

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

[Docket No. CP11–43–000]

**Equitrans, L.P., Big Sandy Pipeline,
LLC; Notice of Joint Application for
Abandonment and Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity**

December 14, 2010.

Take notice that on December 3, 2010, Equitrans L.P. (Equitrans) and Big Sandy Pipeline, LLC (Big Sandy), 625 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1700, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222–3111, filed in Docket No. CP11–43–000, a joint application under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting: (1) An order from the Commission pursuant to section 7(b) of the NGA authorizing Equitrans to abandon by transfer the Big Sandy Pipeline, a natural gas pipeline located in southeastern Kentucky; (2) a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to section 7(c) of the NGA authorizing Big Sandy to acquire, own, and operate the Big Sandy Pipeline; (3) a blanket construction certificate issued to Big Sandy under Subpart F of Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, and (4) a blanket transportation certificate issued to Big Sandy under Subpart G of Part 284 of the Commission's regulations. The motion is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Specifically, the Commission issued Equitrans a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate the Big Sandy Pipeline in Docket No. CP06–275–000. The Big Sandy Pipeline consists of a 69.9 mile long pipeline located in Carter, Floyd, Johnson, and Lawrence Counties in Kentucky; three 3,000 horsepower compressor units in Langley, Kentucky; and appurtenant facilities. The pipeline extends from the outlet of the Kentucky Hydrocarbon gas processing facility to an interconnection with the Broad Run Lateral of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company located in Carter County, Kentucky.

Any questions regarding this joint application should be directed to Brooksany Barrowes, Baker Botts L.L.P., 1299 Pennsylvania Avenue,

Washington, DC 20004–2400; telephone (202) 639–7887; facsimile (202) 585–4087; e-mail brooksany.barrowes@bakerbotts.com.

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify Federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all Federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 7 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing

comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentors will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: January 4, 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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