

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15-86-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Request under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on February 12, 2015, El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. (EPNG), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80944 filed a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.213 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to construct and operate certain natural gas storage field facilities within EPNG's existing Washington Ranch Storage Field located in Eddy County, New Mexico. Specifically, EPNG proposes to: i) Drill and connect two new injection/withdrawal wells, ii) construct two appurtenant six-inch outside diameter storage pipelines totaling up to 2,400 feet, and iii) install new well pad measurements. The project is referred to as the Washington Ranch Project. EPNG states that the two new wells and associated laterals are designed to better access existing working capacity, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing 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, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this Application should be directed to Francisco Tarin, Director, Regulatory Affairs Department, El Paso Natural Gas Company, LLC, PO Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80944, or by calling (719) 667-7517.

Any person may, within 60 days after the 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. Any person filing to intervene or the Commission's staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) file 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 protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal

authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenter's 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 commenter's will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentary, 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 (www.ferc.gov) under the "e-Filing" link. Persons unable to file electronically should submit original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: February 23, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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