

Substation, in the town of Libby, Montana, and proceed west along an existing right-of-way for about 17 miles, terminating at BPA's Troy Substation just east of the town of Troy, Montana. The line would be rebuilt mostly on existing right-of-way, and would replace an existing 115-kV wood pole line. The EIS is being prepared for the proposed project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and in accordance with DOE regulations.

**DATES:** Written comments on the NEPA scoping process are due to the address below no later than June 6, 2005.

Comments may also be made at two EIS scoping meetings to be held on May 19, 2005, at the address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Send letters with comments and suggestions on the proposed scope of the Draft EIS to Bonneville Power Administration, Communications—DM-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, Oregon 97293-4428; FAX them to 503-230-3285; or submit your comments on-line at: <http://www.bpa.gov/comment/>. To be placed on the project mail list, call 1-888-276-7790.

Comments may also be made at EIS scoping meetings to be held on Thursday, May 19, 2005, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., in conference rooms A, B, & C at the Kootenai National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1101 Highway 2 West, Libby, Montana. At these informal open-house meetings, we will provide a brief introduction of the proposed project during the first 15 minutes. We will then provide maps and information about the project, have several members of the project team available to answer questions, and accept oral and written comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kirk Robinson, Project Manager, Bonneville Power Administration—TNP-TPP-3, P.O. Box 61409, Vancouver, Washington 98666-1409; toll-free telephone 1-800-282-3713; direct telephone 360-619-6301; or e-mail [kmrobinson@bpa.gov](mailto:kmrobinson@bpa.gov). You may also contact Tish Eaton, Environmental Coordinator, Bonneville Power Administration—KEC-4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621; telephone 503-230-3469; fax 503-230-5699; or e-mail [teaton@bpa.gov](mailto:teaton@bpa.gov). Information about the project can also be found at <http://www.efw.bpa.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** BPA is proposing to rebuild a 17-mile-long section of BPA's Libby to Bonners Ferry 115-kV transmission line. This rebuild would replace an existing 115-kV wood pole transmission line that runs west from FEC's Libby Substation in the town

of Libby, to BPA's Troy Substation, east of Troy, Montana. The proposed rebuild would be located primarily in BPA's existing right-of-way corridor with two potential re-routings—one to avoid immediately adjacent residences in the town of Libby, and the other at a river crossing prior to a washout at China Creek, approximately one-half mile east of the present crossing of the Kootenai River. The project is needed to continue to provide safe and reliable service to the local communities, and in anticipation of the future growth of the area.

The Libby (FEC) to Troy section of the Libby to Bonners Ferry transmission line was originally built by Pacific Power & Light Company (PP&L) in the 1950's. The condition of the Libby (FEC) to Troy section of the line has been deteriorating over the years to the point where a major rebuilding of the H-frame wood pole line is needed to continue serving customer loads safely and reliably. Field reconnaissance surveys of the line during the summer of 2004 showed that many of the wooden poles and cross-arms have passed their ability to withstand required structural loads, including stresses caused by snow and ice build-up during winter. Also, serious problems with the conductor have been discovered. In the last two years, BPA transmission line maintenance crews have provided "fixes" for critical situations to prevent the line from failing completely, but these fixes are meant to be only temporary, and they do not provide a complete long-term solution to the existing structural and conductor problems with the line.

This proposed project was originally considered by BPA in 1993-1994, as part of the Northwest Montana/North Idaho Support Project. The proposal at that time was to build a 230-kV double-circuit transmission line from BPA's substation at Bonners Ferry to Libby Substation, owned at the time by PP&L. The project was scoped with the public, comments were incorporated into the proposal, and environmental analysis was done. A preliminary draft EIS was in preparation when the project was cancelled for fiscal reasons.

**Alternatives Proposed for Consideration.** Based on information gathered during the previous environmental evaluation, and from current and potential load growth studies for the area, BPA currently is considering four alternatives for evaluation in the EIS: (1) Rebuilding the line in-kind, as a single-circuit 115-kV wood pole H-frame line with some wood-pole equivalent steel poles; (2) rebuilding the line as a double-circuit

115-kV tubular steel pole line; (3) rebuilding the line as a double-circuit 230-kV tubular steel pole line; and (4) the alternative of not rebuilding the line (an alternative BPA always considers). Other alternatives may be identified through the scoping process.

**Public Participation and Identification of Environmental Issues.** BPA has established a 30-day scoping period during which affected landowners, concerned citizens, special interest groups, local governments, and any other interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the proposed EIS. Scoping will help BPA ensure that a full range of environmental issues related to this proposal is addressed in the EIS, and also will help identify significant or potentially significant impacts that may result from the proposed project.

