

well local organizations with full-time AmeriCorps*VISTA members are able to sustain projects over the long-term. This study will evaluate the contributions of VISTA in strengthening local organizations serving low-income communities and develop a tool that can serve as a foundation for additional studies in the future. Information will be collected over time on the relevant characteristics of 250 closed VISTA projects. Closed projects are defined as projects that no longer have active VISTAs, although they still may be continuing without VISTA support. The original goals and objectives of the projects will be identified, as well as how the goals may have evolved over time. The study will evaluate the extent to which closed projects have been able to achieve their goals and will develop a model that identifies the likelihood that ongoing projects will be sustained beyond their third year of programming, after the VISTA members are no longer present. The study will include telephone interviews of the 250 projects and site visits to 40 projects.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: VISTA Evaluation Study.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: AmeriCorps*VISTA sponsoring organizations.

Total Telephone Interview Respondents: 250.

Frequency: Once.

Average Time per Response: 1 hour.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 250 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Total Site Visit Respondents: 40.

Frequency: Once.

Average Time per Response: 1.5 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 60 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Dated: August 27, 2008.

Jean Whaley,

*Director, AmeriCorps*VISTA.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Partially Closed Meeting of the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors will meet to make such inquiry, as the Board shall deem necessary into the state of morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, and academic methods of the Naval Academy. The meeting will include discussions of personnel issues at the Naval Academy, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The executive session of this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: The open session of the meeting will be held on Monday, September 22, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. The closed Executive Session will be held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Russell Senate Office Building Room 385, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Andrew B. Koy, USN, Executive Secretary to the Board of Visitors, Office of the Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402-5000, telephone: 410-293-1503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of meeting is provided per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.). The executive session of the meeting will consist of discussions of personnel issues at the Naval Academy and internal Board of Visitors matters. The proposed closed session from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. will include a discussion of new and pending courts-martial and state criminal proceedings involving the Midshipmen attending the Naval Academy to include an update on the pending/ongoing sexual assault cases, rape cases, etc.

The proposed closed session from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. will include a discussion of new and pending administrative/minor disciplinary infractions and nonjudicial punishments involving the Midshipmen attending the Naval Academy to include but not limited to individual honor/conduct violations within the Brigade. Discussion of such information cannot be adequately segregated from other topics, which precludes opening the executive session of this meeting to the public.

Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the meeting shall be partially closed to the public because it will be concerned with matters listed in section 552b(c) (5), (6), and (7) of title 5, United States Code.

Dated: August 27, 2008.

T. M. Cruz,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

DATE & TIME: Thursday, September 18, 2008, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

PLACE: U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Ave, NW., Suite 150, Washington, DC 20005 (Metro Stop: Metro Center).

AGENDA: Commissioners will hold a workshop discussion on Preparing for Election Day 2008 and Empowering Voters. Commissioners will consider and vote on whether to modify Advisory Opinion 07-003-A regarding Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funding, pursuant to HAVA, section 254(a)(7). Commissioners will consider and vote on a Proposed Replacement Advisory Opinion 07-003-B Regarding Maintenance of Effort. Commissioners will consider a Draft Policy for Notice and Public Comment; Commissioners will consider a Draft Policy for Joint Partnership Task Force of EAC and State Election Officials Regarding Spending of HAVA Funds; Commissioners will consider Proposed Administrative Regulations and receive an Update on Final Administrative Regulations. Commissioners will consider and vote on the Adoption of the Alternative Voting Methods Study. Commissioners will receive a briefing regarding the Best Practices to Ensure Voting Systems Perform Accurately and Securely on Election Day. Commissioners will receive an Update on the 2008 Requirements payments to States. Commissioners will consider comments received on the Draft EAC Guidance to States Regarding Updates to State Plans. The Commission will consider other administrative matters.

This meeting will be open to the public.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:
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Thomas R. Wilkey,
Election Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF08–25–000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Raton 2010 Expansion Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

August 27, 2008.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will identify and address the environmental impacts that could result from the construction and operation of the Raton 2010 Expansion Project proposed by Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG). The EA will be used by the Commission in its decisionmaking 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 for this Notice will close on September 26, 2008. This is not your only opportunity to provide comments. Details on how to submit comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice.

Comments may be submitted in written form or verbally. In lieu of, or in addition to, sending written comments, you are invited to attend our public scoping meetings that have been scheduled in the project area. Three public scoping meetings are scheduled to be held at 7 p.m. on September 8, 2008 (MST) at the Huerfano County Community Center in Walsenburg, Colorado, 7 p.m. on September 9, 2008 at the McHarg Park Community Center in Avondale, Colorado, and at 7 p.m. on September 10, 2008 at the Trinidad State Junior College in Trinidad, Colorado. Additional details of the public scoping meetings 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; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers; all of which are encouraged to submit comments on the proposed project.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a CIG representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed project facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the FERC, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled “An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need To Know?” is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the FERC’s proceedings.

Summary of the Proposed Project

CIG proposes to construct the 118 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline in Las Animas, Huerfano, Pueblo, and El Paso Counties, Colorado in two segments. Certain aboveground facilities are also proposed, i.e. meter stations. More specifically, CIG proposed the following project components:

- Spanish Peaks Lateral Line 247A—a 27-mile 16-inch diameter pipeline from the existing Line 222A in Las Animas County, Colorado to the intersection of existing Line 27A near the town of Aguilar in Las Animas County, Colorado;
- Aguilar Lateral Line 248A—a 91-mile 16-diameter pipeline from the existing Line 27A near the town of Aguilar, Colorado northerly through Huerfano and Pueblo Counties, Colorado to the intersection of existing Line 212A in El Paso County, Colorado; and
- One new Kennedy Meter Station in Las Animas County, Colorado, and modify the existing West Canyon Meter Station in Las Animas County, Colorado and the existing Bowie Meter Station in Weld County, Colorado.

The Project would increase firm capacity into CIG’s system by 130,000

dekatherms per day (Dth/d). CIG plans to file an application by January of 2009.

A map depicting CIG’s proposed facilities is attached to this notice as Appendix 1.¹

Land Requirements for Construction

As proposed, the typical construction right-of-way for the project laterals would be 100-foot-wide for the Spanish Peaks Lateral and 85-foot-wide for the Aguilar Lateral. Following construction, CIG has proposed to retain a 50-foot-wide permanent right-of-way for operation of the project.

Based on preliminary information, construction and operation of the proposed lateral and associated aboveground facilities would affect about 1,301 acres of land. Following construction, about 715 acres would be maintained as permanent right-of-way, and about 1.3 acres of land would be maintained as new aboveground facility sites. The remaining temporary workspace 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 the approval of an interstate natural gas pipeline. By this notice, we² 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.

Although no formal application has been filed, the FERC staff has already initiated its NEPA review under the Commission’s Pre-filing Process. The purpose of the Pre-filing Process is to encourage the early involvement of interested stakeholders and to identify and resolve issues before an application is filed with the FERC.

The purpose of the Pre-filing Process is to seek public and agency input early in the project planning phase and encourage involvement by interested stakeholders in a manner that allows for the early identification and resolution of

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission’s Web site at the eLibrary link or from the Commission’s Public Reference Room or by calling (202) 502–8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary refer to the public participation section of this notice. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the “Additional Information” section at the end 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 CIG.

² “We,” “us,” and “our” refer to the environmental staff of the FERC’s Office of Energy Projects.