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BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF: : Project Number:  
EAST END EXPANSION PROJECT : PF06-34-000  
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St. Mary Church Hall  
11 Kaufman Lane  
Hattiesville, AR

Monday, January 8, 2007

The above-entitled matter came on for scoping  
meeting, pursuant to notice, at 6:00 p.m.

BEFORE:  
JOHN J. WISNIEWSKI, FERC

## 1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. WISNIEWSKI: Okay. We're going to start our  
3 meeting now.

4 Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. My name is  
5 John Wisniewski. I work at the Federal Energy Regulatory  
6 Commission in Washington. We're known as the FERC, F-E-R-C.  
7 I'm the project manager for the Ozark Gas Transmission LLC's  
8 East End Expansion Project, Docket Number PF06-34-000.

9 Also here tonight on my left is Scott Flickinger  
10 of Tetra Tech NUS, Inc. And he is our environmental  
11 contractor who will help us prepare the environmental impact  
12 statement for the East End Expansion Project.

13 Also here in the back of the room by the table is  
14 Shonda Sumpster, who works for Tetra Tech also. Shonda has  
15 some information in the back of the room, as you came in, to  
16 sign up on the sheet if you wish to speak this evening. We  
17 have another sheet if you want to be added to our mail list.  
18 And we have a general sheet that everyone should have signed  
19 up for who walked in the room.

20 So you can listen tonight. You can speak. You  
21 can send in comments. Or you don't have to do anything.  
22 But the option is available for you to do so.

23 So this is a public scoping meeting for the  
24 project. We sent out a Notice of Intent to prepare an  
25 environmental impact statement on the Ozark Gas Transmission

1 Project on December 4, 2005. All landowners should have  
2 received a copy of that NOI. If any landowners here did not  
3 receive a copy of that please let us know; inform Shonda and  
4 I can put you on the mail list and make sure you get a copy  
5 of that.

6 The staff of the FERC will prepare a Draft  
7 Environmental Impact Statement and a Final Environmental  
8 Impact Statement for the project covering the facilities.  
9 The FEIS will be used by the Commission to determine whether  
10 a certificate of public convenience and necessity should be  
11 issued for the pipeline project.

12 Although no formal application has been filed  
13 yet, the FERC staff has already initiated its NEPA review  
14 under its NEPA pre-filing process for the project. The  
15 purpose of the pre-filing process is to encourage the early  
16 involvement of interested stakeholders and to identify and  
17 resolve issues before an application is filed with the FERC.

18 Docket Number PF06-34-000 has been assigned for  
19 the Ozark East End Expansion Project. Once a formal  
20 application is filed with the FERC a new docket number will  
21 be established.

22 We may not have answers to your questions right  
23 now, but we want to get the issues so the applicant can  
24 address them in their application. We have interagency  
25 agreements with the U.S. Department of Interior, U.S.

1 Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Energy,  
2 Council on Environmental Quality, the U.S. Environmental  
3 Protection Agency, the Advisory Council on Historic  
4 Preservation, Department of Commerce, the U.S. Army Corps of  
5 Engineers, and the U.S. Department of Transportation and the  
6 Department of Energy. The Department of Transportation  
7 Research and Special Programs Administration, or RSPA, has  
8 authority to enforce safety regulations and standards for  
9 transportation in or affecting interstate or foreign  
10 commerce under pipeline safety laws.

11 The FERC is the lead federal agency responsible  
12 for authorizing construction and operation of interstate  
13 natural gas pipelines and compressor stations that may be  
14 associated with a project under Section 7 of the Natural Gas  
15 Act. FERC will ensure complete review of the entire project  
16 in our Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Final  
17 Environmental Impact Statement as required under NEPA for  
18 approval of new facilities.

19 Besides FERC there are some other agencies who  
20 have jurisdiction over these facilities. That includes the  
21 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fishery  
22 Service, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the  
23 Natural Resource Conservation Service, the U.S. Army Corps  
24 of Engineers, Little Rock, Vicksburg and Memphis districts,  
25 Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation

1 Service in Arkansas and Mississippi, and the Environmental  
2 Protection Agency Regions 4 and 6.

3 In addition, several Mississippi state and local  
4 agencies will be involved, including -- and Arkansas  
5 agencies, including the Arkansas Department of Environmental  
6 Quality, Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, the Arkansas  
7 Fish and Game Commission, Arkansas Historic Preservation  
8 Program, the Arkansas Historic Preservation Office, and  
9 Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, the  
10 Mississippi Department of Archives and History, and the  
11 Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, and the Mississippi  
12 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

13 The facilities for this project would generally  
14 include about 235 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline  
15 extending from what's called the East End Expansion Project  
16 and looping a part of the existing pipeline beginning in  
17 Conway County, Arkansas, and ending in Calhoun County,  
18 Mississippi. Approximately eight miles of 24-inch diameter  
19 pipeline extension called the Noark Extension would be built  
20 from the existing Noark to the proposed Wonderview  
21 compressor station, all within Conway County, Arkansas.

