

Notice of Public Meeting – February 13, 2008

Joint Agency Public Meeting On Proposed Bradwood Landing Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal & Pipeline permitting process

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS:

- 1) To provide the public with information about agency processes related to Clean Water Act permitting; and,
- 2) To invite the public to make oral or written comments on water quality and coastal zone issues in respect to the project proposal.

DEQ's Role:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is the regulatory agency that helps protect and preserve Oregon's environment. DEQ is responsible for protecting and enhancing Oregon's water and air quality, for cleaning up spills and releases of hazardous materials, and for managing the proper disposal of hazardous and solid wastes. One way that DEQ protects Oregon's water quality is by issuing Section 401 certifications. Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act requires applicants for Federal permits or licenses (in this case, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 404 Permit) to provide the Federal agency a 401 WQC from the State of Oregon, if the proposed activity may result in a discharge to waters of the state. The certification states that the discharge will comply with applicable sections of the Clean Water Act. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 340-048 and Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 468B.047 describe DEQ's authority regarding the 401 WQC.

DLCD's Role:

The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development is the lead state agency for federal consistency requirements of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and USACE authorizations for LNG import terminal and pipeline projects must be consistent with the requirements (i.e. enforceable policies) of the Oregon Coastal Management Program. These requirements

include applicable provisions of the statewide planning goals; applicable provisions of the local government comprehensive plan and land use regulations for the area; and applicable provisions of state agency regulatory authorities that are part of the state's coastal management program (e.g. DEQ air and water quality requirements, Department of State Lands (DSL) removal-fill requirements, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) fish and wildlife requirements).

Meeting Details:

The multi-agency information session begins at 4 p.m. with separate agency information or formal taking of comments to follow until 8 p.m. at:

Holiday Inn Express
204 W Marine Dr
Astoria, OR 97103
(503) 325-6222

This meeting notice issued: January 24, 2008

Following the meeting, written comments on 401 Water Quality Certification may be submitted to DEQ until: February 29, 2008 by 5:00 pm.

Written comments on federal consistency issues were due January 18, 2008 at the DLCD's Salem, Oregon office. However, DLCD will accept additional written comments on federal consistency issues at the meeting.

Meeting date:

February 13, 2008

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Where can I send my comments?

DEQ accepts comments by mail, fax and e-mail.

401 Public Comments
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How can I get background information and review documents?

Information about this project is viewable online by clicking the following link(s):

DEQ
<http://www.deq.state.or.us/nwr/LNG/BradwoodLanding/bradwood.htm>

USACE
<https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/op/g/docs/notices/NWP-2005-399.pdf>

Department of State Lands (DSL)
<http://www.statelandsonline.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=Comments.AppDetail&id=37526>

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/docket_search.asp
Docket #s CP06-365-000, CP06-366-000, CP06-376-000, CP06-377-000, and PF05-10

You can review hardcopies of the Removal/Fill permit application and related documents at:

2020 SW 4th Avenue,
Portland Oregon 97201.
For a review appointment call:
Jan Coomler at (503) 229-5087.

What will happen at this meeting?

Staff members from DEQ, DLCDD, USACE, and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will provide information about their agency's authority and role in the federal removal/fill permit process and clarify distinctions from the FERC siting process. You will have the opportunity to ask questions of all the agencies and to provide comments relevant to issuance of the 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) and DLCDD's federal consistency review.

What about DEQ's other responsibilities?

Due to the complexity of the proposal, DEQ is also charged with considering permits under other water quality programs (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System or NPDES and Water Pollution Control Facilities or WPCF), air quality programs, and solid waste disposal, as well as ensuring compliance with other environmental requirements such as hazardous waste and emergency response. However, the review periods for these permits have not yet begun. Although the 401 WQC Program will coordinate reviews with all other programs, DEQ's focus for this meeting will be on water quality related concerns only.

For more information about DEQ's comprehensive role, contact Mikell O'Mealy at (503) 229-6590; (800) 451-4011 or omealy.mikell@state.or.us

Who is the applicant?

Bradwood Landing, LLC (also known as NorthernStar Energy, LLC, in reference to the pipeline)

Where are the proposed actions located?

Application information submitted by the applicant to DEQ indicates the following proposed locations of actions and associated impacts.

Terminal construction is proposed in Oregon on the Columbia River at approximately river mile (RM) 38.5, near the town of Wauna, in Clatsop County (Sections 9 and 15, T8N/R4&6W).

Pipeline construction is proposed in Oregon extending approximately 18.9 miles from the terminal site, through Clatsop and Columbia Counties, crossing the Columbia River at Port Westward, at approximately RM 54, where it will continue into Washington.

What is proposed?

1) Construction of a turning basin, berthing area and terminal to receive and regasify imported liquefied natural gas (LNG) from approximately 125 ships per year on the Columbia River and,

2) construction of a pipeline to carry approximately 1.3 billion cubic feet per day of gas to: a new delivery point at the existing Georgia-Pacific Wauna paper mill; a new interconnection with the existing NW Natural intrastate pipeline at Port Westward; a new delivery point at the existing PGE power plant at Port Westward; through a new meter station; and under the Columbia River to the terminus in Washington interconnecting with the existing Williams Northwest interstate pipeline.

The turning basin and berthing area would require initial dredging of approximately 700,000 cubic yards of material over approximately 45 acres within the Columbia River, and subsequent maintenance dredging of an estimated 39,000 cubic yards every 2-4 years. The terminal would occupy approximately 40 acres of an approximately 411 acre site, impacting approximately 14.85 acres of wetlands.

The pipeline would cross 66 waterbodies (ditches, sloughs, tributaries and streams) in Oregon and 29 in Washington, all with various temporary and permanent impacts, and would also impact approximately 75.64 acres of wetlands in Oregon and approximately 4.8 acres of wetlands in Washington.

Columbia River water withdrawals and discharges are proposed for pipeline testing, terminal operation, and ship operation.

Restoration of temporary impacts and mitigation for permanent impacts is proposed.

Who is affected?

Property owners, residents, and river users, in the vicinity of the proposed activities.

What happens next?

DEQ will review and consider all water quality related comments received at the meeting or following the meeting through the end of the month. Following this review, DEQ may issue or deny the 401 WQC.

DLCD will complete its Coastal Zone Management Act federal consistency review, including consideration of public comment, and will issue a state decision on the project's consistency with Oregon Coastal Management Program requirements.

Accessibility information

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People with hearing impairments may call DEQ's TTY number, (local office TTY).