

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Roadrunner Gas Transmission, LLC

Docket No. CP15-161-000

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  
OF THE ROADRUNNER BORDER CROSSING PROJECT

(July 24, 2015)

On April 9, 2015, Roadrunner Gas Transmission, LLC (Roadrunner) filed an application in Docket No. CP15-161-000 pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act and part 153 of the Commission's regulations, for an order authorizing construction of new border crossing natural gas pipeline facilities for the exportation of natural gas at the International Boundary between the United States and Mexico in El Paso County, Texas, and for the issuance of a Presidential Permit for those facilities.

On April 22, 2015, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the project.

**Schedule for Environmental Review**

Issuance of EA	September 2, 2015
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline	December 1, 2015

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the project's progress.

**Project Description**

Roadrunner proposes to construct a new border crossing at the international boundary between the United States and Mexico in El Paso County, Texas. The Roadrunner Border Crossing Project would consist of the construction of approximately 900 feet of FERC-jurisdictional 30-inch-diameter pipeline, installed beneath the Rio Grande River near San Elizario in El Paso County, Texas. The new pipeline would have a maximum daily export capacity of 875,000 million cubic feet per day, designed to transport natural gas to a new delivery interconnect with Tarahumara Pipeline S. de C.V. at the United States/Mexico border for electric generation and industrial market needs in Mexico. The Roadrunner Border Crossing facilities would be owned by Roadrunner;

however the construction and operation of the facilities would be managed by ONEOK WesTex Transmission, a Roadrunner affiliate.

### **Background**

On May 14, 2015, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Roadrunner Border Crossing Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). The NOI was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the NOI, the Commission received comments from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department regarding wildlife surveys, and potential impacts on vegetation, wildlife habitat, and surface waters.

### **Additional Information**

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP15-161), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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