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Federal					
USFWS – Arkansas Ecological Services Field Office	Mr. Lindsey Lewis, Biologist/404 Permits USFWS, Arkansas Ecological Services Field Office 110 S. Amity Road, Suite 300 Conway, AR 72032 Phone: 501.513.4489 Email: Lindsey.Lewis@fws.gov	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12 Information request letter sent 4/10/13	1/15/13 (via phone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filing Process participation • Impacts to federal T&E species and/or habitat and migratory birds 	<u>Will</u> participate in pre-filing process
USACE – Little Rock District	Cynthia Blansett, Project Manager Little Rock District CESWL-RO P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203-0867 Phone: 501.324.5295 Email: Cynthia.W.Blansett@usace.army.mil	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12 Information request via phone call 4/17/13 Pre-application meeting request sent via email 4/19/13	1/10/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filing Process participation • Requested information in phone call on 4/17/13 regarding USACE jurisdiction over wetlands and waterbodies • Requested pre-application meeting 	<u>Will</u> participate in pre-filing process Assigned File No. 2013-00012. Cynthia Blansett is the regulatory PM Pre-application meeting scheduled for May 22, 2013 at 10 AM CST
EPA – Region 6	Ms. Rhonda Smith, Chief U.S. EPA – Region 6 Office of Planning and Coordination Compliance and Enforcement Division 1445 Ross Ave, Suite 1200 Mail Code: 6EN Dallas, TX 75202-2733 Phone: 214.665.8006 Email: Smith.Rhonda@epamail.epa.gov	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12 Information request letter sent 4/10/13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filing Process participation • Designated aquifers or aquifer protection areas • Surface drinking water supplies or protection areas • Known existing or proposed public or private drinking water wells, reservoirs, or springs within 300 feet • Known contaminated groundwater 	
National Park Service – Midwest Region	Nick Chevance, Regional Environmental Coordinator National Park Service – Midwest Region 601 Riverfront Drive Omaha, NE 68102-4226 Phone: 402-661-1844 Email: Nicholas.Chevance@nps.gov	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12 Information request letter sent 4/10/13	1/15/13 (via phone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filing Process participation • National parks, national historic landmarks, or national trails • Natural or scenic areas • Federal lands • Trail of Tears 	<u>Will not</u> participate in pre-filing process

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Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	Reed Cripps, Assistant State Conservationist for Easements Room 3416, Federal Building 700 West Capitol Avenue Little Rock, AR 72201	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12 Information request email sent 1/16/13	1/11/13 (via e-fax) to pre-filing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filing Process Participation • WRP lands 	<u>Will</u> participate in pre-filing process
NRCS – North Little Rock Service Center (Pulaski County)	Che Gordon, District Conservationist 4004 McCain Boulevard Room 203 NBA Building North Little Rock, AR 72116	Information request letter sent 4/10/13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRP and CREP lands • Seed mix recommendations • Prime farmlands soils • Land in agricultural, crop or pasture use • Noxious weeds 	
NRCS – Conway Service Center (Faulkner County)	Joe Tapp, District Conservationist 110 South Amity Road, Suite 102 Conway, AR 72032	Information request letter sent 4/10/13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRP and CREP lands • Seed mix recommendations • Prime farmlands soils • Land in agricultural, crop or pasture use • Noxious weeds 	
State					
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)	Teresa Marks, Director 5301 Northshore Drive North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12	1/9/13 (via email)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filing Process participation 	<u>Will</u> participate in pre-filing process
ADEQ – Surface Mining and Reclamation Division	James F. Stephens, Chief 5301 Northshore Drive North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317 Phone: 501.682.0807 Email: stephens@adeq.state.ar.us	Information request letter sent 4/10/13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mineral resources • Active or in-active mines 	
ADEQ – Hazardous Waste Division	Ms. Tammie J. Hynum, Chief 5301 Northshore Drive North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317 Phone: 501.682.0831 Email: hynum@adeq.state.ar.us	Information request letter sent 4/10/13	4/25/13 (via email)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazardous materials spills • Sites contaminated with hazardous materials • Remediation sites 	Requested project shapefiles

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Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission	Ms. Cindy Osborne, Data Manager/ Environmental Review Coordinator Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission 323 Center Street, Suite 1500 Little Rock, AR 72201	Information request letter sent 10/2/12 Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12	10/18/12 (information request) 1/15/13 (pre- filing, via phone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filing Process participation • State T&E Clearance 	<u>Will</u> participate in pre-filing process Two species of state conservation concern noted in vicinity of a proposed access road
Arkansas Department of Health	Lance Jones, P.E. Chief, Technical Support Engineering Section Arkansas Department of Health 4815 West Markham Street Little Rock, AR 72205	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12 Information request letter sent 4/10/13	4/17/13 (via email)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filing Process participation • Designated aquifers or aquifer protection areas • Surface drinking water supplies or protection areas • Public or private wells or wellhead protection areas • Contaminated groundwater 	ADH requested project shapefiles (forthcoming)
Arkansas Geological Survey	Bekki White Director and State Geologist Arkansas Geological Survey Vardelle Parham Geology Center 3815 West Roosevelt Road Little Rock, AR 72204	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12 Information request letter sent 4/10/13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filing Process participation • Paleontological resources • Earthquake hazards • Active or dormant faults • Soil liquefaction, flash flooding, or volcanism • Bedrock lithology • Surficial geology 	
Arkansas National Guard	Lt. Col. Rodney Orick Camp Joseph T. Robinson (RMTC) Post Engineers North Little Rock, AR 72199 501-212-5761	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12	1/23/13 (via phone and email) 1/14/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filing Process participation • Ownership information for Camp Robinson 	<u>Will</u> participate in pre-filing process Requested shapefiles, which were sent
Arkansas Agriculture Department	Cynthia Edwards, Deputy Secretary Arkansas Department of Agriculture 1 Natural Resources Drive Little Rock, AR 72205 Phone: 501.219.6362 Email: Cynthia.edwards@aad.ar.gov	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12 Information request letter sent 4/10/13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filing Process participation • Land in use for agriculture, forestry or livestock • Land with grazing allotments or agricultural restrictions or specialty crops • Mitigation requirements 	

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Arkansas Natural Resources Commission – Conservation Division	Adrian Baber Conservation Division Chief Arkansas Natural Resources Commission 101 East Capitol, Suite 350 Little Rock, AR 72201	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filing Process participation 	<u>Will</u> participate in pre-filing process
Arkansas Natural Resources Commission – Water Resources Division	Edward Swaim, Division Manager 101 East Capitol, Suite 350 Little Rock, AR 72201 Phone: 501.682.3979	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12 Information request letter sent 4/10/13	1/15/13 (via phone) and 1/22/13 (via email)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filing Process participation • Designated critical groundwater areas • Known groundwater contamination • Public or private wells or wellhead protection areas • Available mitigation banks in project area 	<u>Will</u> participate in pre-filing process
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission	Jennifer Sheehan, Federal Regulatory Program Specialist Ecological and Engineering Services 2 Natural Resources Drive Little Rock, AR 72205 Phone: 501.978-7302	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12 Information request letter sent 4/10/13	2/15/13 (via email) 4/15/13 (via email)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filing Process participation • Fishery types • Sensitive fisheries or fisheries of special concern • Wildlife management areas 	<u>Will</u> participate in pre-filing process Requested additional shapefiles or mapping for information request (forth-coming)
Arkansas SHPO / Historic Preservation Program	George McCluskey Senior Archaeologist / 106 Review Coordinator Arkansas Historic Preservation Program 323 Center Street, Suite 1500 Little Rock, AR 72201	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12 Letter initiating Section 106 review sent 2/11/13	2/14/13 3/21/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filing Process participation • Section 106 Review 	Requested additional figures and information. Provided information on locations requiring survey
Local					
Conway Parks and Recreation	Director Conway Parks and Recreation Department #10 Lower Ridge Road Conway, AR 72032	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12	1/15/13 (via phone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filing Process participation 	<u>Will not</u> participate in pre-filing process
Conway Street and Engineering Department	Mr. David Vondran, P.E. Conway Street and Engineering Department 100 E. Robins Street Conway, AR 72032	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-filing Process participation 	

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Tribes					
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma	Mr. Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief Seminole Nation of Oklahoma PO Box 1498 Wewoka, OK 74884	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12		• Pre-filing Process participation	
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	Mr. Gregory E. Pyle, Chief Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma PO Box 1210 Duran, OK 74702	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12		• Pre-filing Process participation	<u>WILL</u> participate in pre-filing process; Johnnie Jacobs and Ian Thompson are contacts
Caddo Nation	Ms. Brenda Shemayne Edwards, Chairperson Caddo Nation PO Box 487 Binger, OK 73009	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12		• Pre-filing Process participation	
Absentee Shawnee Tribe	Mr. George Blanchard, Governor Absentee Shawnee Tribe 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Shawnee, OK 74801	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12		• Pre-filing Process participation	
Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town Creek Nations of Indians, Oklahoma	Mr. Tarpie Yargee, Chief Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town Creek Nations of Indians, Oklahoma PO Box 187 Wetumka, OK 74883	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12		• Pre-filing Process participation	
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma	Mr. Chad Smith, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma PO Box 948 Tahlequah, OK 74465	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12		• Pre-filing Process participation	
The Chickasaw Nation	Mr. Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation 2020 Arlington, Suite 4 PO Box 1548 Ada, OK 74821-1548	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12	1/18/13 (email) 2/5/13 (letter)	• Pre-filing Process participation	<u>WILL</u> participate in pre-filing process; want to be kept abreast of any soil disturbance activities Letter indicates no comment on project

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The Delaware Nation	Mr. Kerry Holton, President The Delaware Nation PO Box 825 Anadarko, OK 73005	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12	1/2/13	• Pre-filing Process participation	<u>WILL NOT</u> participate in pre-filing process (note: original email indicated YES, but a corrected email was sent)
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	Ms. Glenna J. Wallace, Chief Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma PO Box 350 Seneca, MO 64865	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12	1/15/13 (via phone)	• Pre-filing Process participation	<u>Will</u> participate in pre-filing process
Jena Band of the Choctaw Indians	Ms. Beverly Smith, Principal Chief PO Box 14 Jena, LA 71432	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12		• Pre-filing Process participation	
Kialegee Tribal Town	Mr. Tiger Hobai, Town King Kialegee Tribal Town PO Box 332 Wetumka, OK 74883	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12	1/15/13 (via phone)	• Pre-filing Process participation	<u>Will</u> participate in pre-filing process
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	Mr. Miko Beasley Denson, Chief Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians PO Box 6010 Choctaw, MS 39350	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12		• Pre-filing Process participation	
Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma	Mr. A.D. Ellis, Principal Chief Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma PO Box 580 Okmulgee, OK 74447	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12		• Pre-filing Process participation	
The Osage Nation	Mr. John D. Red Eagle, Principal Chief The Osage Nation PO Box 779 Pawhuska, OK 74056	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12		• Pre-filing Process participation	
Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma	Mr. John Berrey, Tribal Chairperson Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma PO Box 765 Quapaw, OK 74363	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12		• Pre-filing Process participation	
Thlopthlocco Tribal Town	Mr. George Scott, Acting Town King Thlopthlocco Tribal Town PO Box 188 Okemah, OK 74859	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12		• Pre-filing Process participation	

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Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana	Mr. Earl Barbry, Sr., Tribal Chairman Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana PO Box 1589 Marksville, LA 71351	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12		• Pre-filing Process participation	
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians	Mr. George Wickliffe, Chief United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians PO Box 746 Tahlequah, OK 74465	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12	1/14/13 (via email)	• Pre-filing Process participation	<u>Will not</u> participate in pre-filing process; no comments on project except to contact them in case of human remains discovery
Wichita & Affiliated Tribes	Mr. Stratford Williams, President Wichita & Affiliated Tribes PO Box 729 Anadarko, OK 73005	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12		• Pre-filing Process participation	
Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	Mr. Ron Sparkman, Chairman Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma PO Box 189 Miami, OK 74355	Pre-filing letter sent 12/22/12		• Pre-filing Process participation	

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Arkansas Ecological Field Services Office



December 22, 2012

Mr. Jim Boggs, Project Leader
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Arkansas Ecological Services Field Office
110 S. Amity Road, Suite 300
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**Subject: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Pre-Filing Process
CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC
Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project**

Dear Mr. Boggs,

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC ("CEGT") is respectfully requesting your participation in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("FERC") National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") Pre-Filing Process for CEGT's proposed Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project ("Project"). AK Environmental, LLC ("AK") is assisting CEGT in the environmental permitting of the Project. The FERC Pre-Filing Process is intended to involve relevant agencies, tribes, and other interested stakeholders in the early developmental stages of a project and provides a mechanism for identifying and resolving stakeholder issues prior to a formal application being submitted to the FERC. As part of the process, CEGT would consult with relevant agencies and stakeholders through in-person meetings, phone calls, and/or written correspondence, and would also participate in FERC-initiated agency scoping meetings. The issues identified in the Pre-Filing Process would be addressed in CEGT's application to the FERC.

