

20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or TTY, (202) 502-8659. 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.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-13-000]

#### **Saltville Gas Storage Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Saltville Storage Project**

March 5, 2004.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Saltville Gas Storage Company, L.L.C. (Saltville) in the above-referenced docket. The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Saltville is currently developing a new 8.2 billion cubic foot, underground natural gas storage facility using existing salt caverns that were previously

authorized for construction and operation by the Virginia State Corporation Commission in Smyth and Washington Counties, Virginia. Saltville has received all necessary state regulatory approvals to construct and operate the storage facility. See Appendix 1 for a list of the facilities and their construction status. The EA focuses its analysis on the facilities that still need to be constructed, on restoration of the areas previously disturbed or currently being disturbed by on-going construction activities, and on the operation of the existing facilities.

The purpose of the proposed storage field would be to provide about 8.2 billion cubic feet of working gas capacity with an estimated maximum withdrawal rate of 550,000 thousand cubic feet per day (Mcf/d) of gas and an estimated maximum injection rate of 220,000 Mcf/d. The storage field is interconnected with the transmission systems of Virginia Gas Pipeline Company, an intrastate company, and East Tennessee Natural Gas Company, an interstate company.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, State and local agencies, and stakeholders that responded to our December 15, 2003, Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Saltville Storage Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. 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 comments 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 the Gas Branch 2, PJ11.2.
- Reference Docket No. CP04-13-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 5, 2004.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, 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 by clicking on "Sign-up."

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).<sup>1</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 comments considered.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC (1-866-208-3372) or on the FERC Internet Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click 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 with eLibrary, the eLibrary helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659 or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). 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.

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

<sup>1</sup> Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov), click on "eSubscription" and then click on "Sign-up."

Magalie R. Salas,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Declaration of Intention and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and/or Motions To Intervene

March 4, 2004.

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Application Type*: Declaration of intention.
- b. *Docket No.*: DI04-4-000.
- c. *Date Filed*: February 2, 2004, amended March 2, 2004.
- d. *Applicant*: Upland Wings, Inc., Wings Lake, One Wings Lake Drive, Sullivan, MO 63080, telephone (573) 860-3146.
- e. *Name of Project*: Wings Lake Power Station Project.
- f. *Location*: The Wings Lake Power Station Project would be located in Sections 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 of T. 39 N., R. 1 W., 5th Meridian at the former Pea Ridge Iron Ore Company mining site in Washington County, Missouri. The project will not occupy tribal or Federal land.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 817(b).
- h. *Applicant Contact*: James C. Kennedy, President, Upland Wings, One Wings Lake Drive, Sullivan, MO 63080, telephone (573) 860-4986, E-mail [wings@fidnet.com](mailto:wings@fidnet.com).
- i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Henry Ecton (202) 502-8768, or E-mail address: [henry.ecton@ferc.gov](mailto:henry.ecton@ferc.gov).
- j. *Deadline for Filing Comments and/or Motions*: April 5, 2004.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, 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. Any questions, please contact the Secretary's Office. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web

site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Please include the docket number (DI04-4-000) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project*: The proposed Wings Lake Power Station Project, a pump storage project, would consist of: (1) An upper and lower reservoir on a former iron ore mine site, with the upper reservoir filled from ground water pumped from the mine; (2) a 700-foot-long, 100-foot-high rock and compacted concrete dam; (3) a turbine/generating unit, with a total rated capacity of 500 MW, located in a mine shaft; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The hydroelectric unit will be tied into the interstate grid through the Crawford Electric Cooperative, Bourbon, MO.

When a Declaration of Intention is filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Power Act requires the Commission to investigate and determine if the interests of interstate or foreign commerce would be affected by the project. The Commission also determines whether or not the project: (1) Would be located on a navigable waterway; (2) would occupy or affect public lands or reservations of the United States; (3) would utilize surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) if applicable, has involved or would involve any construction subsequent to 1935 that may have increased or would increase the project's head or generating capacity, or have otherwise significantly modified the project's pre-1935 design or operation.

l. *Locations of the Application*: Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of rules of practice and procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments,

protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Docket Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *Agency Comments*—Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Magalie R. Salas,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Scoping Meetings and Site Visit, and Soliciting Scoping Comments

March 4, 2004.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application*: New major license.
- b. *Project No.*: 2107-016.
- c. *Date Filed*: December 16, 2003.
- d. *Applicant*: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).
- e. *Name of Project*: Poe Project.
- f. *Location*: On the North Fork Feather River in Butte County, near Pulga, California. The project includes 144 acres of lands of the Plumas National Forest.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Tom Jereb, Project Manager, Hydro Generation Department, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, P.O. Box 770000 (N11C), San Francisco, CA 94177, (415) 973-9320.
- i. *FERC Contact*: John Mudre, (202) 502-8902 or [john.mudre@ferc.gov](mailto:john.mudre@ferc.gov).
- j. *Deadline for Filing Scoping Comments*: May 3, 2004.