

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Impulsora Pipeline, LLC

Docket No. CP14-513-000

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
OF THE IMPULSORA CROSSING PROJECT

January 22, 2015

On July 1, 2014, Impulsora Pipeline, LLC filed an application in Docket No. CP14-513-000 requesting an authorization under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities across an international border. The proposed project is known as the Impulsora Crossing Project (Project), and would be designed to transport natural gas across the United States-Mexico border to a proposed power plant in Colombia, Nuevo Leon, Mexico and provide a new interconnect to the Eagle Ford Gathering pipeline system in order to expand service to industrial customers in Mexico.

On July 16, 2014, 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 notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA	February 13, 2015
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline	May 14, 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

The proposed Project would consist of one 36-inch-diameter, 4,000-foot-long natural gas pipeline, and one 2,500-foot-long 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline that would run parallel to the 36-inch-diameter pipeline. The pipelines would be spaced 22 feet apart and directionally drilled underneath the Rio Grande River in Webb County, Texas using the Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) method. The Project would also involve

construction of permanent above-ground facilities within a 1.6-acre area that would include a metering station and pigging facility consisting of one 12-inch and one 36-inch receiver (with corresponding 12-inch and 36-inch launchers).

Background

On August 26, 2014, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Colombia [Impulsora] 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 one landowner, Needmore Dolores, LLC (Needmore). The primary issues raised by Needmore are potential impacts relating to the non-jurisdictional intrastate gathering pipeline that would interconnect with the Project facilities.

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.

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). 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., CP14-513), 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. 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.

Additional information about the Project can be obtained by contacting the Environmental Project Manager, Amanda Mardiney, by telephone at 202-502-8081 or by electronic mail at Amanda.mardiney@ferc.gov.

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