CEGT, in cooperation with its affiliated natural gas distribution business, is proposing the Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project. The Project will provide for the continued safe, reliable, and efficient transportation of natural gas to the central Arkansas cities and towns of Conway, Mayflower, Maumelle, North Little Rock, and Little Rock. CEGT currently owns and operates multiple, existing pipelines in this region, but the region has experienced substantial residential and commercial development since the original pipeline facilities were constructed. The pipeline enhancement project provides CEGT with the opportunity to install new pipeline facilities to better serve its current customers, while also laying the groundwork for additional pipeline capacity to meet future growth, as needed. As part of the Project, CEGT will also retire from service (abandon) some existing pipeline assets, while also realigning ownership of some other existing pipeline infrastructure to its distribution affiliate. Such realignment and repurposing of existing pipeline infrastructure will provide for cost

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savings and more efficient delivery of natural gas in the Project area, all of which should benefit end use customers.

As part of the Project, CEGT is proposing the installation of approximately 28 miles of 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline and ancillary facilities in Pulaski and Faulkner Counties, Arkansas. The proposed pipeline, to be named Line BT-39, will be constructed primarily on new alignment and will provide replacement transmission service for a portion of two existing CEGT natural gas pipelines (Lines B and BT-14). CEGT will also construct metering and appurtenances at seven new or modified locations along the Line BT-39 pipeline route and tie-in points to the existing Line BT-14 pipeline, to provide natural gas deliveries to its distribution affiliate. As currently proposed, ownership of an approximately 9.4-mile-long segment of the existing Line BT-14 pipeline through the City of Conway would be transferred to CEGT's distribution affiliate, and an approximately 21-mile-long segment of the existing Line B pipeline, extending from Conway to North Little Rock, would be retired from service (abandoned). Other minor ancillary facilities and small diameter pipelines within the City of Conway (*i.e.*, Lines BM-1 and BT-19) would also be abandoned in association with the proposed Project. Refer to the attached Project overview map for a depiction of the existing and proposed pipeline facilities associated with the Project.

CEGT would like to invite you to participate in the NEPA Pre-Filing Process, as your participation will allow CEGT to prepare a more comprehensive and responsive FERC application. If you are interested and available to participate in the FERC's NEPA Pre-Filing process, please complete the enclosed Agency Participation Response Form. You also may send a formal response letter to me at the address on this letter or by email to rweissman@ak-env.com. On behalf of CEGT, AK will provide documentation of the participating agencies to CEGT and the FERC Staff. Should you have any questions regarding the Project, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Weissman, PWS
Deputy Project Manager / Senior Scientist

Enclosures: Project Location Map

cc: CEGT



CEGT Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project
Agency/Tribe/Stakeholder Participation Response Form

This signed form serves as confirmation that we have received a letter dated December 21, 2012 regarding participation in the FERC Pre-Filing Process for the Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project. At this time, we:

- ☐ Will participate in the FERC Pre-Filing Process
- ☐ Will not participate in the FERC Pre-Filing Process

Name:

Department:

Position Title:

Signature

Date:

Comments (optional):

Please return your completed form by **January 15, 2012** to:

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Telephone Call Summary

By:	<u>Matthew D'Aprile Smith</u>	Date:	<u>January 15, 2012</u>
Talked with:	<u>Lindsey Lewis</u>	Project number:	<u>12-046</u>
From (company):	<u>USFWS- Arkansas Ecological Services Field Office</u>	Project name:	<u>Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project</u>
Phone number:	<u>501.513.4489</u>	Subject:	<u>Pre-Filing Inclusion Response</u>

Distribution: _____

I initially reached Jim Boggs, Project Leader for the USFWS – Arkansas Ecological Services Field Office at 10:04 and then 10:28am Eastern time. I reached him on my third attempt at 2:36pm Eastern time. Mr. Boggs informed me that the person that would be more appropriate to discuss this matter with would be Lindsey Lewis. I then reached Mr. Lewis at the number Mr. Boggs provided. Mr. Lewis asked about accepting participation in the FERC Pre-Filing Process and what would be required from him if he did accept. I informed Mr. Lewis that he would be involved in “In-person” meetings, written and phone correspondence and also attendance at FERC agency scoping meetings. Mr. Lewis said that “Yes” he and his company would like to be involved in the process.

Signature



April 10, 2013

Mr. Lindsey Lewis
Biologist / 404 Permits
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**Subject: Threatened & Endangered Species Information Request
 CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC
 Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project
 FERC Docket No. PF13-10-000
 Faulkner and Pulaski Counties, Arkansas**

Dear Mr. Lewis,

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC (CEGT), in cooperation with its affiliated natural gas distribution business, is proposing the Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project (Project). The Project will provide for the continued safe, reliable, and efficient transportation of natural gas to the central Arkansas cities and towns of Conway, Mayflower, Maumelle, North Little Rock, and Little Rock. CEGT currently owns and operates multiple, existing pipelines in this region, but the region has experienced substantial residential and commercial development since the original pipeline facilities were constructed. The pipeline enhancement project provides CEGT with the opportunity to install new pipeline facilities to better serve its current customers, while also laying the groundwork for additional pipeline capacity to meet future growth, as needed. As part of the Project, CEGT will retire from service some existing pipeline assets, while also realigning ownership of some other existing pipeline infrastructure to its distribution affiliate. Such realignment and repurposing of existing pipeline infrastructure will provide for cost savings and more efficient delivery of natural gas in the Project area, all of which should benefit end use customers.

As part of the Project, CEGT is proposing the installation of approximately 28.5 miles of 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline and ancillary facilities in Pulaski and Faulkner Counties, Arkansas. The proposed pipeline, to be named Line BT-39, will be constructed primarily on new alignment and will provide replacement transmission service for a portion of two existing CEGT natural gas pipelines (Lines B and BT-14). CEGT will also construct metering and appurtenances at seven new or modified locations along the Line BT-39 pipeline route and tie-in points to the existing Line BT-14 pipeline, as well as two 4-inch diameter laterals (Lines BT-40 and BT-41) to provide natural gas deliveries to its distribution affiliate. As currently proposed, ownership of an approximately 12.4-mile-long segment of the existing

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Line BT-14 pipeline through the City of Conway would be transferred to CEGT's distribution affiliate, and an approximately 22.8-mile-long segment of the existing Line B pipeline, extending from Conway to North Little Rock, would be retired from service. Other minor ancillary facilities and small diameter pipelines within the City of Conway (*i.e.*, Lines BM-1 and BT-19) would also be retired in association with the proposed Project. Refer to the attached Project location maps for a depiction of the existing and proposed pipeline facilities associated with the Project.

An Environmental Report, required as part of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Section 7(c) application and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, is currently being prepared for the Project (FERC Docket No. PF13-10-000). In accordance with the FERC's NEPA responsibilities, the Project is subject to review under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402), the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. To initiate these reviews, CEGT respectfully requests your input and review regarding the potential of the Project to affect protected species and/or habitat and migratory birds. Where it appears that possible concerns related to special status species or habitats may occur, please indicate whether field surveys may be required, as well as the methodology and the level of effort you would consider acceptable for these surveys.

CEGT has contracted AK Environmental, LLC (AK) to assist with the environmental permitting for the Project. On behalf of CEGT, AK will conduct various environmental consulting, surveying and permitting services during the course of this Project. Should you have any questions regarding this request or require additional information to complete your review, please do not hesitate to contact me at 609.643.5145. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Weissman, PWS
Senior Scientist
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Enclosures: USGS Figure

cc: CEGT



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Little Rock District



December 22, 2012

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REPLY TO
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www.swl.usace.army.mil/

January 10, 2013

Regulatory Division

Rebecca Weissman, PWS
AK Environmental, LLC
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SUBJECT: Permit Application No. **2013-00012**

Dear Ms. Weissman:

Please refer to your letter dated December 22, 2012, on behalf of CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC (CEGT), concerning a proposed project referred to as the Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project, Faulkner and Pulaski Counties, Arkansas. Your request has been assigned File No. **2013-00012**.

Mrs. Cynthia Blansett has been assigned as the regulatory project manager for your request and will be evaluating it as expeditiously as possible. However, because of our permit workload, it will take a while for us to respond. You may be contacted for additional information about your request.

If you have any questions about the evaluation of your request, please contact the project manager listed below and refer to your assigned file number. Please note that it is unlawful to start work without a Department of the Army permit if one is required.

Cynthia W. Blansett
US Army Corps of Engineers
Little Rock District
ATTN: Regulatory Division
PO Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

PHONE: (501) 324-5295 FAX: (501) 324-6013

EMAIL: Cynthia.W.Blansett@usace.army.mil

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Name: CYNTHIA W. BLANSETT

Department: US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT, REGULATOR DIVISION

Position Title: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SPECIALIST

Signature: Cynthia W. Blansett Date: 1-11-13

Comments (optional): PROJECT MANAGER

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Ms. Rebecca Weissman
AK Environmental, LLC
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Dear Ms. Weissman:


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Corps personnel have reviewed the project summary and potential corridor map that you provided and recognize that this project is in a very preliminary phase of development. On January 11, 2013, our office mailed to you a completed FERC pre-filing process participation response form. We noted our willingness to participate in the FERC pre-filing process for this project. As well, we recommend that you contact the Corps Little Rock District Regulatory Division to schedule a pre-application meeting to learn more about the requirements of the Regulatory Program at the appropriate time.

The authorities of the Regulatory Division are as follows: Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act requires permit authorization from the Corps for work that occurs in, over, or under navigable waters of the United States, such as the Arkansas or White River. Section 404 of the Clean Water Act requires permit authorization from the Corps for work that involves the placement of dredged or fill material in waters of the United States. Depending on the location of the proposed project, other offices within the Corps could be involved in the process.

If you have any questions or want to schedule a meeting, please contact Mrs. Cynthia Blansett of my office at 501-324-5295.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Elaine Edwards". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

M. Elaine Edwards
Chief, Regulatory Division



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Telephone Call Summary

By:	<u>Rebecca Weissman</u>	Date:	<u>April 17, 2013; 1 PM</u>
Talked with:	<u>Cynthia Blansett</u>	Project number:	<u>12-046</u>
From (company):	<u>USACE – Little Rock District</u>	Project name:	<u>Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project</u>
Phone number:	<u>501.324.5295</u>	Subject:	<u>Jurisdictional Questions</u>
Distribution:	<u>File</u>		

I spoke with Cynthia Blansett, the Project Manager with the USACE Little Rock District assigned to the CAPE Project. The following was discussed:

- **Wet agricultural areas:** I asked Ms. Blansett whether the Little Rock District typically takes jurisdiction over areas that are in active agricultural use that have hydrology and hydric soils (but obviously lack a hydrophytic plant community due to farming)?

Ms. Blansett responded that they need all three parameters, including vegetation, to be considered a wetland. She recommended that our reports state that we identified ## agricultural areas with evidence of hydrology and hydric soils but that these areas lacked a hydrophytic plant community. She suggested providing good documentation / backup, including data forms and photos, and noting the location of these areas on a map, but that she wouldn't take jurisdiction if they don't have wetland plants.

