



**Midwestern Gas
Transmission Company**

A Northern Border Partners, L.P. Company

April 5, 2005

Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Docket No. PF05-2
Midwestern Gas Transmission Company

Dear Ms. Salas:

Midwestern Gas Transmission Company (Midwestern) herein is filing an original and seven (7) copies of Midwestern's Public Participation Plan regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

Please advise if you have any questions regarding this information.

Sincerely,

Bambi L. Heckerman
Director, Regulatory Affairs
Northern Plains Natural Gas Company
Operator

Attachments

Midwestern Gas Transmission Company (MGT)
Docket No. PF05-2
Eastern Extension Project
Public Participation Plan
April 1, 2005 Update

1) Goal of Public Participation Plan:

The Public Participation Plan for MGT's Eastern Extension Project (Project) has been established to 1) promote communication between Midwestern Gas Transmission Company (MGT) and local stakeholders, 2) provide information to stakeholders about the Project, 3) encourage the participation and identification of environmental resource issues by stakeholders potentially affected by the Project, and 4) provide a process/forum to work interactively toward a collaborative result for the Eastern Extension Project.

2) Initial Public Participation Plan:

MGT submitted its initial Public Participation Plan on October 18, 2005, as part of its request to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for use of the NEPA Pre-Filing review process. The Enhanced Public Participation Plan, presented below, retains the specific elements outlined in the October 18, 2005, request with additions and modifications considered necessary to further facilitate the goal as set forth above. MGT has accomplished, and continues to conduct, the following activities during implementation of the Public Participation Plan: Additionally MGT has included herein a listing of the actual events and tools utilized to facilitate stakeholder communications and public information.

3) Enhanced Public Participation Planned Elements:

1. Prepare and maintain a Project Fact Sheet for ROW Agents to present in initial contacts with landowners, and for presentation to public officials and agencies. Listed on the fact sheet are a description of the Project, the Company's local contact name and phone number, and Project web site address.
2. Establish on MGT's Informational Postings (IP) web site a location for relevant information related to the Eastern Extension Project.
3. Conduct a series of public information Open Houses for landowners, public officials, and agencies to attend in order to learn about the Eastern Extension Project, right-of-way requirements, construction and environmental issues, and to provide an informal forum for landowners to ask questions and identify concerns.
4. Present Eastern Extension Project description at FERC's Scoping Meeting and assist in FERC's site visits. MGT will provide information and assist, where and when necessary, as requested by FERC staff.
5. Identify and respond, where applicable and feasible, to the issues raised at FERC's Scoping meeting.

6. Continuously monitor FERC's eLibrary to track and respond to all comment letters filed in the NEPA Pre-Filing Docket.
7. Establish a local office staffed by a Company representative and distribute contact information for use by stakeholders.
8. Establish two public repository locations in the Project area to make available public information regarding the Project.
9. Monitor local newspapers and publish responses to concerns.
10. Utilize the services of a local public relations firm for assistance and advice in communications with public officials and affected landowners.
11. Prepare the draft Environmental Resource Reports and post the drafts on MGT's IP web site concurrently with a FERC filing in the NEPA Pre-Filing Docket.
12. Prepare and post to MGT's IP web site, a quarterly newsletter concerning the Project.
13. Meet with all appropriate public officials to present and discuss the Project. Continue to hold meetings with public officials as needed to keep them informed of the status of the Project and receive their comments.

4) Activities to Date:

General:

MGT's IP web site was updated to add a link to information on the Eastern Extension Project and public information has been posted

A contact person, 1-800 number and local office were established.

Fact Sheet was prepared, published and distributed to landowners, agencies and public officials. It was also posted on MGT's IP web site.

Set-up locations for two public repositories.

Landowner Meetings:

Landowner Meeting held November 15, 2004 in Portland, Tennessee.

Landowner Meeting held November 16, 2004 in Castalian Springs, Tennessee.

Landowner Meeting held November 18, 2004 in Gallatin, Tennessee.

Public Official Meetings:

Public Official Meeting held in Tennessee:

November 17, 2004

- Jim Calloway, Mayor of Portland

Discussed the MGT Eastern Extension Project and answered questions

Public Official Meetings held in Tennessee:

December 7, 2004

- Jim Stubblefield, Field Representative for U. S. Rep. Bart Gordon (D-TN).

