

water or water power from a federal dam;<sup>1</sup> or (4) are located on non-navigable streams over which Congress has jurisdiction under its authority to regulate interstate and foreign commerce, would affect the interests of interstate or foreign commerce (such as by connection to the interstate electrical grid, and are constructed or enlarged after August 26, 1935.

A stream is navigable under section 3(8) of the FPA if: (1) It is currently being used or is suitable for use, or (2) it has been used or was suitable for use in the past, or (3) it could be made suitable for use in the future by reasonable improvements, to transport persons or property in interstate or foreign commerce. Navigability under section 3(8) of the FPA is not destroyed by obstructions or disuse of many years; personal or private use may be sufficient to demonstrate the availability of the river for commercial navigation; and the seasonal floatation of logs is sufficient to determine that a river is navigable.

Comments are invited on the staff's navigability report. Copies of this navigability report are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This navigability report may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, UL11-1, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. 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.

Please file your response with the Commission's Secretary by July 2, 2012. All comments may be filed electronically via the Internet. 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. If unable to be filed electronically, comments may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be filed with: Secretary, Mail Code PJ-12, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings, please go to the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>.

<sup>1</sup> Licensing is not required under conditions 1, 2, or 3 above if the project is constructed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the terms of a valid federal permit issued prior to June 10, 1920.

Please include the docket number (UL11-1-000) on any filing.

For further information, please contact Henry Ecton at (202) 502-8768.

Dated: May 29, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP12-463-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on May 17, 2012 Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), Post Office Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in Docket No. CP12-463-000, a Prior Notice request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.208, and 157.210 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act, and Transco's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-426, for authorization to replace two existing Ansaldo electric motors with two new electric motors at Transco's existing Compressor Station 205 in Princeton, New Jersey (Compressor Station 205). Specifically, Transco proposes to replace two 7,000 horsepower high speed electric motors and associated variable frequency drives for units 1 and 2 with two new Siemens electric motors with new variable frequency drives that will be certificated and operated at 7,000 horsepower each, all as more fully set forth in the application which 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, contact *FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this Application should be directed to Bela Patel, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, or call (713) 215-2659.

Any person may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. Any person

filing to intervene or the Commission's staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenter's will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenter's will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentary, will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the "e-Filing" link. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: May 29, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9681-3; EPA-HQ-ORD-2012-0358]

### An Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska—Peer Review Panel Members and Charge Questions

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing the peer review panel members assembled by an independent contractor to evaluate the draft document titled, “*An Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska*” (EPA-910-R-12-004a-c). EPA is also announcing a three week public comment period for the draft charge questions to be provided to the peer review panel. The assessment was prepared by the U.S. EPA’s Region 10 Office (Pacific Northwest and Alaska), EPA’s Office of Water, and EPA’s Office of Research and Development. The U.S. EPA conducted this assessment to determine the significance of Bristol Bay’s ecological resources and evaluate the potential impacts of large-scale mining on these resources.

**DATES:** The public comment period begins June 5, 2012, and ends June 26, 2012. Comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by June 26, 2012.

*Availability:* Draft charge questions are provided below. Copies of the draft charge questions are also available via the Internet on the EPA Region 10 Bristol Bay Web site at [www.epa.gov/bristolbay](http://www.epa.gov/bristolbay). The draft document “*An Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska*” is also available on the Internet on the EPA Region 10 Bristol Bay Web site at [www.epa.gov/bristolbay](http://www.epa.gov/bristolbay). A limited number of paper copies of the draft charge questions are available from the Information Management Team, NCEA; telephone: 703-347-8561; facsimile: 703-347-8691. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, your mailing address, and title, “*Peer Review Charge Questions on An Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska.*”

Comments on the draft charge questions may be submitted electronically via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), by email, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the public comment period, contact the Office of Environmental Information Docket; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-9744; or email: [ORD.Docket@epa.gov](mailto:ORD.Docket@epa.gov).

For technical information concerning the report, contact Judy Smith; telephone: 503-326-6994; facsimile:

503-326-3399; or email: [r10bristolbay@epa.gov](mailto:r10bristolbay@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Information About the Project**

The U.S. EPA conducted this assessment to determine the significance of Bristol Bay’s ecological resources and evaluate the potential impacts of large-scale mining on these resources. The U.S. EPA will use the results of this assessment to inform the consideration of options consistent with its role under the Clean Water Act. The assessment is intended to provide a scientific and technical foundation for future decision making. The Web site that describes the project is [www.epa.gov/bristolbay](http://www.epa.gov/bristolbay).

EPA released the draft assessment for the purposes of public comment and peer review on May 18, 2012. Consistent with guidelines for the peer review of highly influential scientific assessments, EPA asked a contractor (Versar, Inc.) to assemble a panel of experts to evaluate the draft report. Versar evaluated the 86 candidates nominated during a previous public comment period (February 24, 2012 to March 16, 2012) and sought other experts to complete this peer review panel. The twelve peer review panel members are as follows:

Mr. David Atkins, Watershed Environmental, LLC.—Expertise in mining and hydrology.

Mr. Steve Buckley, WHPacific/NANA Alaska—Expertise in mining and seismology.

Dr. Courtney Carothers—Expertise in indigenous Alaskan cultures.

Dr. Dennis Dauble, Washington State University—Expertise in fisheries biology and wildlife ecology.

Dr. Gordon Reeves, USDA Pacific NW Research Station—Expertise in fisheries biology and aquatic biology.

Dr. Charles Slaughter, University of Idaho—Expertise in hydrology.

Dr. John Stednick, Colorado State University—Expertise in hydrology and biogeochemistry.