- **Ephemeral channels:** I asked Ms. Blansett how the Little Rock District typically takes jurisdiction over ephemeral channels such as roadside drainage ditches, agricultural ditches, and seeps?

Ms. Blansett responded that she will take jurisdiction over anything with an Ordinary High Water Mark. Similar to the wet agricultural areas though, she recommended that we note and discuss any additional features in our report and why they do not meet the criteria to qualify as a Water of the U.S. [e.g., ## features were identified that convey ephemeral flow, but these areas lacked an OHWM and therefore are not considered Waters of the U.S.]. She strongly recommended providing photographs, maps, and other documentation as backup.

Ms. Blansett also indicated that she will be out of the office in June, but would be responding to emails. However, she asked that we keep this in mind when scheduling a pre-application meeting.



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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Region 6



December 22, 2012

Mr. John Blevins, Director
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U.S. EPA – Region 6
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Dallas, TX 75202-2733

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Subject: Information Request
CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC
Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project
FERC Docket No. PF13-10-000
Faulkner and Pulaski Counties, Arkansas

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- Surface drinking water supplies or protection areas
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National Park Service

Midwest Region



December 22, 2012

Mr. Michael Reynolds, Regional Director
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Telephone Call Summary

By:	<u>Matthew D'Aprile Smith</u>	Date:	<u>January 15, 2012</u>
Talked with:	<u>Nick Chevance</u>	Project number:	<u>12-046</u>
From (company):	<u>National Park Service- Midwest Region</u>	Project name:	<u>Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project</u>
Phone number:	<u>402.661.1844</u>	Subject:	<u>Pre-Filing Inclusion Response</u>

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I originally called 402.661.1736 to speak with Michael Reynolds, Regional Director of the National Park Service- Midwest Region. I was greeted by his secretary, who informed me that the person more appropriate to be talking with was Nick Chevance. Mr. Chevance is the Lead Regional Reviewer for the National Park Service- Midwest Region. I inquired with Mr. Chevance as to whether his agency would be participating in the FERC Pre-Filing Process for the Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project. His response was "No" that his agency would not be participating in the FERC Pre-Filing Process for this project. Phone call was made at 10:34 am.

Signature



April 10, 2013

Mr. Nick Chevance
Regional Environmental Coordinator
National Park Service – Midwest Regional Office
601 Riverfront Drive
Omaha, Nebraska 68128

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Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project
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- National Parks, National Historic Trails, or National Historic Landmarks
- Other lands administered by federal agencies
- Federal, natural, recreational or scenic areas
- Natural landmarks and visually-sensitive areas

Our records indicate that the Project may be located in close proximity to the Trail of Tears, a National Historic Trail. Information on any permitting or mitigation measures required for this proposed Project relative to the above resources is also appreciated.

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Natural Resources Conservation Service



December 22, 2012

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Little Rock, AR 72201

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Sincerely,



Rebecca Weissman, PWS
Deputy Project Manager / Senior Scientist

Enclosures: Project Location Map

cc: CEGT



CEGT Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project
Agency/Tribe/Stakeholder Participation Response Form

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Department:

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Signature

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Please return your completed form by **January 15, 2012** to:

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Name:

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Assistant State Conservationist for Easements

Signature

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From: [Dilts, Erik W](#)
To: [Scott Urwick](#); [Rebecca Weissman](#)
Subject: FW: Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project - Wetland Reserve Program Easement Involvement
Date: Wednesday, January 16, 2013 2:25:23 PM
Attachments: [CAPE Project WRP Map 24,000.pdf](#)
[CAPE Project WRP Map 6,000.pdf](#)
[CAPE Project Overview Map.pdf](#)
[Game & Fish WRP Easement.pdf](#)

FYI...for agency consultation records. Thanks

Erik Dilts / Environmental Projects Manager / CenterPoint Energy / P.O. Box 21734 Shreveport, LA 71151-0001 / Office: 318 429-3275 / Fax: 318 429-3927 / Mobile: 318 402-6459 / E-mail: Erik.Dilts@CenterPointEnergy.com

From: Dilts, Erik W
Sent: January 16, 2013 11:34 AM
To: Cripps, Reed - NRCS, Little Rock, AR (reed.cripps@ar.usda.gov)
Subject: Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project - Wetland Reserve Program Easement Involvement

Reed,

As discussed last week, CEGT's planned Central Arkansas Enhancement Project (Project) entails some Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) easement involvement. The Project is further described in the Pre-Filing Participation Letter for the Project that was mailed to you in December.

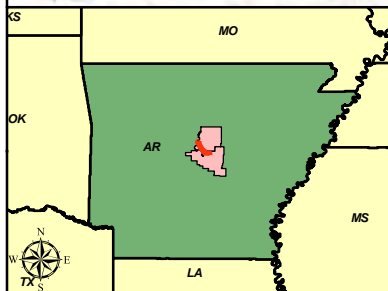
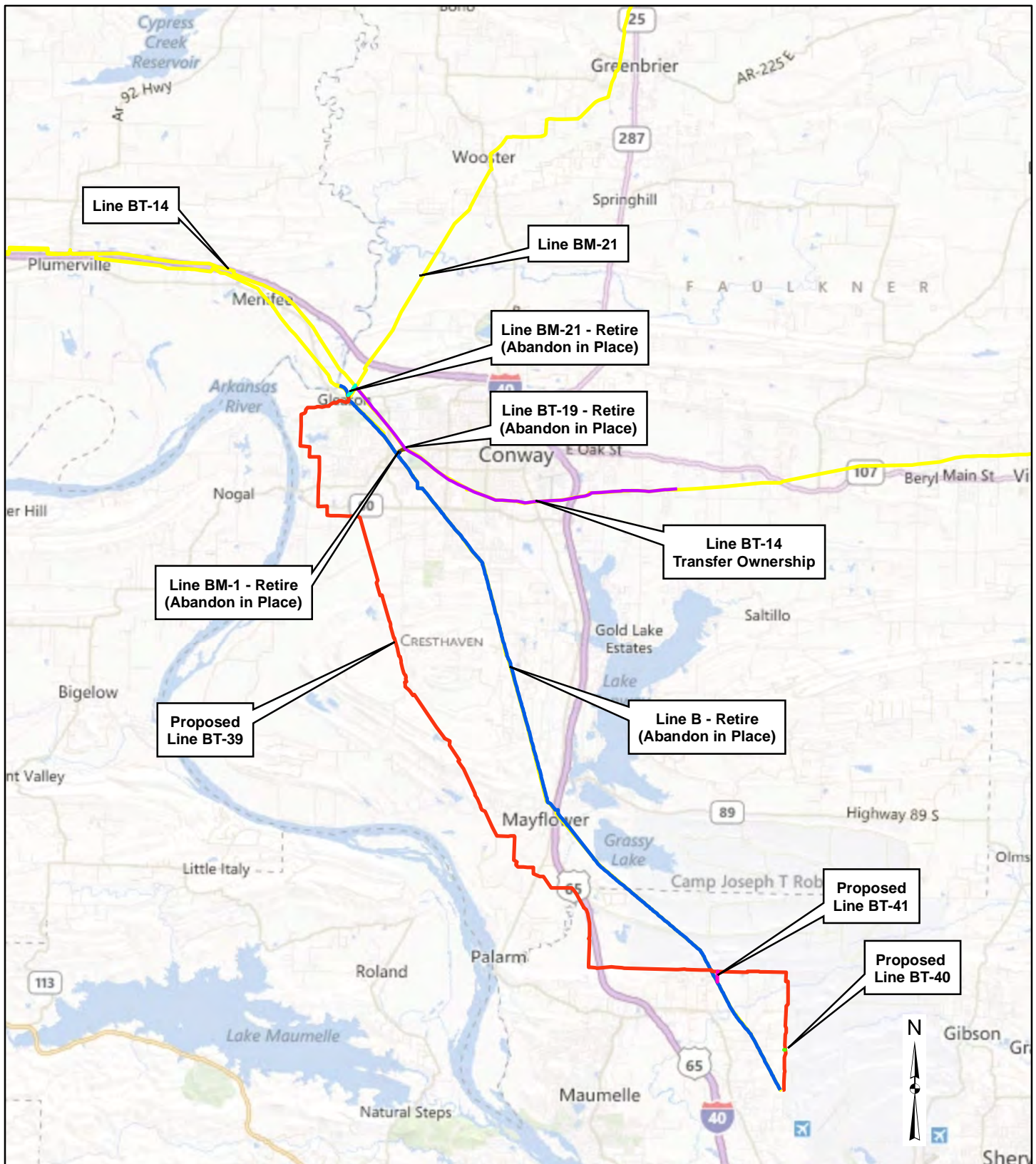
As depicted in the attached maps, CEGT's existing Line B pipeline traverses two WRP easements (Easement Nos. 66-7103-5-0022 and 66-7103-5-0023) in Faulkner County, Arkansas. In order to avoid surface disturbance and impacts to the WRP easements, CEGT's proposal is to retire/abandon the Line B pipeline in place through the WRP easements. Thus, CEGT will not need to obtain any temporary or permanent easements, or perform any land disturbing activities within the WRP easements, in association with that planned element of the Project.

Gas service currently provided by the Line B pipeline will be replaced by a new pipeline, Line BT-39, which has been routed to avoid the WRP easements in question. However, a planned construction access road, does traverse one of the WRP easements (Easement No. 66-7103-5-0022), which is located on land owned by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC). Use of the road is required to provide construction equipment with access from Grassy Lake Road to an isolated portion of the planned construction right-of-way located between two proposed horizontal directional drills (HDDs). As the construction right-of-way will not be cleared between the HDD entry/exit sites, that right-of-way cannot be used to provide access in to this area. The access road represents an existing, maintained road, and the AGFC has already communicated a willingness to allow temporary construction use of the road to our right-of-way agents. No vegetation clearing or expansion/widening of that existing road is anticipated in association with the planned temporary construction use, but CEGT may need to complete maintenance activities during construction along the road (minor grading, addition of rock to potholes, etc.) in order to maintain serviceability and restore the road to preconstruction condition/use. Please advise if the proposed construction-related use of the access road through the WRP easement would be acceptable to the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

My right-of-way agents already obtained a copy of the WRP easement agreement covering the area in question, so I'm attaching that to this message as well in case it's helpful.

