

copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1C-1, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies; public interest groups; interested individuals; affected landowners; local libraries, newspapers, and radio stations; and other parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Written comments must reference Docket No. CP96-52-000, and be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comments should be filed as soon as possible, but must be received no later than August 19, 1996 to ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on this proposal. A copy of any comments should also be sent to Mr. Michael Boyle, Environmental Project Manager, Room 72-59, at the above address.

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).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about this project is available from Mr. Michael Boyle, Environmental Project Manager at (202) 208--0839.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-339-000]

Total Peaking Services, L.L.C.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Total Peaking Services Milford LNG Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

July 17, 1996.

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 operation of facilities proposed in the Total Peaking Services Milford LNG Project. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether to approve the project.¹

Summary of the Proposed Project

Total Peaking Services, L.L.C. (TPS) is seeking approval to acquire and operate in interstate commerce an existing liquefied natural gas (LNG) peak-shaving facility located in Milford, Connecticut that is presently used by The Southern Connecticut Gas Company (Southern Connecticut). The purpose of the project is to enable TPS to make interstate gas sales to satisfy the Northeast's growing demand for peaking gas. Southern Connecticut would sublease the Milford LNG Plant to CNE Energy Services Group, Inc. which in turn would sublease the plant to TPS.

Existing Facilities

The Milford LNG Plant was constructed in 1972 and consists of natural gas liquefaction, LNG storage, and LNG revaporization facilities. The plant was designed to supply Southern Connecticut's gas utility needs by liquefying and storing natural gas in the summer for revaporization during peak periods in the winter heating season. The Milford LNG Plant has a design liquefaction rate of 6 million cubic feet per day (MMCFD) and a sendout capacity of 72 MMCFD. The LNG is stored in a 348,000-barrel LNG storage tank.

The Milford LNG Plant receives gas for liquefaction and storage through facilities of Southern Connecticut that are connected to the interstate pipeline system of Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. The plant has also received significant amounts of LNG by transport trailer.

¹ Total Peaking Services', L.L.C. application was filed under Section 7 of the National Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

Proposed Facilities

TPS does not propose any new facilities or any modifications to existing facilities. The Milford LNG Plant would continue to be operated by Southern Connecticut on behalf of TPS.

The location of the Milford LNG Plant is shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

No additional land is required since TPS does not propose any additions or modifications to the existing facility.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "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, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

Because the LNG plant is an existing facility and no new additions or modifications are proposed, the EA will focus on the operation of the proposed project, the cryogenic design aspects of the plant, and the public safety including LNG trucking.

Prior to finalizing the EA, the FERC staff will meet with representatives of TPS (time and location to be noticed at a later date) to conduct a cryogenic design and engineering review of the LNG facility at Milford, Connecticut.

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

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the Federal Register. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Washington, DC 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP96-339-000;
- Send a copy of your letter to: Mr. James Dashukewich, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 72-56, Washington, DC 20426; and
- Mail your comments so that they are received in Washington, DC on or before August 14, 1996.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. 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).

Filing of timely motions to intervene in this proceeding should be made on or before July 24, 1996. Once this date has passed, parties seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. James Dashukewich, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-0117.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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Notice of Amendment of License To Relocate a Powerhouse

July 17, 1996.

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

a. Type of Application: Amendment of License to Relocate a Powerhouse.

b. Project No.: 1933-011.

c. Dated filed: July 1, 1996.

d. Applicant: Southern California Edison Company.

e. Name of Project: Santa Ana River No. 1 & No. 2 Project.

f. Location: Near the mouth of the Santa Ana River Canyon, in San Bernadino County, California.

g. Filed pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 791(a)-825(r).

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Bryant C. Danner, Vice President and General Counsel, Southern California Edison Company, P.O. Box 800, 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead, CA 91770, (818) 302-4459.

i. FERC Contact: Mohamad Fayyad, (202) 219-2665.

j. Comment Date: August 26, 1996.

k. Description of Amendment: In a June 12, 1995 amendment application, the licensee proposed to relocate a water conveyance flume, and relocate the Santa Ana No. 2 powerhouse (SAR2). The amendment is necessary because the facilities will be inundated by construction of the Corps of Engineers' Seven Oaks Dam. The licensee has revised its application to reflect refinements in its engineering analysis as follows:

—The original proposal consisted of replacing the flume with a buried pipeline beneath an access road along the mountainside leading to the top of the Seven Oaks Dam. Now, the licensee wishes to relocate the pipeline to the canyon floor through the dam construction area. Because of the new location, the pipeline must be constructed before October 1997 which is when the Corps' dam construction will potentially subject the existing flume to inundation

—The original proposal included moving SAR2 powerhouse about 2 miles downstream from its existing location. Now, the licensee proposes to combine SAR2 with the powerhouse of the Santa Ana No. 3 Project (FERC No. 2198) and include its features. The new powerhouse will contain one generating unit with an installed generating capacity of 4 MW. The hydraulic capacity of the powerhouse will not change

1. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs; B, C1, and D2.

b. 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.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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Notice of Amendment of License

July 17, 1996.

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

a. Type of Application: Amendment of license.

b. Project No.: 8296-043.

c. Date Filed: May 30, 1996.