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BEFORE THE

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

GOLDEN PASS LNG TERMINAL

DOCKET NO. CP04-386

CP04-400

CP04-401

CP04-402

PUBLIC MEETING

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BEFORE :

JENNIFER KERRIGAN
PROJECT MANAGER
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

ALSO APPEARING :

PATRICIA PATTERSON
T.R.C. ENVIRONMENTAL

DOUG BOREN
U.S. ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS

RICHARD GREG
COASTAL ENVIRONMENT, INC.

REPORTED BY :
AVA LUNDQUIST, CVR
CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER

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

2 MS. KERRIGAN: Is this one working better?
3 I think it is.

4 Good evening and welcome to the Federal
5 Energy Regulatory Commission's comment meeting for
6 the draft environmental impact statement for the
7 proposed Golden Pass LNG Terminal and Pipeline
8 Project.

9 My name is Jennifer Kerrigan. I am the
10 F.E.R.C. Project Manager for the Environmental
11 Impact Statement, or E.I.S. Also with me tonight
12 are Pat Patterson of T.R.C. Environmental and
13 Richard Greg of Coastal Environmental. They are
14 contractors that are working and assisting us in
15 the preparation of the E.I.S.

16 The project was filed with the Federal
17 Energy Regulatory Commission in docket numbers
18 CP04386 and CP04400 by Golden Pass Terminal, LP,
19 and Golden Pass Pipeline, LP, respectively, who are
20 subsidiaries of ExxonMobil Corporation.

21 The D.E.I.S. for this project was issued on
22 March 3rd, 2005, and the last day for filing
23 written comments on this document is April 19th,
24 2005. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to allow
25 you the opportunity to comment on the D.E.I.S. We

1 are here to listen to your comments. The comments
2 you present tonight, along with any written
3 comments that are filed about the project, will be
4 addressed in the final environmental impact
5 statement that is being prepared for the project.
6 Written comments will be given the same
7 consideration as any comments that we hear tonight.

8 We began evaluating the Golden Pass Project
9 under our pre-filing process in docket number
10 PF04-1. We assisted ExxonMobil staff with the
11 preparation of their draft resource reports that
12 were required for the certificate application.

13 On January 23rd, 2004, we issued a notice
14 of intent to prepare the environmental impact
15 statement during the pre-filing process. And
16 again, when their applications were filed and -- in
17 docket CP04-386 and 400, we issued another notice
18 of intent for the project on September 20th, 2004.

19 The E.I.S. that we are preparing will be
20 part of the information that the commission will
21 use in examining the Golden Pass Project
22 applications. In addition to environmental issues,
23 the commission will also be considering issues
24 related to gas transportation rates, engineering
25 design, and the need for the project.

1 When the commission has concluded its
2 evaluation of these issues related to the
3 application, it will issue a decision about the
4 project in an Order.

5 At this time, I'd like to turn the meeting
6 over to Mr. Doug Boren of the U.S. Army Corp of
7 Engineers. He'd like to say a few words about the
8 Corp permitting process for this project.

9 DOUG BOREN: Good evening. My name is Doug
10 Boren from the United States Army Corps of
11 Engineers, Galveston District. On behalf of
12 Colonel Steven P. Haustein, District Engineer of
13 the Galveston District, I join the Federal Energy
14 Regulatory Commission (FERC) in welcoming you to
15 this public meeting in consideration of the
16 construction of an onshore port terminal and gas
17 transmission line for the importation of liquefied
18 natural gas.

19 The Corps of Engineers has authority under
20 section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of
21 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of
22 1972 to regulate the proposed port terminal and
23 pipeline.

24 The Corps published our public notice on
25 16 March 2005. The public notice is available on

1 line at www.swg.usace.army.mil/reg/pn.asp
2 application number 23620. Comments on the proposed
3 project pertaining to the Corps of Engineers's
4 permit application can be submitted to the
5 Galveston District, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas
6 77553-1229 on or before 15 April 2005.

7 We will be evaluating the proposed work in
8 accordance with the -- with our regulatory rules.
9 The F.E.R.C. is the lead federal agency in the
10 preparation of the environmental impact statement,
11 E.I.S., required by the National Environmental
12 Policy Act of 1969. The Corps is a cooperating
13 agency in the preparation of the E.I.S.