Thanks,
Erik

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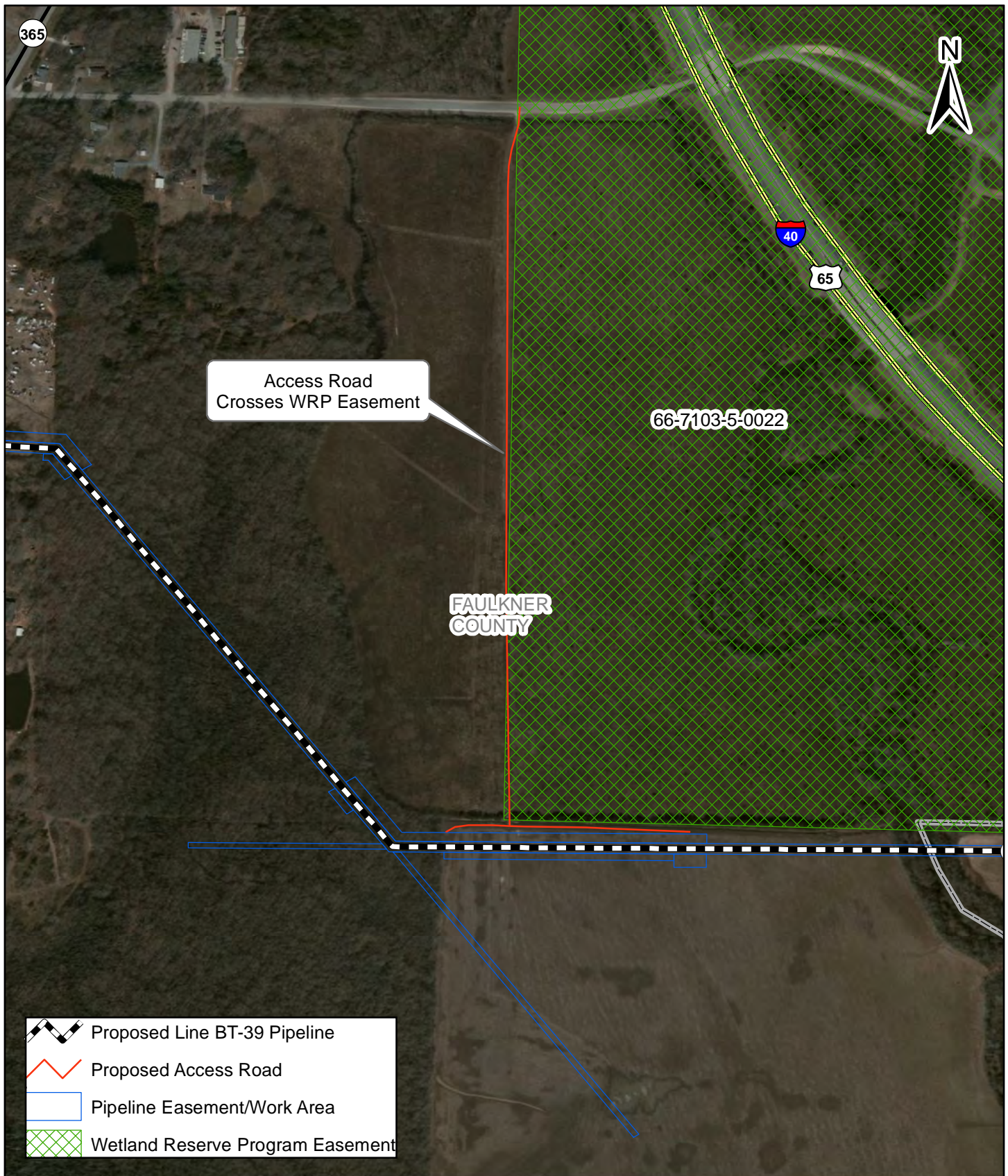
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Legend

- Proposed Line BT-39
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- Proposed Line BT-41
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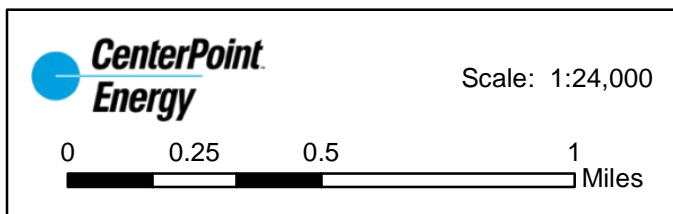
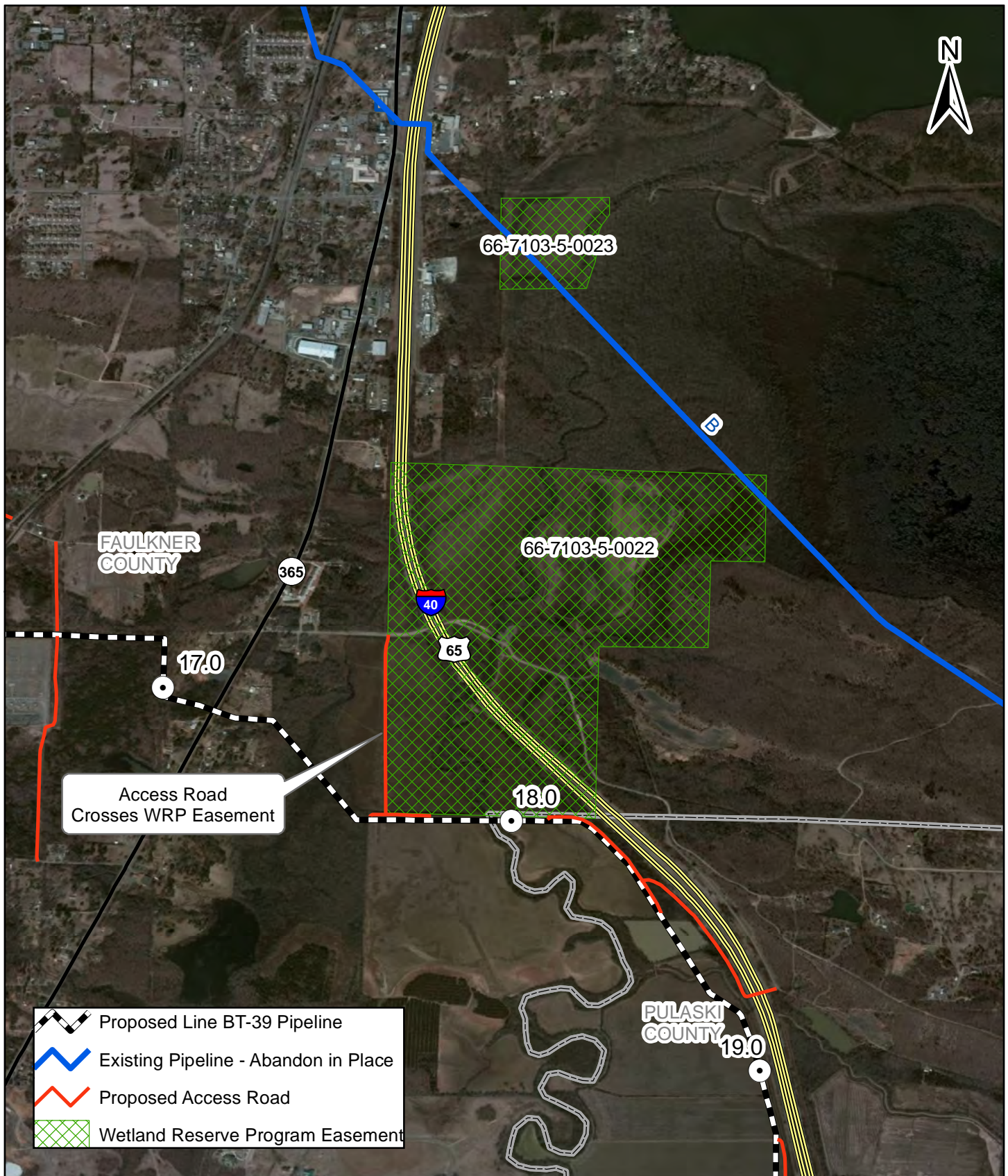


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Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement

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NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

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WARRANTY EASEMENT DEED

WETLANDS RESERVE PROGRAM
AGREEMENT NO. 66-7103-5-0022

THIS WARRANTY EASEMENT DEED is made by and between The Arkansas State Game and

Fish Commission of 2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205 (hereafter referred to as the "Landowner"), Grantor(s), and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by and through the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250 (hereafter referred to as the "United States"), Grantee. The Landowner and the United States are jointly referred to as the "Parties." The acquiring agency of the United States is the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) of the Department of Agriculture.

Witnesseth

Purposes and Intent. The purpose of this easement is to restore, protect, manage, maintain, and enhance the functional values of wetlands and other lands, and for the conservation of natural values including fish and wildlife habitat, water quality improvement, flood water retention, groundwater recharge, open space, aesthetic values, and environmental education. It is the intent of NRCS to give the Landowner the opportunity to participate in the restoration and management activities on the easement area.

Authority. This easement deed acquisition is authorized by Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 3837), for the Wetlands Reserve Program.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of -0- Dollars (\$ -0-), the Grantor(s), hereby grants and conveys with general warranty of title to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and its assigns, the Grantee, forever, all rights, title and interest in the lands comprising the easement area described in Part I and appurtenant rights of access to the easement area, but reserving to the Landowner only those rights, title and interest expressly enumerated in Part II. It is the intention of the Landowner to convey and relinquish any and all other property rights not so reserved. This easement shall constitute a servitude upon the land so encumbered, shall run with the land in perpetuity and shall bind the Landowner, (the Grantor(s)), their heirs, successors, assigns, lessees, and any other person claiming under them.

SUBJECT, however, to all valid rights of record, if any.

PART I. Description of the Easement Area. The lands encumbered by this easement deed, referred to hereafter as the easement area, are described on EXHIBIT A which is appended to and made a part of this easement deed.

TOGETHER with a right of access for ingress and egress to the easement area across adjacent or other properties of the Landowner. Such a right-of-way for access purposes is described in EXHIBIT B which is appended to and made a part of this easement deed.

PART II. Reservations in the Landowner on the Easement Area. Subject to the rights, title, and interest conveyed by this easement deed to the United States, the Landowner reserves:

A. **Title.** Record title, along with the Landowner's right to convey, transfer, and otherwise alienate title to these reserved rights.

B. **Quiet Enjoyment.** The right of quiet enjoyment of the rights reserved on the easement area.

C. Control of Access. The right to prevent trespass and control access by the general public.

D. Recreational Uses. The right to undeveloped recreational uses, including hunting and fishing, and including leasing of such rights for economic gain, pursuant to applicable State and Federal regulations that may be in effect at the time.

E. Subsurface Resources. The right to oil, gas, minerals, and geothermal resources underlying the easement area, provided that any drilling or mining activities are to be located outside the boundaries of the easement area unless activities within the boundaries are specified in accordance with the terms and conditions of EXHIBIT C.

PART III. Obligations of the Landowner. The Landowner shall comply with all terms and conditions of this easement, including the following:

A. Prohibitions. Unless authorized as a compatible use under Part IV, it is expressly understood that the rights to the following activities and uses have been acquired by the United States and are prohibited of the Landowner on the easement area:

1. haying, mowing or seed harvesting for any reason;
2. altering of grassland, woodland, wildlife habitat or other natural features by burning, digging, plowing, disking, cutting or otherwise destroying the vegetative cover;
3. dumping refuse, wastes, sewage or other debris;
4. harvesting wood products;
5. draining, dredging, channeling, filling, leveling, pumping, diking, impounding or related activities, as well as altering or tampering with water control structures or devices;
6. diverting or causing or permitting the diversion of surface or underground water into, within or out of the easement area by any means;
7. building or placing buildings or structures on the easement area;
8. planting or harvesting any crop; and
9. grazing or allowing livestock on the easement area.

B. Noxious plants and pests. The Landowner is responsible for noxious weed control and emergency control of pests as required by all Federal, State and local laws. A plan to control noxious weeds and pests must be approved in writing by the NRCS prior to implementation by the Landowner.

C. Fences. Except for establishment cost incurred by the United States and replacement cost not due to the Landowner's negligence or malfeasance, all other costs involved in maintenance of fences and similar facilities to exclude livestock shall be the responsibility of the Landowner.

D. Taxes. The Landowner shall pay any and all real property and other taxes and assessments, if any, which may be levied against the land.

E. Reporting. The Landowner shall report to the NRCS any conditions or events which may adversely affect the wetland, wildlife, and other natural values of the easement area.

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A. General. The United States may authorize, in writing and subject to such terms and conditions the NRCS may prescribe at its discretion, the use of the easement area for compatible economic uses, including, but not limited to, managed timber harvest, periodic haying, or grazing.

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PART V. Rights of the United States. The rights of the United States include:

A. Management activities. The United States shall have the right to enter unto the easement area to undertake, at its own expense or on a cost share basis with the Landowner or other entity, any activities to restore, protect, manage, maintain, enhance, and monitor the wetland and other natural values of the easement area. The United States, at its own cost, may apply to or impound additional waters on the easement area in order to maintain or improve wetland and other natural values.

B. Access. The United States has a right of reasonable ingress and egress to the easement area over the Landowner's property, whether or not the property is adjacent or appurtenant to the easement area, for the exercise of any of the rights of the United States under this easement deed. The authorized representatives of the United States may utilize vehicles and other reasonable modes of transportation for access purposes.

C. Easement Management. The Secretary of Agriculture, by and through the NRCS may delegate all or part of the management, monitoring or enforcement responsibilities under this easement to any entity authorized by law that the NRCS determines to have the appropriate authority, expertise and resources necessary to carry out such delegated responsibilities. State or federal agencies may utilize their general statutory authorities in the administration of any delegated management, monitoring or enforcement responsibilities for this easement. The authority to modify or terminate this easement (16 U.S.C. § 3837e(b)) is reserved to the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with applicable law.