22 Three compressor stations will be proposed: The  
23 Wonderview, Searcy, and Helena compressor stations in  
24 Conway, White, and Phillips County, Arkansas, respectively,  
25 each with two 10,000 horsepower of electric-driven

1 compressors. In addition, there would be five gas meter  
2 stations and interconnects with pipelines, including  
3 Tennessee Gas Meter Station in Coahoma County -- spelled C-  
4 o-a-h-o-m-a -- County, Mississippi, ANR Meter Station in  
5 Panola County, Mississippi, Trunkline Meter Station in  
6 Panola County, Mississippi, Tennessee Gas Meter Station in  
7 Panola County, Mississippi, and Columbia Gulf Meter Station  
8 in Calhoun County, Mississippi.

9 Various interconnections would be made with Ozark  
10 Gas Transmission's pipelines. I'll have the Ozark  
11 representative talk a little bit more about that in a few  
12 minutes. There would also be four pig launching and  
13 receiving facilities. The project would be designed and  
14 constructed to receive and transport about 1.0 billion cubic  
15 feet of natural gas per day. And Ozark Gas Transmission  
16 proposes to have the project constructed by December 2008.

17 As I previously mentioned, if you wanted to speak  
18 this evening please sign up on the sheet at the door and we  
19 can have you provide your comments. We also have some  
20 pamphlets on the table. That has general information about  
21 the pipeline project and FERC's electronic record system  
22 whereby the public can review the documents filed on the  
23 project.

24 Your comments this evening will be recorded by  
25 our court reporter, Mr. Jeese, to my right. When you speak

1 -- or if anyone wishes to speak, please identify yourself,  
2 your affiliation, as a land-owner, company or agency, and  
3 please spell your last name, if you can, and please speak  
4 clearly into the microphone so our court reporter can make  
5 an accurate transcript of your comments. We will use your  
6 comments when we prepare our environmental assessment -- or,  
7 excuse me, environmental impact statement.

8 If you would like to send in written comments on  
9 these projects please do so by January 31st, 2007. Please  
10 follow all the instructions on the NOIs.

11 Again, if you're a landowner, if you did not get  
12 an NOI we would like to know that. And please provide your  
13 name and address to Shonda in the back of the room and we'll  
14 see that you get one.

15 At this time I'm going to ask an Ozark  
16 representative to provide a brief overview of the project.  
17 And he has a map he can show you on the side of the podium.

18 MR. OBEE: Thank you very much.

19 Yes. My name is Ron Obee. I'm with Ozark Gas  
20 Transmission. And I'd like to tell you about our project.

21 John has summarized it for us. But in essence,  
22 it's no -- there's no new news out there. There's a  
23 Fayetteville shell. There's an opportunity for gas -- new  
24 gas coming to the market, needs a place to get to market.

25 This is an infrastructure project. It is a

1 project that initiates in Conway County. Basically it's  
2 running parallel to our existing system through Searcy.  
3 From Searcy it is going to the southeast toward Helena.  
4 It's got a proposed Mississippi River crossing south of  
5 Helena. We then traverse on east and end up intersecting or  
6 connecting to five interstate pipelines.

7 The infrastructure in central Arkansas is  
8 insufficient to take market -- current market data to  
9 provide Fayetteville Shell production a market to get to the  
10 marketplace. Currently the gas primarily that we  
11 interconnect in Searcy runs north and south to three  
12 interstates. They don't have sufficient capacity to take  
13 the production volumes that are being developed. Currently  
14 we're producing the Fayetteville Shell through our existing  
15 system; rapidly we're coming to capacity.

16 Other pipelines running east to west in the area  
17 are at capacity. And there's going to be a point in time  
18 where additional drilling will not have the access to the  
19 marketplace as far as actually producing the volumes.

20 Out of public need, we've been asked to look at  
21 proposals to find means to get the volumes to market. What  
22 we have on the plate here and we have filed with the Federal  
23 Energy Regulatory Commission is for a project of  
24 constructing 235 miles of 36-inch pipe; likewise, seven  
25 miles of 24, which will allow our existing system to be able

1 to bring the volumes up and provide adequate market for  
2 those volumes based on the billion cubic feet a day of  
3 capacity.

