

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company L.L.C.

Docket No. CP18-18-000

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED GATEWAY
EXPANSION PROJECT, AND
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

(January 2, 2018)

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Gateway Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company (Transco) in Essex and Passaic Counties, New Jersey. The Commission will use this EA 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 the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. 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 avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before February 2, 2018.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission **before** the opening of this docket on November 16, 2017, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP18-18-000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable

Summary of the Proposed Project

Transco proposes to perform the following activities for construction of the project.

Compressor Station (CS) 303 (Essex County, New Jersey)

- Expansion of the existing building to include one new 33,000 horsepower (hp) electric-motor driven compression unit and ancillary equipment;
- Install gas cooling equipment;
- Extend existing security fencing to encompass new equipment; and
- A new driveway to connect the new gas cooler location with CS 303.

Roseland Meter and Regulator (M&R), Essex County, New Jersey

- One new 36-inch ML block valve with automation controls; and
- Actuator modification on existing ML block valve.

Paterson M&R, Passaic County, New Jersey

- Remove existing 12-inch headers, meter skid, building, and associated equipment;
- Install a meter skid with two 6-inch ultrasonic meters with 12-inch inlet and outlet headers;
- Install a new M&R building;
- Install new remote terminal unit (RTU)/ gas chromatograph building;
- Install new flow computer, radio, and an antenna/pole; and
- Install a new condensate tank.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.¹

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would disturb 9.43 acres of land, with 9.06 acres being utilized for the CS 303 site and the remaining 0.37 acres utilized for the Paterson M&R site. All proposed land affected is currently in use as Transco existing property. No new land would need to be acquired for operational use.

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the Federal Register. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at www.ferc.gov using the link called "eLibrary" 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.

with us in the preparation of the EA.³ Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice. Currently, no agency has expressed intention to participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA.

Consultations Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.⁴ We will define the project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPO as the project develops. On natural gas facility projects, the APE at a minimum encompasses all areas subject to ground disturbance (examples include construction right-of-way, contractor/pipe storage yards, compressor stations, and access roads). Our EA for this project will document our findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes 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. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If we publish and distribute the EA, copies will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. **If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (appendix 2).**

³ The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.6.

⁴ The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Appendix 1



Legend

Property Boundary

Limit of Disturbance

0 100 200 400 Feet

Notes:

1. Name: Patrick Center, Chemical Process Building, U.S. Refinery Plant
2. Name: Patrick Center, High Purity Hydrogen, 2000 sq ft building, West High Purity Hydrogen Building
3. Name: Patrick Center, High Purity Hydrogen, 2000 sq ft building, West High Purity Hydrogen Building

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Aerial Location Map

Paterson M&R Site
 585058E, 763746N
 Gateway Expansion Project
 Paterson City, Passaic County, NJ

PROJECT NUMBER	DATE: 11/20/07	SCALE: 1:50,000	APPENDIX A	ATTACHMENT 3
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Appendix 2

INFORMATION REQUEST

Gateway Expansion Project

Name _____

Agency _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

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