D. Violations and Remedies - Enforcement. The Parties agree that this easement deed may be introduced in any enforcement proceeding as the stipulation of the Parties hereto. If there is any failure of the Landowner to comply with any of the provisions of this easement deed, the United States or other delegated authority shall have any legal or equitable remedy provided by law and the right:

1. To enter upon the easement area to perform necessary work for prevention of or remediation of damage to wetland or other natural values; and,
2. To assess all expenses incurred by the United States (including any legal fees or attorney fees) against the Landowner, to be owed immediately to the United States.

PART VI. General Provisions.

A. Successors in Interest. The rights granted to the United States shall accrue to any of its agents, successors, or assigns. All obligations of the Landowner under this easement deed shall also bind the Landowner's heirs, successors, agents, assigns, lessees, and any other person claiming under them. All the Landowners who are parties to this easement deed shall be jointly and severally liable for compliance with its terms.

B. Rules of Construction and Special Provisions. All rights in the easement area not reserved by the Landowner shall be deemed acquired by the United States. Any ambiguities in this easement deed shall be construed in favor of the United States to effect the wetland and conservation purposes for which this easement deed is being acquired. The property rights of the United States acquired under this easement shall be unaffected by any subsequent amendments or repeal of the Wetlands Reserve Program. If the Landowner receives the consideration for this easement in installments, the Parties agree that the conveyance of this easement shall be totally effective upon the payment of the first installment.

PART VII. Special Provisions (if any).

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, this Warranty Easement Deed is granted to the United States of America and its successors and assigns forever. The Landowner covenants that he, she or they are vested with good title to the easement area and will warrant and defend the same on behalf of the United States against all claims and demands. The Landowner covenants to comply with the terms and conditions enumerated in this document for the use of the easement area and adjacent lands for access, and to refrain from any activity not specifically allowed or that is inconsistent with the purposes of this easement deed.

Dated this 12th day of March, 1996.

Landowner(s):

) [Signature] (Seal)
) Steve N. Wilson, Director, Arkansas State Game & Fish Commission
) _____ (Seal)

STATE OF ARKANSAS)
COUNTY OF PULASKI) SS

WITNESS my hand and seal as such Notary Public this 12th day of March, 1996.

Lena M. Bursee

PS (Seal)

My Commission Expires:

Lena M. Bursey
Notary Public, State of Arkansas
Pulaski County
My Commission Expires 07/14/04

This instrument was drafted by the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250-1400.

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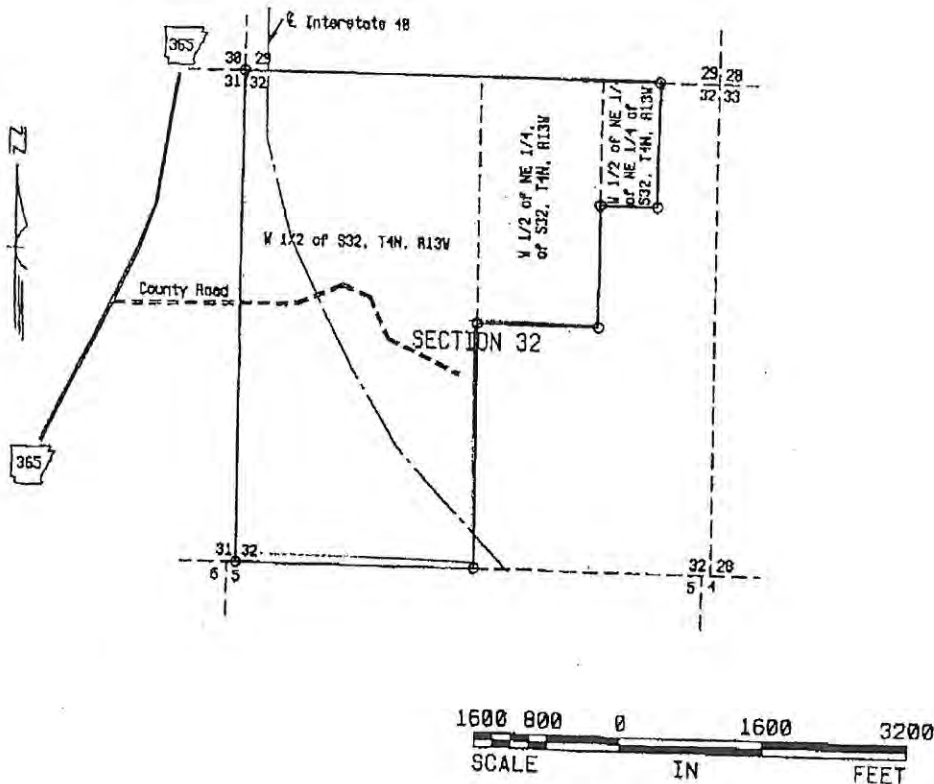
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Landowner: State of Arkansas, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
 County: Faulkner County, Arkansas
 Property Location: T4N, R13W, Section 32
 Date: January 16, 1996

Property described as:

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Easements and rights of ways for established and existing public
 roads, public highways, public utilities, and railroads, if any.



CERTIFICATE OF RECORD

STATE OF ARKANSAS,

SS.

County of FaulknerI, SHARON RIMMER

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex-Officio

Recorder for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing instrument of writing was filed for record
 in my office on the 14th day of March A.D. 1996

at 8:59 o'clock A. M., and the same is now duly recorded, with the acknowledgment and certificate
 thereon, in Deed Record Book, Vol. 622 Page 294.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of
 said Court this 15th day of March, A.D. 1996

SHARON RIMMER

Clerk.

By

Deputy Clerk.



April 10, 2013

Mr. Che Gordon, District Conservationist
NRCS – North Little Rock Service Center
4004 McCain Boulevard
Room 203, NBA Building
North Little Rock, AR 72116

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- Land currently in use for agriculture
- Land with agricultural restrictions, specialty crops, or grazing allotments
- Soils with severe erosion potential, poor re-vegetation potential, or high susceptibility to compaction
- Prime farmland soils of soils of statewide importance
- Areas with noxious weed concerns

CEGT has contracted AK Environmental, LLC (AK) to assist with the environmental permitting for the Project. On behalf of CEGT, AK will conduct various environmental consulting, surveying, and permitting services during the course of this Project. AK respectfully requests that the NRCS – North Little Rock Service Center review its records relative to any of the above-referenced areas and provide written comments pertaining to the identified resources and seed mix recommendations.

Should you have any questions regarding this request or require additional information to complete your review, please do not hesitate to contact me at 609.643.5145. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Weissman, PWS

Senior Scientist

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Enclosures: USGS Figure

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- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) or Wetland Reserves Program (WRP) lands
- Land currently in use for agriculture
- Land with agricultural restrictions, specialty crops, or grazing allotments
- Soils with severe erosion potential, poor re-vegetation potential, or high susceptibility to compaction
- Prime farmland soils of soils of statewide importance
- Areas with noxious weed concerns

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Should you have any questions regarding this request or require additional information to complete your review, please do not hesitate to contact me at 609.643.5145. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Weissman, PWS

Senior Scientist

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Enclosures: USGS Figure

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Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality



December 22, 2012

Ms. Teresa Marks
Director
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

**Subject: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Pre-Filing Process
CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC
Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project**

Dear Ms. Marks,

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC ("CEGT") is respectfully requesting your participation in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("FERC") National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") Pre-Filing Process for CEGT's proposed Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project ("Project"). AK Environmental, LLC ("AK") is assisting CEGT in the environmental permitting of the Project. The FERC Pre-Filing Process is intended to involve relevant agencies, tribes, and other interested stakeholders in the early developmental stages of a project and provides a mechanism for identifying and resolving stakeholder issues prior to a formal application being submitted to the FERC. As part of the process, CEGT would consult with relevant agencies and stakeholders through in-person meetings, phone calls, and/or written correspondence, and would also participate in FERC-initiated agency scoping meetings. The issues identified in the Pre-Filing Process would be addressed in CEGT's application to the FERC.

CEGT, in cooperation with its affiliated natural gas distribution business, is proposing the Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project. The Project will provide for the continued safe, reliable, and efficient transportation of natural gas to the central Arkansas cities and towns of Conway, Mayflower, Maumelle, North Little Rock, and Little Rock. CEGT currently owns and operates multiple, existing pipelines in this region, but the region has experienced substantial residential and commercial development since the original pipeline facilities were constructed. The pipeline enhancement project provides CEGT with the opportunity to install new pipeline facilities to better serve its current customers, while also laying the groundwork for additional pipeline capacity to meet future growth, as needed. As part of the Project, CEGT will also retire from service (abandon) some existing pipeline assets, while also realigning ownership of some other existing pipeline infrastructure to its distribution affiliate. Such realignment and repurposing of existing pipeline infrastructure will provide for cost

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savings and more efficient delivery of natural gas in the Project area, all of which should benefit end use customers.

As part of the Project, CEGT is proposing the installation of approximately 28 miles of 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline and ancillary facilities in Pulaski and Faulkner Counties, Arkansas. The proposed pipeline, to be named Line BT-39, will be constructed primarily on new alignment and will provide replacement transmission service for a portion of two existing CEGT natural gas pipelines (Lines B and BT-14). CEGT will also construct metering and appurtenances at seven new or modified locations along the Line BT-39 pipeline route and tie-in points to the existing Line BT-14 pipeline, to provide natural gas deliveries to its distribution affiliate. As currently proposed, ownership of an approximately 9.4-mile-long segment of the existing Line BT-14 pipeline through the City of Conway would be transferred to CEGT's distribution affiliate, and an approximately 21-mile-long segment of the existing Line B pipeline, extending from Conway to North Little Rock, would be retired from service (abandoned). Other minor ancillary facilities and small diameter pipelines within the City of Conway (*i.e.*, Lines BM-1 and BT-19) would also be abandoned in association with the proposed Project. Refer to the attached Project overview map for a depiction of the existing and proposed pipeline facilities associated with the Project.

CEGT would like to invite you to participate in the NEPA Pre-Filing Process, as your participation will allow CEGT to prepare a more comprehensive and responsive FERC application. If you are interested and available to participate in the FERC's NEPA Pre-Filing process, please complete the enclosed Agency Participation Response Form. You also may send a formal response letter to me at the address on this letter or by email to rweissman@ak-env.com. On behalf of CEGT, AK will provide documentation of the participating agencies to CEGT and the FERC Staff. Should you have any questions regarding the Project, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Weissman, PWS
Deputy Project Manager / Senior Scientist

Enclosures: Project Location Map

cc: CEGT



CEGT Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project
Agency/Tribe/Stakeholder Participation Response Form

This signed form serves as confirmation that we have received a letter dated December 21, 2012 regarding participation in the FERC Pre-Filing Process for the Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project. At this time, we:

- ☐ Will participate in the FERC Pre-Filing Process
- ☐ Will not participate in the FERC Pre-Filing Process

Name:

Department:

Position Title:

Signature

Date:

Comments (optional):

Please return your completed form by **January 15, 2012** to:

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From: [Nehus, Nat](#)
To: [Rebecca Weissman](#)
Subject: confirmation
Date: Wednesday, January 09, 2013 11:35:31 AM

Good Morning Ms. Weissman,

Thanks for the notification and opportunity to participate in the Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project. Our form is attached.

Nathaniel P. Nehus, Ecologist
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Environmental Preservation & Technical Services Division
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Telephone - (501) 682-0947

CEGT Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project
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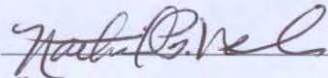
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April 10, 2013

Mr. James F. Stephens, PG
Chief, Surface Mining and Reclamation Division
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
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Subject: Information Request
CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC
Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project
FERC Docket No. PF13-10-000
Faulkner and Pulaski Counties, Arkansas

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- Mineral resources
- Active or inactive mining operations

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Should you have any questions regarding this request or require additional information to complete your review, please do not hesitate to contact me at 609.643.5145. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Weissman, PWS
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Enclosures: USGS Figure

cc: CEGT





April 10, 2013

Ms. Tammie J. Hynum
Chief, Hazardous Waste Division
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Subject: Information Request
CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC
Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project
FERC Docket No. PF13-10-000
Faulkner and Pulaski Counties, Arkansas

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- Known instances of any hazardous materials spills
- Sites known to be contaminated with hazardous materials
- Sites with on-going environmental remediation activities

CEGT has contracted AK Environmental, LLC (AK) to assist with the environmental permitting for the Project. On behalf of CEGT, AK will conduct various environmental consulting, surveying and permitting services during the course of this Project. AK respectfully requests that the ADEQ – Hazardous Waste Division review its records relative to any of the above-referenced areas and provide written comments pertaining to the identified resources.