December 8, 2004

- Forward Sumner Economic Council
- Jerry Clift, Trousdale County Executive

- Ralph Coker, Trousdale County Commissioner and MGT Landowner
- David Weed, Constituent Services Representative for U.S. Sen. Bill Frist (R-TN)

December 9, 2004

- R. J. Hank Thompson, Sumner County Executive
- John Pennington, Executive Director, Hendersonville Area Chamber of Commerce
- Don Wright, Mayor of Gallatin
- ECD Director Tommy Burns
- Tracy Carman, Executive Director, Gallatin Chamber of Commerce
- Charlotte Jackson, Constituent Services Representative for U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)

Discussed the MGT Eastern Extension Project and answered questions

Public Official Meetings held in Tennessee:

December 14, 2004

- Johnny Hayes, Key Community and Political Leader

Discussed the MGT Eastern Extension Project and answered questions

December 15, 2004

- Tennessee Rep. Mike McDonald
- Tennessee Sen. Diane Black
- David Baker, President of STOP
- Will Calloway, Tennessee Environmental Council (environmental activist group)
- Barry Sulkin, Environmental Consultant
- Jaime Cleary, Public Relations Consultant
- Johnny Hayes

Discussed the MGT Eastern Extension Project and answered questions

Public Official Meetings held in Washington, D.C.:

January 14, 2005

- Alisa Ferguson, Legislative Assistant to U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon
- Trey Leffler, Legislative Correspondent to U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander
- Sharon Segner, Legislative Assistant to U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander

Discussed the MGT Eastern Extension Project and answered questions

Public Official Meetings held in Tennessee:

January 18, 2005

- Jim Stubblefield, Field Representative for U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon
- Tennessee Rep. Susan Lynn

Discussed the MGT Eastern Extension Project and answered questions

Public Official Meeting held in Washington, D.C.:

February 11, 2005

- Alisa Ferguson, Legislative Assistant to U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon

Addressed the route alternatives in general terms and answered questions

Public Officials Meeting held in Tennessee:

February 22, 2005

- Tennessee Sen. Mae Beavers

Discussed the MGT Eastern Extension Project and answered questions

Public Officials Meeting held in Tennessee:

February 23, 2005

- Tennessee Rep. Stratton Bone

Discussed the MGT Eastern Extension Project and answered questions

FERC Activities:

Pre-Filing Meeting held in Washington D.C on October 14, 2004.

FERC Scoping Meeting held in Gallatin, TN on February 24, 2005.

Other Communications Activities to Date:

November 24, 2004 Letter sent to all landowners addressing the common questions which were raised at the landowner meetings.

December 21, 2004 Letter sent to landowners who rescinded survey permission, describing the process and requesting that the dialogue continue.

December 29, 2004. Editorial placed in Gallatin News-Examiner addressing issues raised by the public in letters to the editor.

Early January 2005. Letters sent from ROW office to affected landowners informing them that MGT would pursue a legal remedy to obtain survey access.

January 4, 2005. First Quarter MGT Eastern Extension Project Newsletter mailed to landowners and Posted to MGT web site.

January 7, 2005. Letters sent to all key public officials informing them that petitions asking the court to grant survey permission were being filed on those landowners who refused or rescinded survey permission.

January 12, 2005. Letter sent to the editor of the Gallatin News-Examiner from Jerry Williamson, MGT employee at the Portland Compressor Station, addressing misinformation circulating in the Portland/Gallatin area.

January 14, 2005. Editorial placed in the Gallatin News-Examiner addressing the local impact of the project.

January 27, 2005. Maps and written communication addressing the Highway 52 alternative route sent to Jim Stubblefield, field representative for U.S. representative Bart Gordon.

February 10, 2005. Letters sent to 21 landowners who have contacted FERC about the MGT Eastern Extension Project.

February 17, 2005. Letters sent to 2 landowners who have contacted FERC about the MGT Eastern Extension Project.

February 24, 2005. Representatives of MGT addressed the Gallatin Rotary Club, discussing the MGT Eastern Extension Project and answered questions.

Weeks of February 14 and 21. Informational article run in the Gallatin, Portland and Hartsville, Tennessee newspapers.

Week of February 21. All elected officials in Sumner and Trousdale counties received a special newsletter entitled "Q&A: Midwestern Gas Transmission Company's Eastern Extension Project. Newsletter contained information about MGT and photos of existing pipeline rights-of way in middle Tennessee.

February 28, 2005. Letters sent to 2 landowners who have contacted FERC about the MGT Eastern Extension Project.

March 1, 2005. Representatives of Midwestern Gas Transmission met with the Chief Administrative Officer and the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation President to discuss the MGT Eastern Extension Project and its role in the state.

March 7, 2005. Letters sent to 5 landowners who have contacted FERC about the MGT Eastern Extension Project.

March 11, 2005. Letter sent to 1 landowner who has contacted FERC about the MGT Eastern Extension Project.