

In Reply Refer To:  
OEP/DG2E/Gas Branch 2  
Texas Gas Transmission, LLC  
Docket No. CP07-417-000

TO THE PARTY ADDRESSED:

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this draft environmental impact statement (EIS) on the construction and operation of the natural gas pipeline facilities (referred to as the Fayetteville/Greenville Expansion Project or Project) as proposed by Texas Gas Transmission, LLC (Texas Gas).

The draft EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The staff concludes that approval of the Fayetteville/Greenville Expansion Project, with appropriate mitigating measures as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact. The draft EIS evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including system alternatives, and pipeline alternatives.

The purpose of the Fayetteville/Greenville Expansion Project is to develop and provide new pipeline capacity to transport natural gas produced in north-central Arkansas to markets served by interstate and intrastate pipeline systems. The Project would be capable of transporting 853 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d)<sup>1</sup> of natural gas through the proposed Fayetteville Lateral and 751 MMcf/d<sup>2</sup> of natural gas through the proposed Greenville Lateral.

The draft EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following facilities in Arkansas and Mississippi:

- 166.2 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline in Conway, Faulkner, Cleburne, White, Woodruff, St. Francis, Lee, and Phillips Counties, Arkansas; and Coahoma County, Mississippi (Fayetteville Lateral);
- 96.4 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline in Washington, Sunflower, Humphreys, Holmes, and Attalla Counties, Mississippi (Greenville Lateral);

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<sup>1</sup> Based on 985.2 British thermal units (Btu) per standard cubic feet (scf), 841,000 million Btu per day (MMBtu/d) approximately equals 853 MMcf/d.

<sup>2</sup> Based on 1,021.3 Btu/scf, 768,000 MMBtu/d approximately equals 751 MMcf/d.

- 0.8 mile of 36-inch-diameter tie-in pipeline in Attalla County, Mississippi (Kosciusko 36-inch Tie-in Lateral);
- 0.4 mile of 20-inch-diameter tie-in pipeline in Attalla County, Mississippi (Kosciusko 20-inch Tie-in Lateral);
- a 10,650-horsepower (hp) compressor station at milepost 96.4 on the Greenville Lateral in Attala County, Mississippi (Kosciusko Compressor Station);
- pipe modifications at Texas Gas’s existing Greenville Compressor Station in Washington County, Mississippi; and
- 29 metering and regulating (M&R) stations, 30 interconnects (tie-ins), 21 main line valves (MLVs), and three launchers and three receivers.

### **Comment Procedures and Public Meeting**

Any person wishing to comment on the draft EIS 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. **Please carefully follow these instructions:**

- Send an **original and two copies** of your comments to:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

- **Reference Docket No. CP07-207-000;**
- Label one copy of your comments to the attention of Gas Branch 2, DG2E; and
- **Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 7, 2007.**

Please note that the Commission encourages the electronic filing (“eFiling”) of comments. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission’s web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the “Documents and Filings” link.

In lieu of or in addition to sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public scoping meeting that will be scheduled for a date prior to the end of the draft EIS comment period. We will issue a notice about the time, date, and location of the comment meeting.

The public meeting will be posted on the FERC's calendar located at [www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx](http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx). Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the draft EIS. Transcripts of the meeting will be prepared.

After the comments are received and reviewed, any significant new issues are investigated, and modifications are made to the draft EIS, a final EIS will be published and distributed by the FERC staff. The final EIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments received on the draft EIS.

The draft EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch  
888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A  
Washington, DC 20426  
(202) 502-8371

A limited number of copies are available from the Public Reference identified above. In addition, CD copies of the draft EIS have been mailed to affected landowners; various federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; local libraries and newspapers; intervenors; and other individuals that expressed an interest in the proposed Project. Hard copies of this draft EIS have also been mailed to those who requested that format during scoping and comment periods for the Project.

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 website (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

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866-208-3676, or for TTY at (202) 502-8659.

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