

environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. 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 letter 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 Gas Branch 2.
- Reference Docket No. CP04-114-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 26, 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 on-line.

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 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off our mailing list.

Notice of Site Visit

The USCG will conduct public meetings on July 12, 13, and 14, 2004, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Dauphin Island, Alabama; Mobile, Alabama; and Pascagoula, Mississippi; respectively. Each meeting will consist of an informational open house from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and a public scoping meeting from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be a Commission representative at the meeting in Mobile.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the Commission's proceeding, known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. 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 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its

filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. 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 1).³ 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 environmental comments considered.

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 proposed 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 distances defined in the Commission's regulations of certain aboveground facilities.

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 with eLibrary, the eLibrary helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERC Online Support at 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 you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to

the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, 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.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF04-8-000]

Seafarer U.S. Pipeline System, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Seafarer U.S. Pipeline System Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

June 30, 2004.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Seafarer U.S. Pipeline System Project proposed by Seafarer U.S. Pipeline System, Inc. (hereafter referred to as Seafarer). This notice explains the scoping process we¹ will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help us determine the issues that need to be evaluated in the EIS. Please note that the scoping period will close on August 16, 2004.

Comments may be submitted in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are provided in the public participation section of this notice. In lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public scoping meeting we have scheduled as follows:

**Thursday, July 22, 2004, 7 p.m.,
Seafarer U.S. Pipeline System Project,
Riviera Beach Council Chambers, 600
West Blue Heron Boulevard, Riviera
Beach, FL 33404, Telephone: (561) 845-4010**

Additionally, representatives of Seafarer and Commission staff will be visiting some project areas on the morning of Thursday, July 22, 2004. Anyone interested in participating in the site visit may meet in the parking lot of Phil Foster Memorial Park at 9 a.m.

³ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

¹ "We," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects.

The park is located at 900 East Blue Heron Boulevard in Riviera Beach. Individuals must provide their own transportation.

The FERC will be the lead federal agency in the preparation of the EIS. The document will satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. We encourage government representatives to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Seafarer proposes to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline to provide a new supply of competitively priced natural gas to south Florida. Overall, the proposed pipeline would extend approximately 127.5 miles from a proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility on Grand Bahama Island to an interconnect site with the existing Florida Gas Transmission (FGT) pipeline system in Palm Beach County, Florida. The portion of the project under FERC jurisdiction would extend from the United States/Bahamian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) boundary, located approximately 35 miles off the Florida coast, to the terminus at the FGT interconnect site. The proposed pipeline would make landfall on Singer Island near Riviera Beach, FL. The onshore portion would extend approximately 6 miles from landfall to the FGT interconnect site. The general location of the proposed pipeline is shown in Figure 1.² The portion of the Seafarer U.S. Pipeline System Project under FERC jurisdiction would include:

- 40.6 miles of 26-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline; and
- Aboveground facilities including four mainline valves (one offshore and three onshore), a pressure reduction station, a meter station, and a side valve at the FGT interconnect site.

Seafarer proposes to have the project constructed and operational by April 2008. The project would deliver up to 750 million cubic feet (about 800,000 dekatherms) of natural gas per day to Sailfish Natural Gas, Ltd., an affiliate of FPL Group Resources, via the FGT pipeline system.

The EIS Process

The FERC will use the EIS to consider the environmental impact that could result if it issues Seafarer project authorizations under sections 3 and 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

This notice formally announces our preparation of the EIS and the beginning of the process referred to as "scoping." We are soliciting input from the public and interested agencies to help us focus the analysis in the EIS on the potentially significant environmental issues related to the proposed action.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be included in a draft EIS. The draft EIS will be mailed to federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; affected landowners; other interested parties; local libraries and newspapers; and the FERC's official service list for this proceeding. A 45-day comment period will be allotted for review of the draft EIS. We will consider all comments on the draft EIS and revise the document, as necessary, before issuing a final EIS.

Although no formal application has been filed, the FERC staff has already initiated its NEPA review under its NEPA Pre-filing Process. The purpose of the Pre-filing Process is to encourage the early involvement of interested stakeholders and to identify and resolve issues before an application is filed with the FERC.