Dr. Roy Stein, Ohio State University—Expertise in fisheries and aquatic biology.

Dr. William Stubblefield, Oregon State University—Expertise in aquatic biology and ecotoxicology.

Dr. Dirk van Zyl, University of British Columbia—Expertise in mining and biogeochemistry.

Dr. Phyllis Weber Scannel—Expertise in aquatic ecology and ecotoxicology.

Dr. Paul Whitney—Expertise in wildlife ecology and ecotoxicology.

The peer review panel will be provided with draft charge questions to guide their evaluation of the draft assessment. These draft charge questions are designed to focus reviewers on specific aspects of the report. EPA is seeking comments from the public on the draft charge questions

and welcome input on additional charge questions consistent with the objectives of the assessment. The draft charge questions are as follows:

(1) The assessment brought together information to characterize the ecological, geological, and cultural resources of the Nushagak and Kvichak watersheds. Was this characterization accurate? Was any significant literature missed that would be useful to complete this characterization?

(2) A formal mine plan or application is not available for the porphyry copper deposits in the Bristol Bay watershed. EPA developed a hypothetical mine scenario for its risk assessment. Given the type and location of copper deposits in the watershed, was this hypothetical mine scenario realistic? Has EPA appropriately bounded the magnitude of potential mine activities with the minimum and maximum mine sizes used in the scenario? Is there significant literature not referenced that would be useful to refine the mine scenario?

(3) EPA assumed two potential modes for mining operations: A no-failure mode of operation and a mode outlining one or more types of failures. The no-failure operation mode assumes best practical engineering and mitigation practices are in place and in optimal operating condition. Is the no-failure mode of operation adequately described? Is the choice of engineering and mitigation practices reasonable and consistent with current practices?

(4) Are the potential risks to salmonid fish due to habitat loss and modification and water quantity/quality changes appropriately characterized and described for the no-failure mode of operation? Does the assessment appropriately describe the risks to salmonid fish due to operation of a transportation corridor under the no-failure mode of operation?

(5) Do the failures outlined in the assessment reasonably represent potential system failures that could occur at a mine of the type and size outlined in the mine scenario? Is there a significant type of failure that is not described? Are the assumed risks of failures appropriate?

(6) Does the assessment appropriately characterize risks to salmonid fish due to a potential failure of water and leachate collection and treatment from the mine site? If not, what suggestions do you have for improving this part of the assessment?

(7) Does the assessment appropriately characterize risks to salmonid fish due to culvert failures along the transportation corridor? If not, what suggestions do you have for improving this part of the assessment?

(8) Does the assessment appropriately characterize risks to salmonid fish due to pipeline failures? If not, what suggestions do you have for improving this part of the assessment?

(9) Does the assessment appropriately characterize risks to salmonid fish due to a potential tailings dam failure? If not, what suggestions do you have for improving this part of the assessment?

(10) Does the assessment appropriately characterize risks to wildlife and human cultures due to risks to fish? If not, what suggestions do you have for improving this part of the assessment?

(11) Does the assessment appropriately describe the potential for cumulative risk from multiple mines?

(12) Does the assessment identify the uncertainties and limitations associated with the mine scenario and the identified risks?

The preferred method to submit comments on the draft peer review charge is through the docket, which is described below. This docket is separate from the docket collecting public comments on the draft assessment itself. The EPA will evaluate comments received on these draft charge questions. Charge questions will be finalized and provided to EPA's independent contractor, Versar, Inc., who will convene the expert panel for independent external peer review.

The external peer review panel meeting is scheduled to be held in Anchorage, AK on August 7, 8, and 9, 2012. The public will be invited to attend on August 7 and 8, 2012. Further information regarding the external peer review panel meeting will be announced at a later date in the **Federal Register**.

## II. How to Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2012-0358, by one of the following methods:

- [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov): Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email*: [ORD.Docket@epa.gov](mailto:ORD.Docket@epa.gov). Include the docket number EPA-HQ-ORD-2012-0358 in the subject line of the message.
- *Fax*: 202-566-9744.
- *Mail*: Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket (Mail Code: 28221T), Docket # EPA-HQ-ORD-2012-0358, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202-566-1752. If you provide comments by mail, please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three

copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

- *Hand Delivery*: The OEI Docket is located in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center, Room 3334, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is 202-566-1744. Deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. If you provide comments by hand delivery, please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

*Instructions*: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2012-0358. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked "late," and may only be considered if time permits. It is EPA's policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided, unless a comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or email. The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comments due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comments. Electronic files should avoid

the use of special characters and any form of encryption and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at [www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm).

*Docket*: Documents in the docket are listed in the [www.regulations.gov/index](http://www.regulations.gov/index). Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in hard copy at the OEI Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center.

Dated: May 30, 2012.

**Darrel A. Winner**,  
Acting Director, National Center for  
Environmental Assessment.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9680-7]

### Changes to the Central Data Exchange System

**AGENCY**: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION**: Notice.

**SUMMARY**: In compliance with the Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Regulation (CROMERR), this notice announces EPA's plan to change its Central Data Exchange (CDX) system, as described in this notice.

**DATES**: EPA's changes to CDX are effective August 6, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Tina Chen, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Mail Stop MC-2823T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 566-0248, [Chen.Tina@epa.gov](mailto:Chen.Tina@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**: On October 13, 2005, the final Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 59848) and codified as part 3 of title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). CROMERR establishes electronic reporting as an acceptable regulatory alternative to paper reporting and provides requirements to assure that electronic documents are as legally dependable as their paper counterparts. Subpart B of CROMERR sets requirements for electronic reporting to