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Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 3, PJ11.3.

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[EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx](#) along with other related information.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF09–1–000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company;
Notice of Intent To Prepare an
Environmental Assessment for the 300
Line Project, Request for Comments
on Environmental Issues, and Notice
of Public Scoping Meetings

February 4, 2009.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts that could result from the construction and operation of the 300 Line Project. The project is planned by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (TGP) to expand the natural gas transportation capacity of its existing 300 Line pipeline in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

This Notice of Intent (NOI) announces the opening of the scoping process used 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. The staff will also use the scoping process to determine whether preparation of an environmental impact statement is more appropriate for this project based on the anticipated level of impacts. Please note that the scoping period will close on March 6, 2009.

Comments may be submitted in written or verbal form. Further details on how to submit written comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice. In lieu of or in addition to sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public scoping meetings scheduled as follows.

Date and time	Location
Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 7 p.m. (EST)	Walnut Ridge Primary School, 625 County Route 517, Vernon, New Jersey.
Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 7 p.m. (EST)	Montrose High School, 50 High School Road, Montrose, Pennsylvania.
Thursday, February 26, 2009, 7 p.m. (EST)	Mansfield University, Room G3, Allen Hall, 135 Stadium Drive, Mansfield, Pennsylvania.

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meetings and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the EA. A transcript of the meetings will be generated so that your comments will be accurately recorded.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local

government representatives and agencies; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties in this proceeding; and local libraries and newspapers. We¹ encourage government representatives to notify their constituents of the planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (www.ferc.gov). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

Summary of the Proposed Project

TGP is requesting authorization to construct, own, and operate the facilities necessary to increase natural gas delivery capacity to the northeast region of the United States by approximately 300,000 dekatherms per day. In addition to increasing natural gas delivery capacity in the region, TGP would also upgrade certain existing compressor units to improve overall system reliability.

The 300 Line Project would consist of the following facilities:

- Installation of approximately 128.4 miles of new 30-inch-diameter pipeline in seven separate looping² segments ranging in length from 14.6 miles to 22.5 miles in Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Pike Counties, Pennsylvania; and Sussex and Passaic Counties, New Jersey;
- Construction of a new 15,000 horsepower (hp) compressor station

(Station 303) in Venango County, Pennsylvania;

- Construction of a new 15,400 hp compressor station (Station 310) in McKean County, Pennsylvania;
- Modification to an existing meter station in Bergen County, New Jersey;
- Modifications to seven existing compressor stations in Potter (Station 313), Tioga (Station 315), Bradford (Station 317 and 319), Susquehanna (Station 321), and Pike Counties (Station 323), Pennsylvania, and Sussex County (Station 325), New Jersey, resulting in increased hp at five of the seven existing stations; and
- Installation of associated appurtenant aboveground facilities including mainline valves and pig³ launchers and receivers.

The location of the project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.⁴

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the 300 Line Project would require about 2,091.7 acres of land including pipeline, aboveground facilities, appurtenant facilities, and pipe storage and contractor yards. Following construction, about 1,149.9 acres would be used for operation of the project facilities. The area disturbed during construction but not required for operation would generally be allowed to revert to pre-construction condition.

The planned pipeline loops would be located within and directly adjacent to the existing 300 Line right-of-way and at a typical offset of 25 feet from the existing pipeline to the extent practicable. Construction and operation of the two new compressor stations would occur within larger land tracts to be acquired by TGP, and the proposed modifications to existing compressor stations would occur within the existing fenceline of the facilities.

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 NOI, the Commission staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received will be 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 will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the planned project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- Land use;
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
- Cultural resources;
- Vegetation and wildlife;
- Air quality and noise;
- Endangered and threatened species; and
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the planned project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Although no formal application has been filed, we have already initiated our NEPA review under the Commission's Pre-Filing Process. The purpose of the Pre-Filing Process is to encourage early involvement of interested stakeholders and to identify and resolve issues before an application is filed with the FERC. As part of our Pre-Filing Process review, we have begun to contact some federal and state agencies to discuss their involvement in the scoping process and the preparation of the EA. In addition, representatives from the FERC participated in public open houses sponsored by TGP in the project area in December 2008 and January 2009, to explain the environmental review process to interested stakeholders.

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 published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the

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

² A loop is a segment of pipeline that is usually installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it at both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the system.

³ A pig is an internal tool that can be used to clean and dry a pipeline and/or to inspect it for damage or corrosion.

⁴ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than Appendix 1 (maps), 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.

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 several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the planned facilities, comments made to us at TGP's open houses, preliminary consultations with other agencies, and the environmental information provided by TGP. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis:

- Compatibility with the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge in Sussex County, New Jersey, where proposed Loop 325 would cross the refuge for approximately 0.8 mile;
- Compatibility of the planned Loop 325 on lands under jurisdiction of the New Jersey Highlands Council;
- Potential impacts on nearby residences including wells and septic systems, land use restrictions, and property values;
- Aesthetic impacts, including the loss of trees in residential areas;
- Potential impacts on threatened or endangered species including the Indiana bat and the Bog turtle;
- Noise concerns associated with the new compressor stations (Stations 303 and 310); and
- Assessment of alternatives including alternatives that would avoid or reduce impacts on the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge and Long Pond Iron Works State Park, and alternative compressor station locations.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the 300 Line 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 March 6, 2009.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your written comments to the Commission. In all instances please reference the project docket number PF09-1-000 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 efiling@ferc.gov.

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Finally, to request additional information on the project or to provide comments directly to the project sponsor, you can contact TGP directly by calling toll free at 1-866-208-3676. Also, TGP has established an Internet Web site at www.elpaso.com/TGP300LineExpansion/default.shtm. The Web site includes a description of the Project, an overview map of the

proposed facilities, and links to related documents. TGP 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. AC09-34-000]

Cameron Interstate Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Filing

February 4, 2009.

Take notice that on January 22, 2009 Cameron Interstate Pipeline Company, LLC submitted a request for waiver of the requirement to submit the 2008 FERC Form No. 2 and a temporary waiver of the requirement to submit the FERC Form 3-Q under sections 260.1 and 260.300 of the Commission regulations.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: March 5, 2009.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP09-55-000]

Carolina Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

February 4, 2009.

Take notice that on January 30, 2009, Carolina Gas Transmission Corporation (Carolina Gas), 601 Old Taylor Road, Cayce, South Carolina 29033, filed in Docket No. CP09-55-000, an application pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.210 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) as amended, to convert an existing compressor unit from standby to base load service, under Carolina Gas' blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP06-72-000,¹ all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to the public for inspection.

Carolina Gas proposes to convert an existing standby 1,050 horsepower Solar Saturn turbine compressor unit to base load service at its Grover compressor station near Blacksburg, Cherokee County, South Carolina. Carolina Gas states that converting the standby compressor unit to base load service would allow Carolina Gas to meet shippers' request for an additional 25,000 Dekatherms per day of natural gas service. Carolina Gas also states that it would cost an estimated \$413,000 to place the compressor unit into base load service.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Samuel L. Dozier, Vice President, Commercial and Field Operations, Carolina Gas Transmission Corporation, 601 Old Taylor Road, Cayce, South Carolina 29033, or via telephone at (803) 217-2234.

This filing is available for review at the Commission or may 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

filed to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free at (866) 206-3676, or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages intervenors to file electronically.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0707; FRL-8772-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Data Reporting Requirements for State and Local Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Programs (Renewal); EPA ICR No. 1613.03, OMB Control No. 2060-0252

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

¹ 116 FERC ¶ 61,049 (2006).