

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is soliciting public comment on a Right-of-Way (ROW) permit application submitted by Center Point Energy (CPE) to install a 4-inch natural gas pipeline in a 10-feet wide by 850-feet wide right-of-way across a portion of the Cache River National Wildlife Refuge in Jackson County, Arkansas. Installation of the gas pipeline will require the issuance of a ROW permit.

DATE: Interested persons desiring to comment on this application must do so by December 3, 2008. We will consider public comments received or postmarked by that date.

ADDRESSES: Comments or requests for additional information should be addressed to Ms. Angela Thompson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Realty), 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 420, Atlanta, Georgia 30345, telephone 404-679-7200; fax 404-679-7273 or e-mail to: angela_thompson@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For copies of documents and to ask project questions, see "Document Availability."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department is replacing an unsafe wooden bridge on County Road 51, Jackson County, Arkansas. The proposed right-of-way will require realignment of a 762-foot section of a 4-inch natural gas pipeline that runs beneath the eastern edge of the wooden bridge on County Road 51. To install the pipeline, CPE will utilize horizontal directional drilling to cross a section of the Refuge and the Cache River. The entry and exit pits will be located in the gravel roadbed; the northern pit will be 50 feet from the northern end of the bridge and the southern pit will be 120 feet from the southern end of the bridge. The new alignment will run along the east side of the new bridge and 24 feet from the centerline of the existing road. The new pipeline right-of-way will run 4 feet below the riverbed, and across a strip of land lying in Jackson County, in the State of Arkansas.

B. Document Availability

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service prepared a Categorical Exclusion (CX), Environmental Action Statement (EAS) and was a cooperator in preparation of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) assessing the impacts of constructing and operating the proposed natural gas pipeline. A copy of the CX is available

from the Cache River National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 26320 Hwy 33 South, Augusta, Arkansas 72006, (870) 347-2614. The final EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public References and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371. Additional information about the Project is available from the FERC's Office of External Affairs, 1(866) 208-FERC or on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

If you wish to comment, you may do so by one of the following methods. You may mail comments to the above address. You may also comment via the Internet at the following address: angela_thompson@fws.gov. Please include your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us at the above phone number or address. Our practice is to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

Authority: The authority to publish this notice is contained in 30 U.S.C. 185(k).

Dated: October 28, 2008.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R4-R-2008-N0280; 40135-3210-0000-P3]

Fayetteville/Greenville Expansion Project, Texas Gas Transmission, LLC, Right-of-Way Permit Application To Cross Hillside National Wildlife Refuge, Holmes County, MS

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of right-of-way permit application.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), request

public comment on a right-of-way (ROW) permit application we have received from Texas Gas Transmission, LLC (Texas Gas), to install a 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline under lands within Hillside National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) in Holmes County, MS.

DATES: If you wish to comment on this application, you must do so by December 3, 2008. We will consider public comments received or postmarked by that date.

ADDRESSES: Send comments by U.S. mail to Ken Clough, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6578 Dogwood View Parkway, Jackson, MS 39213; by facsimile to (601) 965-4010; or by e-mail to ken_clough@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For copies of documents and to ask project questions, see "Document Availability."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

We have received a right-of-way (ROW) permit application from Texas Gas to install a 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline under lands within the boundary of Hillside National Wildlife Refuge in Holmes County, MS. The proposed use is part of the Texas Gas Fayetteville/Greenville Expansion Project to construct, own, and operate 262.6 miles of 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline and associated facilities in the states of Arkansas and Mississippi. The Greenville Lateral, in Mississippi, consists of approximately 96.4 miles in Washington, Sunflower, Humphries, Holmes and Attala Counties. The pipeline will carry natural gas supplies from the Fayetteville Shale production area in north central Arkansas to consumer markets served by Texas Gas and other interstate pipelines. The pipeline is intended to provide increased pipeline capacity from the Fayetteville Shale production area.

Texas Gas proposes to use subsurface Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) technology to cross the Refuge lands. The HDD bore and installation of one 36-inch-diameter pipeline will take place between 95 and 115 feet below the surface of Refuge lands. The route will follow an abandoned railroad right-of-way for an estimated 1,405 feet below ground under the northern tip of the Refuge. The entry and exit holes of the HDD bore will be located approximately 1,000 feet outside the Refuge boundary. Texas Gas proposes to cut a 3-foot-wide path across the Refuge directly above the pipe location. The path will be used to hand-lay two electrical grid guide wires for guidance of the underground drill bit. A HDD drilling rig, set up outside the Refuge, will be used to drill

along a prescribed underground path. During this process, drilling fluid, bentonite clay, and water will be continuously pumped into the hole to remove cuttings and maintain the integrity of the hole. Bentonite is composed of natural clay minerals. Once the hole has been drilled, a prefabricated segment of pipe will be attached behind a reaming tool on the exit side of the crossing and pulled back through the drill hole to the drill rig, completing the crossing. The time required to complete the HDD is anticipated to be approximately 3–5 weeks, including setup, drilling time, pull-back, cleanup, and demobilization. Actual time drilling under the Refuge lands is estimated at 1 week.

B. Document Availability

Under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91–190, 42 U.S.C. 4321–4347), we prepared a compatibility determination and an environmental action statement, and assessed the impacts of constructing and operating the proposed Texas Gas pipeline in order to assist the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in preparing a final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed project. A copy of the compatibility determination is available from the Theodore Roosevelt National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 728 Yazoo Road, Hollandale, MS 38748; (662) 839–2638 (telephone). The final EIS is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public References and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426; (202) 502–8371 (telephone). Additional information about the project is available from FERC's Office of External Affairs, by telephone (1–866–208–FERC) or on the FERC Web site: <http://www.ferc.gov>.

Interested parties may submit written comments by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the address in the **ADDRESSES** section. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. After reviewing any comments we receive on the ROW application, we will issue our Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will describe the rationale for our decision, along with any measures (permit conditions) we will require the applicant to carry out to minimize

environmental harm if we have made a decision to issue the ROW permit.

Authority: We publish this notice under 30 U.S.C. 185(k).

Dated: October 28, 2008.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[F–14828–B, F–14828–L; AK–964–1410–KC–P]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. The lands are in the vicinity of Ambler, Alaska, and are located in:

Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 18 N., R. 5 E.,
Secs. 10, 13, 14, and 15.

Containing 2,144.88 acres.

T. 20 N., R. 6 E.,
Secs. 17 and 18.

Containing 1,231.43 acres.

T. 21 N., R. 6 E.,
Secs. 28 and 33.

Containing 1,280 acres.
Aggregating 4,656.31 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Arctic Sounder.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until December 3, 2008 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907–271–5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

Andrea Sanders,

Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer Adjudication I.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO–922–09–1310–FI; COC70015]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2–3(a) and (b)(1), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease COC70015 from Nobel Energy, Inc., for lands in Garfield County, Colorado. The petition was filed on time and was accompanied by all the rentals due since the date the lease terminated under the law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, Milada Krasilinec, Land Law Examiner, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at 303.239.3767.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre or fraction thereof, per year and 16⅔ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$163 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease COC70015 effective June 1, 2008, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.