Should you have any questions regarding this request or require additional information to complete your review, please do not hesitate to contact me at 609.643.5145. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Weissman, PWS
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Enclosures: USGS Figure

cc: CEGT



From: [Ezell, Tom](#)
To: [Rebecca Weissman](#)
Subject: BT-39 pipeline
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2013 4:02:31 PM

Rebecca:

I am receipt of your letter of April 10, requesting information on historical releases and other environmental concerns along a 22-mile proposed pipeline route (BT-39) in Faulkner and Pulaski counties in Arkansas. The Department does not have sufficient staff to conduct records research for private environmental assessments, but allow anyone who needs such information to visit our central records facility here in North Little Rock to conduct their own research.

However, in checking with our GIS section, if you can provide me with an ArcGIS or ArcView shape file for the route of the BT-39 pipeline, we can overlay that with our existing GIS system and provide a listing of the various points of interest along that route with some simple effort.

If this will work for you, please call me (501.682.0854) and e-mail a shape file for the BT-39 route, and we'll see what we can do...

Sincerely,

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Date: October 18, 2012

Subject: Elements of Special Concern

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Co., LLC

Line B Replacement Project-Conway to Little Rock

Faulkner and Pulaski Counties, Arkansas

ANHC No.: P-CF..-12-084

Ms. Rebecca Weisman

AK Environmental, LLC

222 Rolling Meadow Drive

Holliston, MA 01746

Dear Ms. Weisman:

Staff members of the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission have reviewed our files for records indicating the occurrence of rare plants and animals, outstanding natural communities, natural or scenic rivers, or other elements of special concern within or near the proposed Line B Replacement Project-Conway to Little Rock in Pulaski and Faulkner Counties, Arkansas. The results of this review are provided electronically (please refer to Attachment A for a list and description of each electronic file provided). A data sharing agreement is also included.

One location within in the project area is known to support two rare plant species of state conservation concern: Bush's poppy-mallow (*Callirhoe bushii*), and Nuttall's pleat-leaf (*Nemastylis nuttallii*). These plants occur at the edge of the Line B right-of-way in Section 3, T3N/R13W. This falls within Camp Robinson. The right-of-way through Camp Robinson traverses a relatively high quality Post Oak Flatwoods. Efforts should be made to minimize disturbance outside of the pipeline right-of-way through Camp Robinson. We have worked with and recommend you contact Brian Mitchell at Camp Robison:

Brian Mitchell

D Civ DCSen Water Resource Specialist

DCSEN-D Building 1301

Camp Joseph T. Robinson

North Little Rock, AR 72119

Phone: 501-212-5891

e-mail: brian.david.mitchell@us.army.mil

We have the following general recommendations related to overall project development:

- Where feasible, the pipeline should share existing utility corridors and be routed to avoid natural habitats to the extent possible. Efforts should be made to avoid bisecting areas of mature forest. Such fragmentation can have detrimental effects on forest interior bird species, and introduce exotic, invasive species into an area.
- Use of best management practices at all stream crossing should be employed and monitored to limit siltation and erosion. Where practical,

directional drilling should be considered. Disturbance and removal of riparian vegetation should be limited to the extent practical.

- Efforts should be made to avoid and minimize impacts to wetlands.
- Use of herbicides for pipeline maintenance should be avoided, except where needed to control exotic species.
- Native species or non-persistent annual species should be used to revegetate work areas when needed. Use of aggressive, exotic species should be avoided.

A list of elements known to occur within five miles of the Line B Project area is attached for your reference. The list has been annotated to indicate those elements recorded along or within a one-mile buffer of the study area. A legend is provided to help you interpret the codes used on this list.

Please keep in mind that the project area may contain important natural features of which we are unaware. Staff members of the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission have not conducted a field survey of the study site. Our review is based on data available to the program at the time of the request. It should not be regarded as a final statement on the elements or areas under consideration. Because our files are updated constantly, you may want to check with us again at a later time.

Thank you for consulting us. It has been a pleasure to work with you on this study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Osborne".

Cindy Osborne

Data Manager/Environmental Review Coordinator

Enclosures: Electronic data
Attachment A
Data Sharing Agreement
Element List (annotated)
Legend
Invoice

LEGEND

STATUS CODES

FEDERAL STATUS CODES

C	=	Candidate species. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has enough scientific information to warrant proposing this species for listing as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act.
LE	=	Listed Endangered; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has listed this species as endangered under the Endangered Species Act.
LT	=	Listed Threatened; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has listed this species as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.
-PD	=	Proposed for Delisting; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed that this species be removed from the list of Endangered or Threatened Species.
PE	=	Proposed Endangered; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed this species for listing as endangered.
PT	=	Proposed Threatened; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed this species for listing as threatened.
T/SA E/SA	=	Threatened (or Endangered) because of similarity of appearance.

STATE STATUS CODES

INV	=	Inventory Element; The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission is currently conducting active inventory work on these elements. Available data suggests these elements are of conservation concern. These elements may include outstanding examples of Natural Communities, colonial bird nesting sites, outstanding scenic and geologic features as well as plants and animals, which, according to current information, may be rare, peripheral, or of an undetermined status in the state. The ANHC is gathering detailed location information on these elements.
WAT	=	Watch List Species; The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission is not conducting active inventory work on these species, however, available information suggests they may be of conservation concern. The ANHC is gathering general information on status and trends of these elements. An “*” indicates the status of the species will be changed to “INV” if the species is verified as occurring in the state (this typically means the agency has received a verified breeding record for the species).
MON	=	Monitored Species; The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission is currently monitoring information on these species. These species do not have conservation concerns at present. They may be new species to the state, or species on which additional information is needed. The ANHC is gathering detailed location information on these elements
SE	=	State Endangered; this term is applied differently for plants and animals. Animals – These species are afforded protection under Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) Regulation. The AGFC states that it is unlawful to import, transport, sell, purchase, hunt, harass or possess any threatened or endangered species of wildlife or parts. The AGFC lists as endangered any wildlife species or subspecies endangered or threatened with extinction, listed or proposed as a candidate for listing by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or any native species or subspecies listed as endangered by the Commission. Plants – These species have been recognized by the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission as being in danger of being extirpated from the state. This is an administrative designation with no regulatory authority.
ST	=	State Threatened; These species have been recognized by the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission as being likely to become endangered in Arkansas in the foreseeable future, based on current inventory information. This is an administrative designation with no regulatory authority.

DEFINITION OF RANKS

Global Ranks

G1	=	Critically imperiled globally. At a very high risk of extinction due to extreme rarity (often 5 or fewer populations), very steep declines, or other factors.
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G2	=	Imperiled globally. At high risk of extinction due to very restricted range, very few populations (often 20 or fewer), steep declines, or other factors.
G3	=	Vulnerable globally. At moderate risk of extinction due to a restricted range, relatively few populations (often 80 or fewer), recent and widespread declines, or other factors.
G4	=	Apparently secure globally. Uncommon but not rare; some cause for long-term concern due to declines or other factors.
G5	=	Secure globally. Common, widespread and abundant.
GH	=	Of historical occurrence, possibly extinct globally. Missing; known from only historical occurrences, but still some hope of rediscovery.
GU	=	Unrankable. Currently unrankable due to lack of information or due to substantially conflicting information about status or trends.
GX	=	Presumed extinct globally. Not located despite intensive searches and virtually no likelihood of rediscovery.
GNR	=	Unranked. The global rank not yet assessed.
GNA	=	Not Applicable. A conservation status rank is not applicable.
T-RANKS=		T subranks are given to global ranks when a subspecies, variety, or race is considered at the state level. The subrank is made up of a "T" plus a number or letter (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, H, U, X) with the same ranking rules as a full species.

State Ranks

S1	=	Critically imperiled in the state due to extreme rarity (often 5 or fewer populations), very steep declines, or other factors making it vulnerable to extirpation.
S2	=	Imperiled in the state due to very restricted range, very few populations (often 20 or fewer), steep declines, or other factors making it vulnerable to extirpation.
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S5	=	Secure in the state. Common, widespread and abundant.
SH	=	Of historical occurrence, with some possibility of rediscovery. Its presence may not have been verified in the past 20-40 years. A species may be assigned this rank without the 20-40 year delay if the only known occurrences were destroyed or if it had been extensively and unsuccessfully sought.
SU	=	Unrankable. Currently unrankable due to lack of information or due to substantially conflicting information about status or trends.
SX	=	Presumed extirpated from the state. Not located despite intensive searches and virtually no likelihood of rediscovery.
SNR	=	Unranked. The state rank not yet assessed.
SNA	=	Not Applicable. A conservation status rank is not applicable.

General Ranking Notes

Q	=	A "Q" in the global rank indicates the element's taxonomic classification as a species is a matter of conjecture among scientists.
RANGES=		Ranges are used to indicate a range of uncertainty about the status of the element.
?	=	A question mark is used to denote an inexact numeric rank.
B	=	Refers to the breeding population of a species in the state.
N	=	Refers to the non-breeding population of a species in the state.

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Department of Arkansas Heritage
Elements of Special Concern
Witin a 5-mile Buffer of the Line B Replacement Project
Conway-Little Rock, Faulkner and Pulaski Counties, Arkansas

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank
Animals-Invertebrates					
* <i>Cicindela hirticollis</i>	beach-dune tiger beetle	-	INV	G5	S2S3
* <i>Cicindela macra</i>	sandy stream tiger beetle	-	INV	G5	S2S3
* <i>Somatochlora ozarkensis</i>	Ozark emerald	-	INV	G3	S1
* <i>Speyeria diana</i>	Diana	-	INV	G3G4	S2S3
Animals-Vertebrates					
<i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>	Henslow's Sparrow	-	INV	G4	S1B,S2N
* <i>Anguilla rostrata</i>	American eel	-	INV	G4	S3
* <i>Atractosteus spatula</i>	alligator gar	-	INV	G3G4	S2?
* <i>Cemophora coccinea copei</i>	northern scarlet snake	-	INV	G5T5	S3
<i>Chrysemys dorsalis</i>	southern painted turtle	-	INV	G5	S3
* <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald Eagle	-	INV	G5	S2B,S4N
* <i>Hyla avivoca</i>	bird-voiced treefrog	-	INV	G5	S3
* <i>Nerodia cyclopion</i>	Mississippi green water snake	-	INV	G5	S3
* <i>Ophisaurus attenuatus attenuatus</i>	western slender glass lizard	-	INV	G5T5	S3
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Osprey	-	INV	G5	S1B,S4N
<i>Polyodon spathula</i>	paddlefish	-	INV	G4	S2?
* <i>Pseudacris streckeri</i>	Strecker's chorus frog	-	INV	G5T5	S2
* <i>Regina rigida sinicola</i>	gulf crayfish snake	-	INV	G5T5	S3
<i>Sternula antillarum athalassos</i>	Interior Least Tern	LE	SE	G4T2Q	S2B
Plants-Vascular					
<i>Amorpha ouachitensis</i>	Ouachita indigo-bush	-	INV	G3Q	S3
* <i>Asclepias obovata</i>	savannah milkweed	-	INV	G5?	S2
* <i>Bergia texana</i>	Texas bergia	-	INV	G5	S2
<i>Callirhoe alcaeoides</i>	plains poppy-mallow	-	INV	G5?	S1?
* <i>Callirhoe bushii</i>	Bush's poppy-mallow	-	INV	G3	S3
<i>Carex decomposita</i>	cypress-knee sedge	-	INV	G3G4	S2
* <i>Carex normalis</i>	spreading oval sedge	-	INV	G5	S1
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<i>Dalea lanata var. lanata</i>	woolly prairie-clover	-	INV	G5TNR	S2S3
<i>Draba aprica</i>	open-ground whitlow-grass	-	ST	G3	S2
* <i>Eleocharis wolfii</i>	Wolf's spike-rush	-	INV	G3G4	S3
<i>Eustoma exaltatum</i>	catchfly prairie-gentian	-	INV	G5	S2
<i>Gymnopogon brevifolius</i>	short-leaf skeleton grass	-	INV	G5	S2
<i>Heliotropium convolvulaceum</i>	phlox heliotrope	-	INV	G5	S2
<i>Micranthes virginensis</i>	early saxifrage	-	INV	G5	S1S2
<i>Muhlenbergia glabrifloris</i>	inland muhly	-	INV	G4?	S1
* <i>Nemastylis nuttallii</i>	Nuttall's pleat-leaf	-	INV	G4	S2
<i>Neviusia alabamensis</i>	Alabama snow-wreath	-	ST	G2	S1S2
<i>Penstemon cobaea</i>	showy beardtongue	-	INV	G4	S3
<i>Platanthera flava</i>	rein orchid	-	ST	G4?	S2S3
<i>Platanthera peramoena</i>	purple fringeless orchid	-	ST	G5	S2
<i>Polygala incarnata</i>	pink milkwort	-	INV	G5	S1S2
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<i>Rhynchospora globularis var. globularis</i>	globe beaksedge	-	INV	G5?T5?	S2
<i>Spiranthes odorata</i>	fragrant ladies'-tresses	-	INV	G5	S1

	Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank
*	<i>Streptanthus maculatus ssp. obtusifolius</i>	Arkansas twistflower	-	INV	G3T3	S3
	<i>Valerianella ozarkana</i>	Ozark cornsalad	-	INV	G3	S3
Special Elements-Natural Communities						
	South-Central Interior Large Floodplain		-	INV	GNR	SNR
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*	Colonial nesting site, water birds		-	INV	GNR	SNR
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Data Sharing Agreement

October 18, 2012

Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission

and

AK Environmental, LLC

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- Explanatory information on the data.
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AK agrees to the following terms under this agreement:

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- The shapefile remains the sole property of the ANHC.

The data is time-sensitive and should be considered outdated and invalid after one-year. Acceptance of the data by AK is considered agreement to these terms.

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Attachment A

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Department of Arkansas Heritage
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Line B Replacement Project – Conway to Little Rock
Faulkner and Pulaski Counties, Arkansas

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Metadata_ANHCDATA.pdf – A file providing explanatory information for the ANHCDATA shapefile



December 22, 2012

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Telephone Call Summary

By:	<u>Matthew D'Aprile Smith</u>	Date:	<u>January 15, 2012</u>
Talked with:	<u>Cindy Osbourne</u>	Project number:	<u>12-046</u>
From (company):	<u>Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission</u>	Project name:	<u>Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project</u>
Phone number:	<u>501.324.9762</u>	Subject:	<u>Pre-Filing Inclusion Response</u>

Distribution: _____

I spoke with Ms. Cindy Osbourne, Data Manager/Environmental Review Coordinator of the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission. I inquired to Ms. Osbourne if her agency would like to participate in the FERC Pre-Filing Process for the Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project. She responded by asking me what would be involved in her participation if she agreed to participate. I informed Ms. Osbourne that we may request her to engage in "in-person" meetings, correspond by telephone and written communications and attend FERC agency scoping meetings. She said she would be happy to be involved and responded "Yes" that she would participate in the Pre-Filing Process.

Signature

Arkansas Department of Health



December 22, 2012

Lance Jones, P.E.
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From: [Bradley Jones](#)
To: [Rebecca Weissman](#)
Cc: [Darcia Routh](#)
Subject: Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project
Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 11:45:07 AM

Rebecca, I received your letter requesting a proximity analysis on the referenced project (FERC Docket No. PF13-10-000). I was wondering if you had ESRI shapefiles for the proposed work to assist me in your requests.

Thanks

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From: [Robinson, Spencer W LTC USARMY NG ARARNG \(US\)](#)
To: [Rebecca Weissman](#)
Cc: [Orick, Rodney F LTC USARMY NG ARARNG \(US\)](#); [Mills, Eric R NFG NG ARARNG \(US\)](#)
Subject: Stakeholder Meeting for CEGT Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 9:10:55 AM

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Ms. Weissman,

Based upon our brief conversation this morning, the Arkansas Army National Guard would like to participate in FERC Pre-Filing Process meeting.

I would like to be included, as well as two other representatives, at least initially:

LTC Rodney Orick, The Robinson Maneuver Training Center Engineer Technician (email in cc: line).

Mr. Eric Mills, The Arkansas Army National Guard Cultural Resources Manager (email in cc: line).

Any GIS files that you have would be greatly appreciated, so we can plot the data layer for the proposed gas pipeline for our installation.

Please let us know of the meeting specifics as soon as you establish a date/time/location.

Thanks,

V/R,

SPENCER W. ROBINSON
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> <spencer.w.robinson.mil@mail.mil>
> Subject: RE: Camp Robinson Property Documents (UNCLASSIFIED)
> To: "Robert Young" <robert_young@parnellconsultantsinc.com>
> Cc: "Balch, Donald L CIV (US)" <donald.l.balch@usace.army.mil> ,
> "Mills, Eric R NFG NG ARARNG (US)" <eric.r.mills.nfg@mail.mil>
> Date: Monday, January 14, 2013, 11:12 AM
> Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
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> Mr. Young,
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> This is my understanding of how the Centerpoint Energy gas line
> easement needs to work, based upon the unique status of the property
> of Camp
> Robinson:
>
> 1) Camp Robinson is federal property deeded to the state, with a
> federal reversion clause. That is, if the Arkansas National Guard
> decides any part of Camp Robinson is no longer needed for military
> training, it will revert back to the Federal Government.
>
> 2) The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has property
> interest in Camp Robinson due to the reversion clause. USACE keeps
> detailed records of the boundaries of Camp Robinson property, and we
> coordinate with them for all property transactions. USACE will also
> need to be involved with any section 404 requirements of the gas
> pipeline (waterways of the US).
>
> 3) The Centerpoint Energy Gas pipeline easement will trigger a USACE
> Section
> 404 permit, as I believe it will cross a waterway. Mr.
> Donald Balch from
> USACE has been included on this email, as he is the real property
> division chief, and can provide expert input of whether a USACE permit
> will be required.
>
> 4) Because of the USACE permit, Section 106 requirements of the
> National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) will need to be followed.
> (A USACE permit
> is considered to be a "federal undertaking" by the
> NHPA.) Mr. Eric Mills,
> our Cultural Resources Manager, can provide input on the requirements
> for section 106 - but AK Environmental should be familiar with the
> consultation requirements with the State Historic Preservation Office
> (SHPO).
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> V/R,
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> LTC Robinson
> X 5870
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Robert Young [mailto:robert_young@parnellconsultantsinc.com]
> Sent: Monday, January 14, 2013 9:29 AM
> To: Robinson, Spencer W LTC USARMY NG ARARNG (US)
> Subject: Re: Camp Robinson Property Documents
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> LTC Robinson,
>
> Thanks so much for your help in this matter. This will help speed up
> the filing on the pipeline with FERC for CenterPoint.
>
> I'll await your response.
>
> Robert Young
> Parnell Consultants, Inc.
> Contract Agent for CenterPoint Energy
> 479-675-3727-Office
> 479-857-8289-Cell
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> > <robert_young@parnellconsultantsinc.com>
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> >
> > Mr. Young:
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> > Sorry I wasn't able to get you the documents last week
> > - I have to get
> > copies of the 1950 deed from the federal government to
> > the Arkansas
> > Army National Guard, and our Judge Advocate General
> > (JAG)
> > determination that The Adjutant General is the
> > executive authority for
> > property.
> >
> > I have not received the documents from our JAG yet, but
> > they should be
> > on the way shortly. We are having network issues with
> > the "scan to
> > email"
> > function, so that may be part of it.
> >
> > I should have something to you by the end of the day.
> >
> > Thanks,
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> > V/R,
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Arkansas Agriculture Department



December 22, 2012

Cynthia Edwards, Deputy Secretary
Arkansas Department of Agriculture
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- Land with agricultural restrictions, specialty crops, or grazing allotments
- Areas with noxious weed concerns

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Should you have any questions regarding this request or require additional information to complete your review, please do not hesitate to contact me at 609.643.5145. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

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Senior Scientist
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Arkansas Natural Resources Commission



December 22, 2012

Adrian Baber
Conservation Division Chief
Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
101 East Capitol, Suite 350
Little Rock, AR 72201

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Telephone Call Summary

By:	<u>Matthew D'Aprile Smith</u>	Date:	<u>January 15, 2012</u>
Talked with:	<u>Adrian Baber</u>	Project number:	<u>12-046</u>
From (company):	<u>Arkansas Natural Resources Commission- Conservation Division</u>	Project name:	<u>Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project</u>
Phone number:	<u>501.682.3967</u>	Subject:	<u>Pre-Filing Inclusion Response</u>

Distribution: _____

I spoke with Mr. Adrian Baber, Conservation Division Chief of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission- Conservation Division, at 10:55am on January 15, 2013. When I inquired as to whether Mr. Baber would be participating in the FERC Pre-Filing Process for the Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project, he informed me that Edward Swaim of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission- Water Resources Division would be representing the entire Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for this process. He noted also that "Yes" the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission would be participating in the Pre-Filing Process for this project, and urged me to contact Mr. Swain for confirmation.

Signature



January 11, 2013

Edward Swaim
Water Resources Division Manager
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JOHN TURNER

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April 10, 2013

Mr. Edward Swaim
Manager, Water Resources Division
Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
101 East Capitol, Suite 350
Little Rock, AR 72201

Subject: Information Request
CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC
Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project
FERC Docket No. PF13-10-000
Faulkner and Pulaski Counties, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Swaim,

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- Designated critical groundwater areas within 0.25-mile
- Known contaminated groundwater within 0.25-mile
- Any known existing or proposed public or private drinking water wells, reservoirs, or springs within 300 feet of the proposed alignment
- Available wetland mitigation banks in the region

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Enclosures: USGS Figure

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Arkansas Game and Fish Commission



December 22, 2012

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
Ecological and Engineering Services
2 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205

**Subject: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Pre-Filing Process
CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC
Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project**

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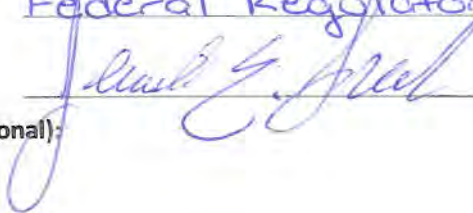
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Enclosures: USGS Figure

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From: [Sheehan, Jennifer](#)
To: [Rebecca Weissman](#)
Subject: RE: Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project
Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 10:14:56 AM

Hello Ms. Weissman,

I can understand that. Yes, a more detailed map would be sufficient for the time being. We would like to receive shapefiles once the project design and route has been narrowed down; it will help our staff to more accurately review for any potential impacts to our property.

Thank you,
Jen Sheehan

Jennifer Elise Sheehan
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From: Rebecca Weissman [<mailto:RWeissman@ak-env.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 9:04 AM
To: Sheehan, Jennifer
Subject: RE: Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project

Ms. Sheehan,

Would more detailed mapping be sufficient? Our client is hesitant to widely distribute shapefiles before the project design has been finalized. Please let me know.

Thanks,

Rebecca Weissman, PWS | Senior Scientist

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From: Sheehan, Jennifer [<mailto:jesheehan@agfc.state.ar.us>]
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 3:04 PM
To: Rebecca Weissman
Subject: Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project

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I have received your request for information regarding the Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project. Do you have any GIS shapefiles for the proposed project that you could send to me?