14 The Corps is neither a proponent nor
15 opponent of the proposed action. A decision
16 whether to issue a permit will be based on an
17 evaluation of the probable impacts on the public
18 interest. The E.I.S. process will be used to
19 identify the impacts of the project, both
20 beneficial as well as detrimental.

21 We look forward to hearing from you. If
22 the Corps of Engineers can be of assistance to you
23 during the permit evaluation process, please do not
24 hesitate to call on us.

25 (COURT REPORTER'S NOTE: Whereupon,

1 Mr. Doug Boren's statement was identified and
2 attached as Exhibit "1" to these proceedings.)

3 MS. KERRIGAN: As you have noticed, we have
4 a court reporter here to record this meeting, and a
5 transcript of the meeting will be filed and made
6 part of the record in this proceeding. If you wish
7 to obtain copies of the transcripts, please speak
8 to the court reporter after the meeting concludes.

9 Also, if you have any written material that
10 you would like to have made part of the public
11 record, please give it to the court reporter. It
12 will be attached as an exhibit to the transcript.

13 As an explanation of how we will proceed,
14 we have a sign-up sheet for people to sign up who
15 wish to speak, which I have here, and we'll call
16 upon the speakers in the order that they signed up,
17 basically. If there is time after everyone has
18 spoken, we will give other people an opportunity to
19 speak.

20 I'd just like to state again, especially to
21 people who have arrived late, if anybody did arrive
22 late, that we are holding this meeting to hear your
23 comments on the D.E.I.S. and that those comments
24 will be addressed in the F.E.I.S. that is being
25 prepared for this project.

1 Our first speaker is Mark Boudreaux of
2 Golden Pass LNG.

3 MARK BOUDREAUX: Thank you, Jennifer. I
4 want to begin tonight by thanking all of you to
5 come -- who came out tonight to this meeting to
6 hear about Gold Pass Terminal and to provide your
7 comments to FERC.

8 The public meeting tonight provides another
9 opportunity for comment from the community. This
10 is the third of these that we have had in Starks.
11 It's an important step in a thorough and rigorous
12 process that FERC goes through for the permitting
13 of these facilities.

14 The past 15 months we have been working
15 with a dozen federal and state agencies and
16 community leaders and the public as we undertook
17 environmental and safety assessments in engineering
18 design work.

19 FERC has now completed its comprehensive
20 draft E.I.S., and this brings us one step closer to
21 a completion of this important regulatory process.
22 The D.E.I.S. demonstrates that this will be an
23 environmentally sound and safe project.

24 We are working diligently to address
25 recommendations set forth by FERC, and we do not

1 see any obstacles to the timely completion of the
2 FERC process. We urge the FERC to issue its final
3 E.I.S. within 45 days at the end of the D.E.I.S.
4 comment period and for the commission to then issue
5 the record of decision promptly.

6 The FERC's and our assessment have
7 reinforced our initial thinking that this is an
8 excellent site for an LNG project. This work has
9 helped guide our design, to protect the
10 environment, and to provide for the safety of our
11 workers and for the public. We continue to
12 believe that this project will provide many
13 benefits to the area, including jobs, taxes,
14 opportunities for local contractors to bid on work
15 associated with the project, and more importantly,
16 the long-term supply of clean, safe natural gas
17 that this area and our country needs.

18 I appreciate the opportunity to make these
19 comments tonight.

20 MS. KERRIGAN: Thank you. Our next speaker
21 is James Kirkland.

22 JAMES KIRKLAND: Thank you very much. My
23 name is James Kirkland. I'm a business agent for
24 the boilermaker's union in Orange, Texas. We would
25 like to support this program as long as it's done

1 safely and it supports local people and local
2 subcontractors and contractors. That's all I have
3 to say. Thank you.

4 MS. KERRIGAN: Thank you. That was the
5 last person that I have on my list of people who
6 wish to speak. If there is anybody else who would
7 like to make a comment into the record at this
8 time, you're welcome to come up. Just state your
9 name, and we can get you into the record.

10 Well, if not, then, this concludes the
11 meeting tonight, and I would like to thank you all
12 for coming out and showing an interest in the
13 project. Thank you very much.

14 (The meeting concluded at 7:15 p.m.)
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