

In Reply Refer To:
OEP/DG2E/Gas Branch 3
CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission
Docket No. PF06-1-000

TO THE PARTY ADDRESSED:

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has initiated a Pre-Filing review of the Carthage to Perryville Project, as proposed by CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission in the above-referenced docket. This mailing is being sent to notify citizens, groups, government entities, and other interested parties that the FERC is requesting comments on the project addressing the potential environmental impacts. Further information on the proposed project, the FERC process, and how to become involved is included in the attachment.

Sincerely,

Lonnie Lister, Chief
Gas Branch 3



Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Office of Energy Projects

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT PRE-FILING REVIEW FOR THE CARTHAGE TO PERRYVILLE PROJECT Docket No. PF06-1-000

Carthage to Perryville: A Planned Natural Gas Pipeline Project

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission (referred to hereafter as CEGT) is planning to construct and operate the Carthage to Perryville Project (Project), which would consist of an approximately 170-mile-long, 42-inch-diameter, interstate natural gas pipeline, two new compressor stations, and associated facilities. As proposed, the Project would be located in eastern Texas and northern Louisiana. CEGT indicates that the proposed facilities are needed to help satisfy increased demand for natural gas in the Northeast and Midwest regions of the United States.

The proposed pipeline route identified by CEGT would originate from new receipt points near Carthage in Panola County, Texas, and would extend to an interconnect with CEGT's Perryville Hub near Delhi, in eastern Richland Parish, Louisiana (see attached map). The Project would

also traverse Caddo, De Soto, Red River, Bienville, Jackson, and Ouachita Parishes, Louisiana. Two 10,300 horsepower compressor stations, to be named the Carthage and Vernon Compressor Stations, would be located in Panola County and Jackson Parish, respectively. The CEGT Project would be constructed to nominally deliver about 1.2 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas per day.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is the federal agency charged with determining whether proposed interstate pipeline projects, such as the proposed Project, are in the public convenience and necessity. The information below explains the FERC's Pre-Filing environmental review process for the proposed Project and describes how you can get involved early in that process.

The Process: A "Pre-Filing" Environmental Review Has Begun

The proposed Project is in the preliminary planning phase - the precise facility design, pipeline route, and other details have not yet been finalized - and a formal application has not been filed with the FERC. However, the FERC staff has initiated a Pre-Filing, or pre-application, environmental review process, allowing and encouraging early involvement by citizens, governmental entities, and other interested parties. The purpose of the Pre-Filing Process is to encourage involvement by interested stakeholders in a manner that allows for the early identification and resolution of environmental issues.

During the Pre-Filing Process, we are notifying citizens, groups, government entities and other parties that the FERC has initiated an environmental

review, and we are requesting their comments. This notice has been mailed 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. Once the Project is more defined, we will mail a more detailed notice to affected stakeholders that will identify the public meetings that the FERC will host at various locations in the Project area.

The FERC staff will work with all interested stakeholders to identify and attempt to address issues prior to the time when CEGT files its application with the FERC. CEGT is currently expected to file a formal application with the FERC in March 2006.

The Outcome: Environmental Impact Statement

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the FERC to consider environmental impacts that could result before deciding if a project is in the public convenience and necessity. As part of the NEPA environmental review, the FERC will

also consider alternatives to the proposed Project, including alternative pipeline routes.

The FERC staff will take comments received on the Project during the Pre-Filing environmental review process and address them in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Draft

EIS will describe the proposed Project, evaluate alternatives, identify existing environmental conditions, and assess the potential impacts associated with the Project. The Draft EIS will also describe mitigation measures, construction procedures, and routing and siting considerations that could be implemented to eliminate or reduce impacts.

Once the Draft EIS is published, it will be mailed to the interested stakeholders. Everyone will have 45 days to review and comment on the document. The FERC staff will consider all comments on the Draft EIS and revise the document, as necessary, before issuing a Final EIS. All of the steps in the environmental review process, including opportunities for public input, are illustrated in the attached flow chart.

Your Input Is Valued

Early involvement by you and others will help the FERC staff evaluate the proposed Project's potential impact on the environment. Please help this process work by providing the FERC with written concerns and comments about the potential environmental impacts of the Project. You also can contact CEGT directly with your specific comments or concerns. Your comments to FERC would be most useful if they focus on the potential

environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Comments that you submit to the FERC during the Pre-Filing environmental review will be part of the public record and they do not need to be resubmitted after CEGT files its application with the FERC.

How to Share Your Comments and Concerns with the FERC

By mail or a private mailing service

Please send an original and two copies of your letter to:

Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St., N.E., Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Reference **Docket No. PF06-1-000** on the original and both copies, and label one copy of your comments for the attention of the **Gas Branch 3, DG2E**.

Electronically

Comments may be filed with the FERC via the Internet on the FERC's website. See the instructions at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper and save it to a file on your computer. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account by clicking on "Sign-up" under "New User?" You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing."

How to See What Else Is Filed with the FERC

Go to the FERC website at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" (*i.e.*, PF06-1-000), and follow the instructions. Searches may also be done using the phrase "Carthage to Perryville" in the "Text Search" field. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY 202-502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

In addition, the FERC now offers a free service called "eSubscription" that allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. 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. To register for this service, go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

How to Contact CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission

To request additional information on the proposed Project or to provide comments directly to the Project sponsor, you can contact CEGT at 1-888-641-8326 or carthagetoperryville@CenterPointEnergy.com.