With this notice, we are asking federal, state, and local agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EIS. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated the proposal relative to their responsibilities. Agencies that would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this Notice.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

The EIS will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project. We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the project site and the facility information provided by Seafarer. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Potential impacts to the nearshore marine environment from construction activities including the possibility of the

unsuccessful implementation of HDD drilling beneath marine and nearshore habitats;

- Potential impacts to marine and estuarine water quality associated with construction activities;
- Potential impacts on wetlands and submerged aquatic vegetation;
- Potential impacts on coral and other marine life from pipeline construction activities;
- Potential impacts on essential fish habitat and state and/or federally-listed threatened and endangered species along the pipeline route;
- Consistency with coastal zone management guidelines;
- Potential impacts and potential benefits of construction workforce on local housing, infrastructure, public services, and economy;
- Potential impacts of increased boat traffic associated with construction in nearshore marine waters and the Intracoastal Waterway;
- Assessment of potential cultural resources along the pipeline route;
- Hazards associated with the transport of natural gas;
- Alternative alignments for the onshore and offshore pipeline route; and
- Assessment of the effect of the proposed project when combined with other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable future actions in the project area, including other recently proposed natural gas pipelines that would extend between the Bahamas and south Florida.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the proposal. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives (including alternative facilities sites and pipeline routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC, on or before August 16, 2004, and carefully follow these instructions:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of your comments for the attention of Gas Branch 3, DG2E;
- Reference Docket No. PF04-8-000 on the original and both copies.

The public scoping meeting to be held on July 22, 2004, at the Riviera Beach

² The figure referenced in this notice is not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the figure were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail. Requests for detailed maps of the proposed facilities should be made directly to Seafarer.

Council Chambers, is designed to provide another opportunity to offer comments on the proposed project. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meeting and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the EIS. A transcript of the meeting will be generated so that your comments will be accurately recorded.

We will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. To expedite our receipt and consideration of your comments, the Commission strongly encourages electronic submission of any comments on this project. 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 submit comments you will need to create a free account, which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account." You will be asked to select the type of submission you are making. This submission is considered a "Comment on Filing."

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the attached Information Request. If you do not return the Information Request, you will be removed from the project mailing list.

Once Seafarer formally files its application with the Commission, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." 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 "e-filing" link on the Commission's Web site. Please note that you may not request intervenor status at this time. You must wait until a formal application is filed with the Commission.

Availability of Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC (3372) or on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary link." Click on the eLibrary link, select "General Search" and enter the project docket number excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, PF04-8) 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 TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. 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 rule makings.

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Finally, Seafarer has established an Internet Web site for this project at <http://www.seafarer.us/>. The Web site includes a description of the project, a map of the proposed pipeline route, and answers to frequently asked questions. You can also request additional information or provide comments directly to Seafarer at (866) 683-5587.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Comments

June 30, 2004.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.:* 12491-000.

c. *Date Filed:* March 11, 2004.

d. *Applicant:* Davis Hydro, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Pit 4 Dam Retrofit Project.

f. *Location:* At the Pit 4 Diversion Dam on the Pit River, in Shasta County, California. The Dam is owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). The project is partially on PG&E land but the project works and most of the reservoir is primarily on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. The proposed project is for additional capacity at the existing License project No. 233 operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Richard Ely, Davis Hydro LLC, 27264 Meadowbrook Drive, Davis, CA 95616, (530) 753-0562.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Lynn R. Miles, (202) 502-8763.

j. *Deadline for Filing Comments, Protests, and Motions To Intervene:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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. Please include the project number (P-12491-000) on any comments, protest, or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) The existing Pit 4 Dam, which is a concrete structure consisting of a 37 foot non-overflow section at the right abutment, a 213 foot concrete gravity spillway section, and a 197 foot slab and buttress section at the left abutment. The concrete gravity spillway section is 78 feet in height from bedrock to spillway crest elevation on 2,048 feet and 108 feet to the current dam crest elevation of 2,438.5 feet elevation. The slab and buttress section is 202 feet long and has a height of 58 feet to a crest elevation of 2,445.33 feet, (2) a 7-foot-diameter approximately 200 foot long steel penstock, (3) an existing impoundment having a surface area of 105 acres and a storage capacity of 1,970 acre-feet having a normal water surface elevation of 2,442.5 feet mean sea level, (4) a proposed powerhouse containing one turbine with a installed capacity of 1,200 kilowatts, (5) a proposed 320-foot-long 12 kilovolt transmission line and (6) appurtenant facilities. Applicant estimates that the average annual generation would be 9 gigawatt-hours and project energy would be sold to a local utility. This project is for additional capacity at the already licensed Pit 3, 4, and 5 Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 233. The proposed project will be constructed not to impact FERC Project No. 233 under current or expected future license requirements.