, or licensing provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). It is a voluntary effort by the EAC to gather input from the public on the EAC's administrative procedures for accrediting Voting System Test Laboratories. Furthermore, this request by the EAC for public comment is not intended to make any of the APA's rulemaking provisions applicable to development of this or future EAC procedural programs. However, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, a separate notice will be published on the **Federal Register** to request comments regarding the burden of responding to the information collection activities of the proposed manual; please refer to the EAC's Web site, <http://www.eac.gov>, for further information about the submission of comments regarding burden.

**DATES:** Submit written or electronic comments on this draft procedural manual on or before 5 p.m. EDT on April 4, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments via e-mail to [testlaboratoryaccreditation@eac.gov](mailto:testlaboratoryaccreditation@eac.gov); via mail to Brian Hancock, Director of Voting System Certification, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Avenue, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005; or via fax to 202-566-1392. An electronic copy of the proposed guidance may be found on the EAC's Web site <http://www.eac.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Matthew Masterson, Testing and Certification Program Associate, 1225 New York Avenue, Suite 1100,

Washington, DC, (202) 566-3100, *Fax:* (202) 566-1392.

**Thomas R. Wilkey,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-36-000]

### Chestnut Ridge Storage L.P.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Junction Natural Gas Storage Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 28, 2008.

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 Junction Natural Gas Storage Project involving construction and operation of natural gas storage and pipeline header facilities by Chestnut Ridge Storage L.P. (Chestnut Ridge) in Fayette County, Pennsylvania and Preston and Monongalia Counties, West Virginia. The 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 process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on February 29, 2008. Details on how to submit comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this proposed project and to 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?" addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing

on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

### Summary of the Proposed Project

Chestnut Ridge proposes to convert an existing, depleted natural gas production field—the West Summit Field, which extends from Fayette County, Pennsylvania into Preston and Monongalia Counties, West Virginia—into a high deliverability, multi-cycle gas storage facility with up to 25 billion cubic feet of working gas capacity and up to 500,000 dekatherms per day of injection and withdrawal capacity. Proposed construction would include:

- Recompletion/drilling of up to 26 injection/withdrawal wells and up to 11 observation wells;
- Construction of approximately 17 miles of gathering laterals from the individual wells to a new compressor station;
- Construction of an approximate 25,000 horsepower compressor station;
- Construction of a 1,900 foot 24-inch pipeline header connecting to a Columbia Gas pipeline;
- Construction of a 21.5-mile 24-inch pipeline header connecting to the Dominion Transmission, Inc./Texas Eastern interstate pipeline; and
- Construction of appurtenant facilities consisting of tap valves, pig launcher and receivers, meter and regulator stations, separation and control systems, and access roads.

The general location of the proposed facilities is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

### Land Requirements for Construction

The project would affect approximately 545 acres, 251 acres of which would be permanently converted for project use. Additionally, Chestnut Ridge is in the process of acquiring storage rights for an additional 2,000 foot buffer zone surrounding the currently defined boundaries of the West Summit Field. Construction of pipeline facilities would affect approximately 415 acres, with 197 acres required for operation, 98.5 percent of which would permanently convert forested lands for project use. For its aboveground facilities—the wells sites, the compressor station, appurtenant facilities, and access roads—130 acres

would be affected during construction and 53.7 acres during operation, 58 percent of which would permanently convert forested lands for project use.

### The EA Process

We<sup>2</sup> are preparing this EA to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impact that could result if it authorizes Chestnut Ridge's proposal. 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 filing comments provided below.

NEPA also requires the FERC 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, we are requesting 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.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources.
- Land use and visual quality.
- Cultural resources.
- Vegetation and wildlife (including threatened and endangered species).
- Air quality and noise.
- Reliability and safety.

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

Our independent analysis of the issues will be 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 received and considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section below.

### 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 and alternatives to the proposal, including alternative compressor station sites 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: Kimberley D. Bose, 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, PJ-11.3;
- Reference Docket No. CP08-36-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 29, 2008.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments. See 18 Code of Federal Regulations 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "eFiling" link and the link to the User's Guide. Prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper and save it to a file on your hard drive. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing."

As described above, we may publish and distribute the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving an EA for review and/or comment, please return the Environmental Mailing List Form (Appendix 3). If you do not return the Environmental Mailing List Form, you will be taken off the mailing list.

### 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's play a more formal role in

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices are available on the Commission's Web site 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 "Additional Information" section of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail. Requests for detailed maps of the proposed facilities should be made directly to Chestnut Ridge.

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

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.

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).<sup>3</sup> 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.

#### 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, then 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](mailto: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.

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

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**[Docket Nos. CP07-191-001]**

#### Port Dolphin Energy LLC; Notice of Amendment

January 28, 2008.

Take notice that on January 18, 2008, Port Dolphin Energy LLC (Port Dolphin), 400 North Tampa Street, Suite 1050, Tampa, Florida 33602, filed in Docket No. CP07-191-001 to amend its application, pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157, Subpart A of the Commission's regulations, filed April 25, 2007 in Docket No. CP07-191-000 in order to reroute its proposed pipeline. Specifically, Port Dolphin now proposes to: (1) To construct, install, own, operate, and maintain a single-use, 3.93-mile natural gas pipeline and related facilities necessary to provide transportation from the proposed Port Dolphin Project, a deepwater port offshore of Tampa Bay, Florida, to interconnections with Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C. (Gulfstream) and TECO Energy, Inc. (TECO), with applicable waivers. The application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web 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 the document. For assistance, call (866) 208-3767 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

The Port Dolphin Pipeline will be a proprietary, single-use pipeline which will be dedicated solely to transporting re-gasified LNG from the Port Dolphin Project with a capacity up to 1,200 million standard cubic feet per day (MMscf/d). Port Dolphin states that it will operate the Port Dolphin port as a proprietary LNG receiving and re-gasification facility pursuant to the Deepwater Port Act of 1974.

Accordingly, Port Dolphin filed an application to construct and operate the offshore portions of the Port Dolphin project with the Maritimes Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) on March 29, 2007, as amended on December 7, 2007.

The USCG will serve as the lead agency responsible for developing and issuing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for both the deepwater port and the associated onshore pipeline and related facilities referenced in this Notice. The FERC will act as a cooperating agency in developing the EIS. The filing of the final EIS in the Commission's public record for this proceeding will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the final EIS.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to German Castro, Port Dolphin Energy LLC, 400 North Tampa Street, Suite 1050, Tampa, Florida 33602, phone (813) 514-1398.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the

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