

Notice of the availability of the EA. January 2010.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2146-126]

#### Alabama Power Company; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

May 7, 2009.

- a. *Type of Application:* Non-project use of project lands and waters.
- b. *Project Number:* 2146-126.
- c. *Date Filed:* April 24, 2009.
- d. *Applicant:* Alabama Power Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Coosa River Project.
- f. *Location:* The proposed non-project use is located on Logan Martin Lake, in Talladega County, Alabama.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Keith E. Bryant, Senior Engineer, Alabama Power Company, 600 18th Street North, Birmingham, AL 35203, (205) 257-1403.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Jade Alvey at (202) 502-6864.
- j. *Deadline for Filing Comments and or Motions:* June 8, 2009.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener 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. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

k. *Description of Request:* Alabama Power Company filed an application seeking Commission authorization to permit Shoreline Real Estate, LLC to install floating boat docks, a concrete boat ramp, and other facilities on project lands along or near the shoreline of the Logan Martin Lake in Section 4, Township 18 South, Range 4 East, Talladega County, Alabama. The new facilities would be used by the owners and residents of the Lincoln Harbor development on lands adjacent to the project. The application is for a total of 15 floating docks, with total boat slips not to exceed 176 slips, and a footprint not to exceed 72,160 square feet. The boat docks would be constructed over the coming years as a total of 952 residential units are constructed and sold in a phased development process. The filing includes maps and descriptions of the areas and of dock and slip configurations, photographs, and environmental and historic considerations. No dredging is proposed. This application was filed after consultation with the appropriate agencies.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field (P-459) to access the document. You may also register Online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3372 or e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *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.

o. Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers.

p. *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.

q. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. 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.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP05-82-001]

#### El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Gila Compressor Station Removal Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

May 8, 2009.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of El Paso Natural Gas Company's (El Paso) request for amended authorization to remove the previously abandoned aboveground facilities at its Gila Compressor Station, in Maricopa County, Arizona. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process we will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your

input will help the Commission staff determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on June 8, 2009.

This notice is being sent to Federal, State, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

### Summary of the Proposed Project

El Paso has requested an amendment to the Commission's Order of May 5, 2005 which authorized abandonment in place and termination of service for the Gila Compressor Station. Having experienced vandalism and theft at the facility, El Paso proposes to remove all equipment and structures down to the concrete foundations. The facilities which would be removed include: A compressor building; pump house; auxiliary building; machine shop; office building; waste tanks; air receiving tanks; fin fan coolers; sulfuric acid storage tanks; two 1000 barrel (bbl) tanks; electrical and control wiring; station light poles; and all aboveground piping. Miscellaneous liquids (engine oils, coolants, amine, condensate, and hydrocarbons) were previously removed from the Gila Bend Compressor Station when it was abandoned in place.

Salvaged materials would be sold as scrap, or recycled. Other materials would be disposed of in local land fills in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local regulations.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

If approved, El Paso proposes to accomplish demolition of the facilities in 2009.

### Land Requirements

The facilities proposed for demolition comprise 2 acres of El Paso's 155 acre fenced compressor station yard which, except for a portion of about 3.58 acres of Bureau of Land Management administered land just inside the fence line, is owned in fee title by El Paso. All

demolition activities would be located on El Paso fee title land.

### 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. This process is referred to as "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 staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to 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.

In the EA we<sup>2</sup> will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Land use.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Cultural resources.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Air quality and noise.
- Polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination.
- Public safety.

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, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

With this NOI, 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 EA. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated the proposal relative to their responsibilities. Additional agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this NOI.

### Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by El Paso. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- The Gila Bend Compressor Station has been assessed as a historically significant component of the energy infrastructure of the Southwestern United States.

- El Paso has identified samples which exceed the method detection limit for PCBs. El Paso proposes to dispose of PCB contaminated material in a Toxic Substances Control Act regulated landfill in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations 761.61.

### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns. 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 8, 2009.

For your convenience, there are three methods which you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances please reference the project docket number CP05-82-000 with your submission. The docket number can be found on the front of this notice. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has dedicated eFiling expert staff available to assist you at 202-502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@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;

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

<sup>2</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

(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 St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426

Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 2, PJ11.2.

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, 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 "e-filing" link on the Commission's Web site.

#### Environmental Mailing List

As described above, we may publish and distribute the EA for public review and comment. If you are interested in receiving an EA, please return the Environmental Mailing List Form (appendix 2). *If you do not return the Environmental Mailing List Form or comment on the project, you will be taken off the mailing list.* All individuals who provide comments will remain on our environmental mailing list for this project.

#### 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 ([www.ferc.gov](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](mailto: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.

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 [www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm](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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP09-60-000]

#### **Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Pier Reinforcement Project**

May 8, 2009.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) of the Pier Reinforcement Project proposed by Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP (DCP) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC 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 FERC is the lead agency for the preparation of the EA. The United States Coast Guard (Coast Guard) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (COE) are cooperating agencies for the development of the EA. A cooperating agency has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to the proposed

action and participates in the NEPA analysis.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of modifications to DCP's existing pier in the Chesapeake Bay at the Cove Point Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal in Calvert County, Maryland. The Pier Reinforcement Project would involve the following construction activities:

- Addition of ten new mooring dolphins;
- Reinforcement of eight existing breasting dolphins;
- Walkways to connect the mooring dolphins to the existing pier;
- Replacement of the existing gangway system with an automated gangway;
- Installation of new display boards;
- Upgrading the docking control system to incorporate new quick-release mooring hooks;
- Dredging approximately 120,000 cubic yards of sediment directly adjacent to the pier; and
- Placing the dredged material at a permitted dredged material placement site.

The purpose of the project is to upgrade, expand, and modify the existing pier to accommodate DCP's customers and recent advances in LNG ship technology. The reinforced pier would enable the safe docking, discharge, and departure of vessels capable of carrying cargoes of up to 267,000 cubic meters of LNG. These vessels would be larger than those currently authorized for the Cove Point LNG Terminal and would allow comparable quantities of LNG to be delivered using fewer vessels.

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, (202) 502-8371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, State, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers and libraries in the project area, and parties to this proceeding. 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 before the date specified below.

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to