

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Adelphia Gateway, LLC

Docket Nos. CP18-46-000
CP18-46-001

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED
ADELPHIA GATEWAY PROJECT

(January 4, 2019)

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Adelphia Gateway Project proposed by Adelphia Gateway, LLC (Adelphia) in the above-referenced docket. Adelphia requests authorization to purchase, construct, and operate natural gas transportation facilities (including compression) in Northampton, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania, and New Castle County, Delaware.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Adelphia Gateway Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Transportation – Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis.

The proposed Adelphia Gateway Project includes the following new facilities:

- two 16-inch-diameter laterals (Parkway [0.3 mile] and Tilghman [4.4 miles]);
- two 5,625 horsepower compressor stations (Marcus Hook and Quakertown);
- five meter stations (Quakertown, Delmarva, Monroe, Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, and Tilghman);

- seven blowdown assembly valves (Chester Creek, Paoli Pike, French Creek, Cromby, Schuylkill River, Perkiomen Creek, and East Perkiomen Creek);
- two mainline valves;
- two tap valves (Quakertown and Skippack); and.
- four pig launchers and two pig receivers.¹

Adelphia would also purchase an existing system currently owned and operated by Interstate Energy Company, LLC, including:

- 84.2 miles of existing 18-inch-diameter pipeline (the northern 34.8-mile segment was designed to transport oil or natural gas but has been transporting natural gas exclusively since 2014, and the southern 49.4-mile segment was previously used to transport fuel oil);
- 4.4 miles of existing 20-inch-diameter pipeline (which currently transports natural gas); and
- four existing meter and regulator stations along the existing mainline.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability* to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and libraries in the project area. The EA is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov), on the Environmental Documents page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis.asp>). In addition, the EA may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on the FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (<https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>), click on General Search, and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field, excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP18-46). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

¹ A pipeline "pig" is a device to clean or inspect the pipeline. A pig launcher/receiver is an aboveground facility where pigs are inserted or retrieved from the pipeline.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the EA's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on the project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC **on or before 5:00pm Eastern Time on February 3, 2019.**

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

- (1) You can file your comments electronically using the [eComment](#) feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to [Documents and Filings](#). This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;
- (2) You can also file your comments electronically using the [eFiling](#) feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to [Documents and Filings](#). With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "[eRegister](#)." You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or
- (3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP18-46-000 and/or CP18-46-001) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214). Motions to intervene are more fully described at <http://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing or judicial review of the Commission's decision. The Commission may grant affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. **Simply filing**

environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

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. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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