CEGT has also established an Internet website at <http://www.centerpointenergy.com/carthagetoperryville/>. The website includes a description of the Project, an overview map of the pipeline route, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Additionally, CEGT has scheduled a series of open houses to provide information about the proposed Project to affected landowners and other stakeholders. FERC staff representatives will attend CEGT's open houses, and we also invite interested groups and individuals to attend the meetings, which have been scheduled as follows:

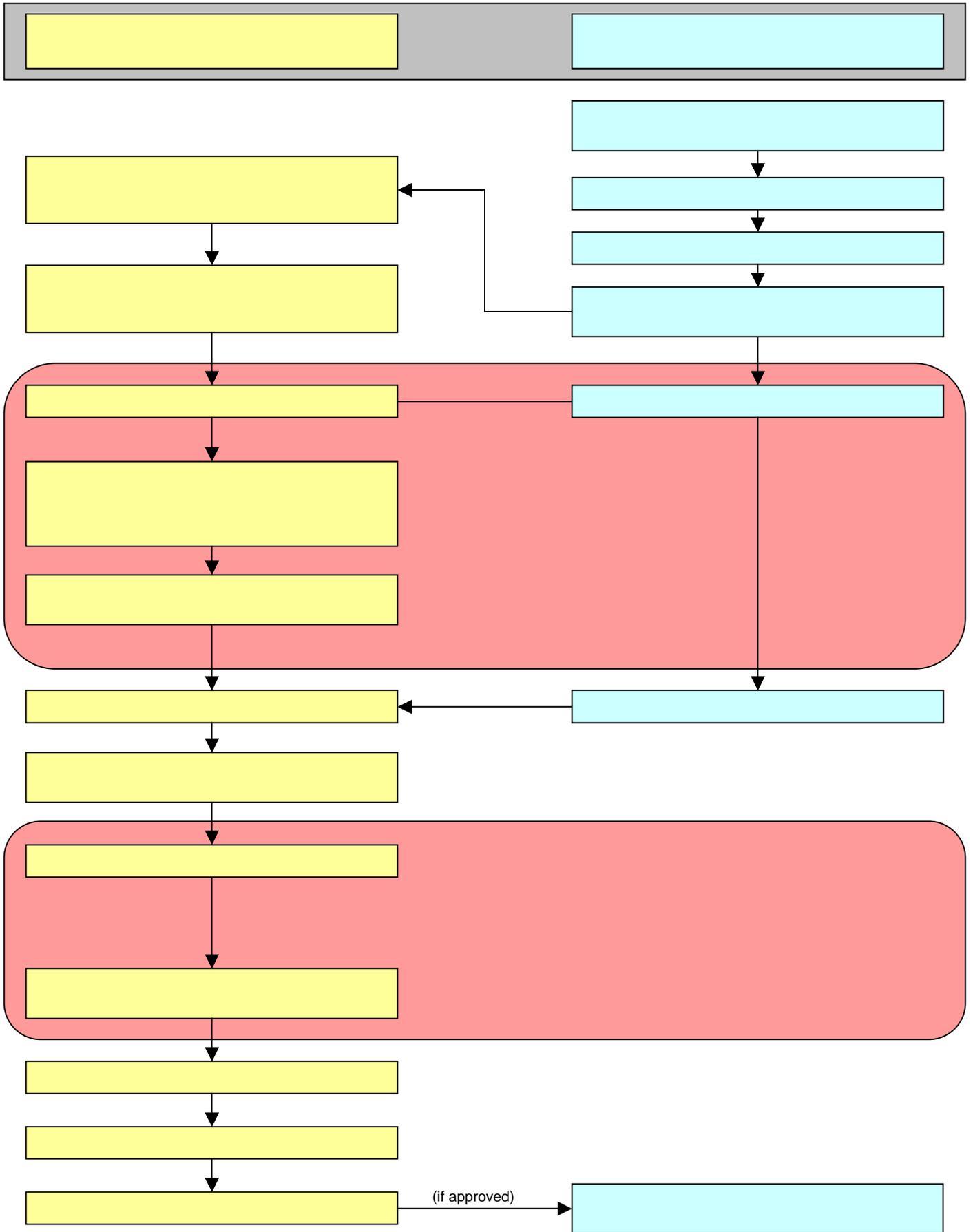
Tuesday, December 13, 2005, 5:00 to 7:00 PM
Texas Country Music Hall of Fame
300 West Panola Street
Carthage, TX 75633
Telephone: (903) 693-3869

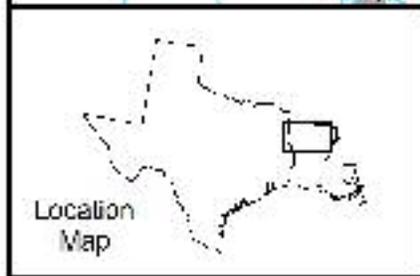
Wednesday, December 14, 2005, 5:00 to 7:00 PM
Quitman High School Gymnasium
181 Wolverine Drive
Quitman, LA 71268
Telephone: (318) 259-2698

Thursday, December 15, 2005, 5:00 to 7:00 PM
Delhi High School Gymnasium
413 Main Street
Delhi, LA 71232
Telephone (318) 878-2235



CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission's Carthage to Perryville Project Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Environmental Review Process





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Cartage to Perryville Project**

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