4 We've entered into this arrangement with FERC  
5 bringing this business opportunity to them letting them know  
6 that we were going to pursue this some-90 days ago, and  
7 we've been working with landowners, with the agencies, with  
8 the communities in both Arkansas and Mississippi, to lay out  
9 a plan.

10 We anticipate that we will complete a filing  
11 process in April of this year. That would be our FERC 7(c)  
12 process. And we're asking to be able to construct this  
13 project in 2008, starting in April and completing in  
14 December.

15 In an overview, we're currently a provider. We  
16 operate 560 miles of interstate transmission. We move 330  
17 million cubic feet a day of natural gas across Arkansas to  
18 markets. And this is what Ozark Gas Transmission does.  
19 This is our nuts and bolts. We're a common carrier; we own  
20 no product that's in the pipeline. The commodity is not  
21 ours. We provide only a transportation service.

22 With that, John, that's an overview of our  
23 project.

24 MR. WISNIEWSKI: All right. Thank you, Mr. Obee.

25 At this time at the meeting we usually start our

1 public comments.

2 And, Shonda, has anyone signed up to speak?

3 No one has signed up to speak. Would anybody  
4 like to speak or has changed their mind?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. WISNIEWSKI: No?

7 Well, if no one likes to speak I can just  
8 summarize that if you have any comments you would like to  
9 send in to the FERC please do so by January 31st, 2007. Be  
10 sure to include the docket number, PF06-34, on any comment  
11 letters you send in to the Secretary's office.

12 Is there any questions anybody may have?

13 The docket number, PF06-34-000. And you can  
14 reference the Ozark East End Expansion Project. That's how  
15 we track everything at FERC, by docket number.

16 Is there any other questions or comments that  
17 anybody may have?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. WISNIEWSKI: All right. I guess I'll  
20 conclude the meeting for this evening.

21 VOICE FROM THE AUDIENCE: Wait a minute.

22 MR. WISNIEWSKI: Okay.

23 VOICE FROM THE AUDIENCE: Let me ask a question.

24 MR. WISNIEWSKI: Okay. Could you --

25 VOICE FROM THE AUDIENCE: -- land-owner. And I

1 want to know --

2 MR. WISNIEWSKI: Could you come up and identify  
3 yourself and speak at the podium? Please speak; and spell  
4 your last name, please.

5 MS. HARTWICK: Thank you.

6 My name is Beth Hartwick. And it's H-a-r-t-w-i-  
7 c-k. Landowner. I have a question concerning surveying  
8 stakes that have been on our property.

9 Can you answer the questions about those stakes  
10 as to are those permanent or is that the way the pipeline's  
11 coming? Is that negotiable? What about the stakes?

12 MR. WISNIEWSKI: Okay. The stakes on your  
13 property is the result of Ozark preparing their route.

14 Would Ozark like to comment anything about the  
15 stakes on her property?

16 MR. OBEE: (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC.)

17 MS. HARTWICK: Is that where the pipeline is  
18 going? Is that negotiable?

19 You busted the center of our property. It's not  
20 an -- you know, if people want to take easement rights they  
21 don't go down the center of someone's land; you get over  
22 near the ditch and the roadway, the right-of-way. You don't  
23 destroy the main center of your property. To me it's  
24 damage, you know.

25 And I don't mean the stakes; I don't mean what

1       you done right now because that's fine. It was a proposed  
2       pipeline survey just to get the lay of the land or something  
3       was the way it was presented to us; just a study. Is that  
4       study going to be the permanent track I guess is what I'm  
5       asking.

6                   MR. OBEE: (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC.)

7                   MS. HARTWICK: I believe that's probably where we  
8       fall, 24 north-south proposed line right down the center of  
9       our property. Not a good choice for us.

10                  MR. OBEE: (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC.)

11                  MS. HARTWICK: Jerry Hartwick and Beth Hartwick.

12                  MR. OBEE: (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC.)

13                  MR. WISNIEWSKI: Thank you very much, Ms.  
14       Hartwick.

15                  Would anybody else like to speak this evening?

16                  (No response.)

17                  MR. WISNIEWSKI: Okay. I'll just conclude the  
18       meeting for this evening. Thank you all for coming.

19                  (Whereupon, at 6:20 p.m., the scoping meeting in  
20       the above entitled matter was adjourned.)

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