The potential environmental issues identified for most transmission projects include: land use, cultural resources, visual resources, sensitive plants and animals, recreation use, erosion concerns, and fish and water resources. The Draft EIS for the proposed project will address these issues, as well as other environmental issues raised during the public scoping process. When completed, the Draft EIS will be circulated for review and comment, and BPA will hold public meetings to receive comments on the Draft EIS. BPA will consider and respond in the Final EIS to comments received on the Draft EIS. BPA's decision will be documented in a Record of Decision. The EIS will satisfy the requirements of NEPA.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on April 28, 2005.

**Stephen J. Wright,**

*Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP05-130-000, CP05-132-000, and CP05-131-000]

### Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP, Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Application

April 29, 2005.

Take notice that on April 15, 2005, Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP (Cove Point LNG) filed an application in Docket No. CP05-130-000, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), requesting authority to expand its facilities at its liquefied natural gas

(LNG) import terminal at Cove Point, Maryland. Cove Point LNG also filed on April 15, 2005, an application in Docket No. CP05-132-000, pursuant to section 7(c) of the NGA, requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to expand the capacity of its natural gas pipeline in Calvert, Prince George's and Charles County, Maryland. Dominion Transmission, Inc. also filed on April 15, 2005, an application in Docket No. CP05-131-000, pursuant to section 7(c) of the NGA, requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to expand the capacity of its natural gas pipeline in Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia and West Virginia. Additional supplements to Cove Point LNG's and Dominion's applications were filed on April 22, 2005, and April 28, 2005; this information was required to complete the Commission's minimum filing requirements.

The details of these proposals are more fully set forth in the applications which are on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filings 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, 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.

Any questions regarding these applications should be directed to Anne E. Bomar, Managing Director, Transmission, Rates and Regulation, Dominion Resources, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or by phone at (804) 819-2134.

Cove Point LNG proposes to expand its existing LNG terminal by adding two new 160,000 cubic meter LNG storage tanks and additional vaporization capacity at its site in Calvert County, Maryland. The proposed terminal expansion would increase the send-out capability by 800,000 Dth/d and increase the storage capacity by 6.8 MMDth/d. Cove Point LNG is proposing to offer this increase in LNG terminal service on a proprietary basis under section 3 of the NGA and says that this would be a permissible application of the Commission's policy on LNG terminals as expressed in a prior case concerning Hackberry LNG Terminal, LLC. Cove Point LNG has proposed a new section 30 in the General Terms and Conditions of its existing FERC tariff for its current LNG terminal and transportation services to identify this proprietary service and explain the proprietary service's operation in

relation to Cove Point LNG's existing services.

Cove Point LNG also proposes to construct and operate about 47 miles of 36-inch-diameter loop pipeline in Calvert, Prince George's, and Charles County, Maryland to allow it to deliver an additional 800,000 Dth/d from its LNG terminal to its connections with other interstate pipelines. Cove Point LNG is proposing to offer this additional service to Statoil Natural Gas, LLC at an incremental monthly reservation charge of \$3.6824.

Dominion proposes to construct and operate about 81 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline lateral in central Pennsylvania and 33 miles of pipe in other parts of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. As part of the new central Pennsylvania system, Dominion proposes to construct two new compressor stations in Juniata and Centre Counties, Pennsylvania. Dominion says that these new facilities will allow it to transport an additional 700,000 Dth/d from its interconnection with Cove Point LNG to various delivery points on its system. Dominion also says that these new facilities will allow it to offer a new underground storage service of 6.0 MMDth, with an additional demand of 100,000 Dth/d. Dominion is proposing to offer these additional services to Statoil Natural Gas, LLC at incremental rates, and is also proposing a new incremental storage rate schedule—Rate Schedule GSS-E.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project, or in support of or in opposition to this project, should submit an original and two copies of their

comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters 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 commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the applicant. However, the non-party commenters 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

*Comment Date:* May 27, 2005.

**Linda Mitry,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP05-289-000]

#### El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

April 29, 2005.

Take notice that on April 26, 2005, El Paso Natural Gas Company (EPNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1-A, the following tariff sheets, to become effective May 27, 2005:

Third Revised Sheet No. 259  
Original Sheet No. 259A  
Third Revised Sheet No. 274  
Original Sheet No. 274A  
Second Revised Sheet No. 296  
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 401  
Second Revised Sheet No. 406  
Third Revised Sheet No. 407  
Second Revised Sheet No. 408  
Third Revised Sheet No. 418  
Original Sheet No. 418A  
Second Revised Sheet No. 422  
Second Revised Sheet No. 440

EPNG states that the tariff sheets revise the Form of Service Agreements