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Becoming an Intervenor

Once Kern River formally files its application with the Commission, you may want to become an "intervenor," which is an official party to the proceeding. Intervenor play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in a Commission proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are included in the User's Guide under the "eFiling" link on the Commission's Web site. Please note that you may not request intervenor status at this time; you must wait until the formal application for the Project is filed with the Commission.

Environmental Mailing List

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the planned project. This includes all landowners who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances (defined in the Commission's regulations) of aboveground facilities.

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Information Request (Appendix 2). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Availability of Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<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, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

Finally, to request additional information on the project or to provide comments directly to the project sponsor, you can contact Kern River directly by calling toll free at 1-888-222-1897. Also, Kern River has established an Internet Web site at <http://www.kernrivergas.com>, click on the "Expansion Projects" tab. The Web site includes a description of the Project, an overview map of the planned facilities, and links to related documents. Kern River will update the Web site as the environmental review of its project proceeds.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP09-58-000]

Rockies Express Pipeline LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Meeker to Cheyenne Expansion Project

May 18, 2009.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared the environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas facilities proposed by Rockies Express Pipeline LLC (REX) in the above-referenced docket. REX's proposal (the Meeker to Cheyenne Expansion Project) would add one additional compressor unit to both the Big Hole and Arlington Compressor Stations in Moffat County, Colorado and Carbon County, Wyoming, respectively.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. 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.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the

construction and operation of the proposed Meeker to Cheyenne Expansion Project. The purpose of the project is to increase the capacity of the REX-Entrega Pipeline between the Meeker Hub (Rio-Blanco County, Colorado), the Wamsutter Hub (Sweetwater County, Wyoming), and the Cheyenne Hub (Weld County, Colorado) by 200,000 dekatherms per day.

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.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to federal, state, and local agencies; newspapers and libraries in the project area; parties to this proceeding; and those who have expressed an interest in this project by returning the Mailing List Form attached to the March 10, 2009 *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Meeker to Cheyenne Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues*.

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 as specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions below to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded.

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the Meeker to Cheyenne Expansion Project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send in your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 17, 2009.

For your convenience, there are three methods in which you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances please reference the project docket number CP09-58-000 with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has dedicated eFiling expert staff available to assist you at 202-502-8258 or refiling@ferc.gov.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the Quick Comment feature, which is located on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to Documents and Filings. A Quick

Comment is an easy method for interested persons to submit text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to Documents and Filings. eFiling involves preparing your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper, and then saving the file on your computer's hard drive. You will attach that file as your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "Sign up" or "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing;" or

(3) You may file your comments via mail to the Commission by sending an original and two copies of your letter to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

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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).¹ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decisions.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Downeast LNG, Inc. and Downeast Pipeline, LLC.; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Downeast LNG Project

May 15, 2009.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) has prepared this draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address Downeast LNG, Inc.'s and Downeast Pipeline, LLC.'s (hereafter collectively referred to as Downeast) proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal, natural gas pipeline, and associated facilities in the above-referenced docket. The Downeast LNG Project (Project) would be located in Washington County, Maine.

The draft EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection are cooperating agencies for the development of this EIS. A cooperating agency has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to potential environmental impacts associated with the proposal and is involved in the NEPA analysis.

Based on the analysis included in the EIS, the FERC staff concludes

construction and operation of the Downeast LNG Project would result in some adverse environmental impacts. However, most of these impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels with the implementation of Downeast's proposed mitigation measures and the additional measures we recommend in the EIS.

The Project would establish a LNG marine terminal in New England capable of unloading cargo from LNG vessels, storing up to 320,000 cubic meters of LNG in specially designed tanks, vaporizing the LNG back into natural gas, and providing an average sendout of 500 million cubic feet of natural gas per day to the New England region's interstate pipeline grid. Downeast's proposed 29.8-mile-long pipeline would transport natural gas from the LNG terminal to an interconnect point with Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline's L.L.C. (M&NE) existing pipeline system near the town of Baileyville, Maine. Downeast states that the Project would provide an additional supply source of natural gas to meet increasing demand and increase the reliability of the interstate gas delivery system in New England.

The draft EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of construction and operation of the following facilities proposed by Downeast:

- A new marine terminal that would include a 3,862-foot-long pier with a single berth and vessel mooring system, intended to handle LNG vessels ranging from 70,000 to 165,000 cubic meters in capacity, with future expansion capabilities to handle vessels with 220,000 cubic meters of cargo capacity;
- two full-containment LNG storage tanks, each with a nominal usable storage capacity of 160,000 cubic meters;
- LNG vaporization and processing equipment;
- piping, ancillary buildings, safety systems, and other support facilities;
- a 29.8-mile-long, 30-inch-diameter underground natural gas pipeline;
- natural gas metering facilities located at the LNG terminal site; and
- various ancillary facilities including pigging¹ facilities and three mainline block valves.

The Project would also include the transit of LNG vessels through both United States and Canadian waters to and from the LNG terminal in Robbinston, Maine. The intended vessel transit routes include the waters of the Gulf of Maine, Bay of Fundy, Grand Manan Channel, Head Harbor Passage,

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

¹ A "pig" is a tool for cleaning and inspecting the inside of a pipeline.