

Application for State of Washington Water Quality Certification

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received an application to perform work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws.

This public notice is consistent with the requirements of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act and Chapter 173-225 of Washington Administrative Code. This notice is only intended to inform all interested parties of the proposed projects and to seek comments from the public, local, state, federal, and tribal agencies. It does not indicate approval of the proposed projects by any state agency.

Applicant

NorthernStar Energy LLC
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Location

The pipeline will be installed under the Columbia River using the horizontal directional drill (HDD) construction method. The HDD will start in Port Westward, Oregon and come out just north of Mill Creek in Cowlitz County. From Mill Creek, the Pipeline would then continue in an easterly direction, generally following the route of the existing interstate pipeline known as the Kelso Beaver pipeline (KB pipeline) where practical. The Pipeline would cross the Cowlitz River, existing railroad tracks, and Interstate 5 (I-5) just north of Lexington, WA using a series of HDD boreholes. The Pipeline would terminate at a new meter station constructed adjacent to the existing Williams Northwest interstate pipeline facilities north of Kelso, Cowlitz County, Washington. West Endpoint: SW ¼ Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 4 West; East Endpoint: SE ¼ Section 1, Township 8 North, Range 2 West, WRIA 25 & 26

Project Name:

Bradwood Landing Pipeline,
FERC No. CP06-366

Public Notice Date:

January 9, 2009

Comment Period Ends:

March 9, 2009

Comments should be sent to:

Department of Ecology
SEA Program
Federal Project Coordinator
Post Office Box 47600
Olympia, Washington 98504

Or by e-mail to:

ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov

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Work

The Applicant is proposing to construct a 36.3 mile pipeline to convey natural gas from a new liquid Natural Gas facility (LNG) in Oregon to an existing pipeline in Washington State. Approximately 16.9 miles of the 30-inch diameter pipeline will be constructed in Washington. Aboveground facilities associated with the portion of the pipeline proposed in Washington State includes: a pig receiver facility at the end of the pipeline at the interconnection with Williams Northwest and main line block valves at various locations. The source of the natural gas for the proposed Bradwood Landing pipeline will be the proposed Bradwood Landing Terminal. The Terminal will have a natural gas send out capacity of 1.3 billion cubic feet per day. The proposed pipeline has been sized to the maximum future capacity to account for potential expansion of the Bradwood Landing LNG Terminal.

The proposed pipeline will involve several wetland and waterbody crossings. Total impacts to wetlands will consist of 4.06 acres of temporary impacts from fill activities, and 0.56 of permanent wetland impacts due to conversion of forested wetlands. Total impacts to waterways will be 0.10 of an acre from removal/fill activities. Proposed mitigation for project impacts includes 11.05 acres of wetland preservation and 1.64 acres of wetland creation/rehabilitation.

Purpose

The purpose of the project is to provide competitively priced supplies of natural gas to the Pacific Northwest in response to the increased demand for natural gas.

Additional Information

This is the third (3rd) public notice issued for this project. On August 27, 2008, Ecology received a letter from Northern Star Energy LLC requesting to withdraw their September 6, 2007 request for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) and reapplied for a WQC for this project on the same day. A revised application for a WQC was subsequently received by Ecology on September 19, 2008.

Application materials are available for review online at:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/fed-permit/files/WQC_bradwoodlanding.html

Comment and Review Period

Ecology is requesting comments from the public, state and local agencies, tribes, and other interested parties to assist in the evaluation of potential impacts that could occur as a result of the proposed activities.

Anyone wanting to present their views about this project may do so by providing written comments within **60** days of the publication date of this notice. Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record.

Ecology will evaluate the project and the comments received to determine whether to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a certification for the proposed work.