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December 22, 2012

Mr. George McCluskey
Senior Archaeologist/106 Review Coordinator
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
323 Center Street, Suite 1500
Little Rock, AR 72201

**Subject: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Pre-Filing Process
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Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project**

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February 14, 2013

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Re: Multi County – General
Section 106 Review – FERC
Proposed Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project
AHPP Tracking Number 84921

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

This letter is written in response to your inquiry, regarding properties of architectural, historical, or archeological significance in the area of the proposed referenced project.

In order for the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) to complete its review of the proposed project, we will need the additional information checked below:

X a 7.5 minute 1:24,000 scale U.S.G.S. topographic map clearly delineating the project area;

___ the location, age, and photographs of structures (if any) to be renovated, removed, demolished, or abandoned as a result of this project;

___ photographs of any structures 50 years old or older on property directly adjacent to the project area.

Once we have received the above information, we will complete our review as expeditiously as possible. Please refer to the AHPP Tracking Number listed above in all correspondence. If you have any questions, please contact me at (501) 324-9880.

Sincerely,

J. Eric Gilliland, MA, RPA
Staff Archeologist



February 11, 2013

Mr. George McCluskey
Senior Archaeologist and 106 Review Coordinator
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
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Subject: Section 106 Consultation Documentation for the Proposed Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project for CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC, Faulkner and Pulaski Counties, Arkansas.

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Approximately 8 miles of the Line BT-39 route was previously surveyed as part of the planned Line BT-14 Replacement Project. R. Christopher Goodwin and Associates submitted a Phase I report to the AHPP on February 8, 2012. The AHPP concurred that there would be no adverse effect to historic properties and requested edits for the final report in a letter dated March 2, 2012. The previously surveyed portion of the pipeline route is illustrated in Figure 1. On July 3, 2012, CEGT withdrew the application for the Line BT-14 Replacement Project, which had previously been filed with the FERC on April 13, 2012. CEGT determined that the desired outcomes of that project could be achieved pursuing the current Project.

The proposed Project will result in temporary and permanent impacts to land, primarily in secondary growth forest and agricultural cropland. CEGT will acquire a permanent easement for the Project and use an additional temporary construction easement. The Project includes additional temporary workspaces and access roads. Definition of the area of potential effects ("APE") for an undertaking is a necessary step in the Section 106 process. For the purpose of field surveys, a 150-foot survey corridor has been defined for the mainline and a 50-foot survey corridor for access roads requiring improvements. In addition, all additional temporary workspaces located outside of the 150-foot survey corridor will be investigated. This area serves as the APE for the Project. For the Abandonment Line sections, the APE is 50-foot wide. Only areas where removal is likely will be investigated for the Abandonment Line sections. Field investigations are ongoing for the Project and a Phase I report will be submitted the AHPP at the conclusion of testing.

On behalf of CEGT, AK respectfully requests comments from the Arkansas AHPP for this Project. Should you have any questions or require any additional information to complete your review, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 717.458.8035 or email at smitchell@ak-env.com. Thank you for your consideration and assistance with this request.

Sincerely,



Seth T. Mitchell, RPA
Senior Archaeologist

Enclosures: Figure 1 – Project Location Maps

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Scott Urwick, AK Environmental
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Re: Multi County – General
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Proposed Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project for
CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company
AHPP Tracking Number 84921

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you for submitting additional materials clarifying the exact location of the above-referenced undertaking. The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has reviewed the records pertaining to the areas in question. They have informed me that there are twelve archeological sites (3FA20, 3FA67, 3FA100, 3FA113, 3FA117, 3FA238, 3FA266, 3FA267, 3PU668, 3PU676, 3PU777, and 3PU691) and three architectural properties (Cadron Settlement [FA926], the Round Mountain Segment of the Little Rock to Cantonment Gibson Road [FA1041], and the Arkansas State Teachers College Model Farm [FA1279]). All three of these properties have been determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Therefore, in order to determine the potential effect on the archeological and architectural properties known to be present in the area, as well as undiscovered archeological sites which are likely to be present, we recommend that a cultural resources survey be performed for the area of potential effect (APE) of the undertaking prior to the commencement of any construction activities.

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Sincerely,

Frances McSwain

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cc: Dr. Richard Allen, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
Ms. Heather E. Campbell, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Conway Parks and Recreation



December 22, 2012

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By:	<u>Matthew D'Aprile Smith</u>	Date:	<u>January 15, 2012</u>
Talked with:	<u>Steve Ibbotson</u>	Project number:	<u>12-046</u>
From (company):	<u>Conway Parks and Recreation Department</u>	Project name:	<u>Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project</u>
Phone number:	<u>501.328.4173</u>	Subject:	<u>Pre-Filing Inclusion Response</u>

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I initially called Steve Ibbotson, Director of the Conway Parks and Recreation Department, and was directed to his voicemail by his secretary, at 11:03am Eastern time. In the message I requested that Mr. Ibbotson call me back at his earliest convenience so that we could discuss whether or not his department would like to be involved in the FERC Pre-Filing Process for the Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project. At 12:53pm Eastern time Mr. Ibbotson called me back and informed me that "No" his department did not wish to participate in the Pre-Filing Process for this project.

Signature _____

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Mr. David Vondran, P.E.
Conway Street and Engineering Department
100 E. Robins Street
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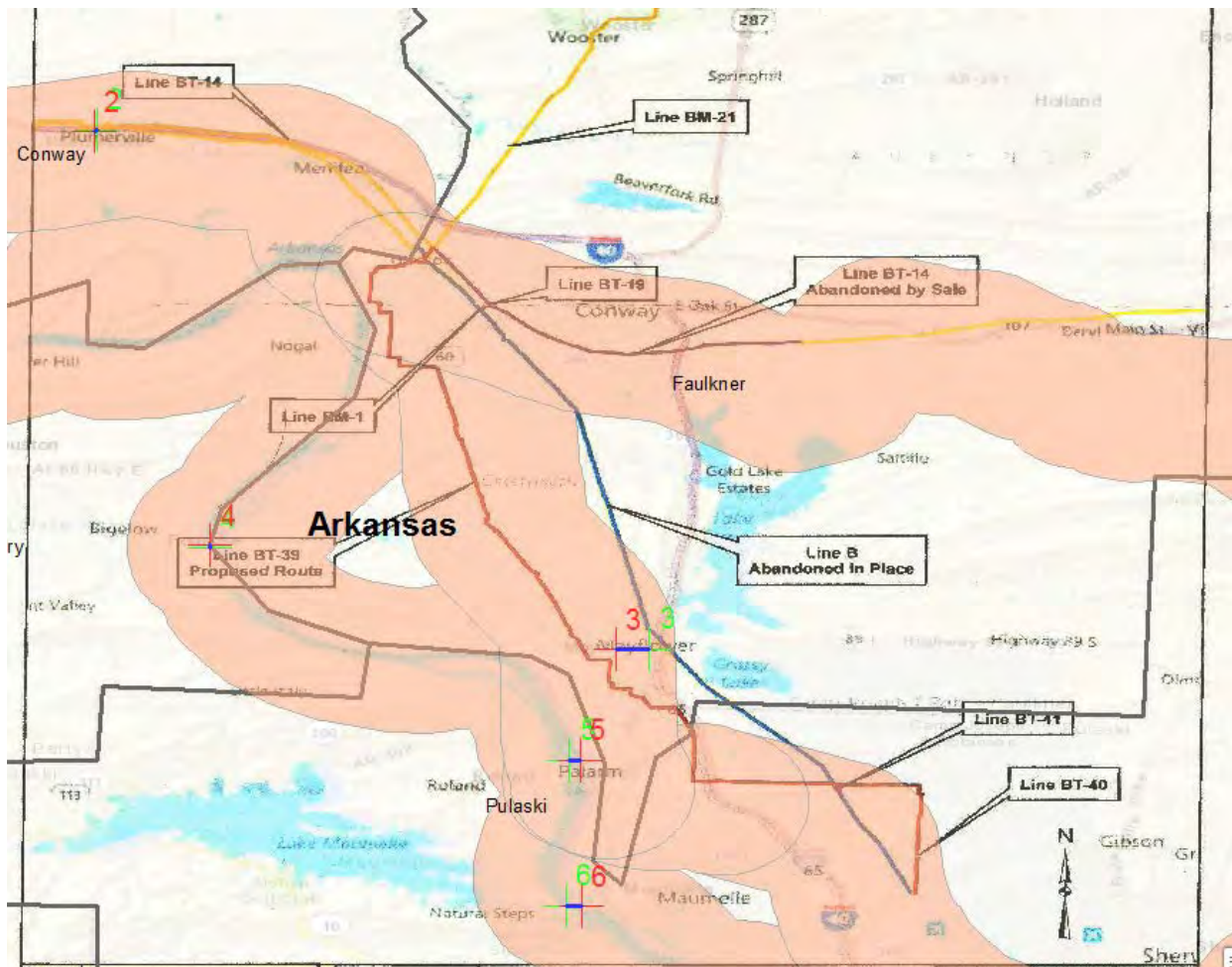
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From: [Johnnie L. Jacobs](#)
To: [Rebecca Weissman](#)
Subject: FERC prefilling process, Centerpoint Energy Gas Transmission Co, Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project
Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2013 9:20:23 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Ms. Wiessman,

Thank you for the correspondence regarding the above referenced project. Today I spoke with Mr. Matthew Smith of FERC regarding this project. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has a historic area of interest in the area encompassing this project. I have confirmed with Mr. Smith that we would like to be a consulting party as this project moves forward. Below is a rough map showing our area of interest in orange that includes the Choctaw removal route from Mississippi to Oklahoma during the Trail of Tears. As the project proceeds, we would like to have archaeological surveys sent to our office as the Section 106 process commences. If you have any further questions, please let us know.



Thank you,

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From (company):	<u>Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma</u>	Project name:	<u>Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project</u>
Phone number:	<u>580.924.8280</u>	Subject:	<u>Pre-Filing Inclusion Response</u>

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It was when I spoke to Ms. Jacobs at 4:41pm Eastern time that she told me "Yes" she would like to participate in the FERC Pre-Filing Process for the Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project. Ms. Jacobs noted that herself and Mr. Thompson are the Section 106 representative for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and that they had interests in or around the proposed project area.

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Ms. Brenda Shemayne Edwards, Chairperson
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Mr. Tarpie Yargee, Chief
Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town Creek Nations of Indians, Oklahoma
PO Box 187
Wetumka, OK 74883

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Tahlequah, OK 74465

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The Chickasaw Nation
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Ada, OK 74821-1548

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From: [Linda Robins](#)
To: [Rebecca Weissman](#)
Subject: RE: Pre-Filing Participation Request - Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project
Date: Friday, January 18, 2013 12:01:03 PM

Ms. Weissman,

We are interested in being notified of any pre-filing regarding areas that may affect our having passed through the state during removal. It is very important to us to stay abreast of any possible discoveries in any type of soil disturbance. A letter will be forthcoming but it will require signature of our tribal leader.

Thank you for your concerned interest.

Linda Robins
Environmental Services
580-272-5405
Linda.robins@chickasaw.net

From: Rebecca Weissman [<mailto:RWeissman@ak-env.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2013 11:39 AM
To: Linda Robins
Subject: Pre-Filing Participation Request - Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project

Ms. Robins,

I understand that you may not have received this letter through the mail. Please review the attached letter and map, and let me know via email if the Chickasaw Nation is or is not interested in participating in the FERC Pre-filing Process for this Project. Also, if the contact information in this letter is incorrect, please let me know so I can update my records. Thank you so much!

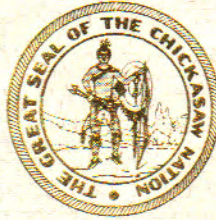
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February 5, 2013

Ms. Rebecca Weissman
Deputy Project Manager/Senior Scientist
AK Environmental, LLC
222 Rolling Meadow Drive
Holliston, MA 01746

Dear Ms. Weissman:

Thank you for inviting us to comment on the Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project. The Chickasaw Nation environmental services department has no comment to provide for the above proposed project at this time.

If activities generate any environmentally detrimental effects or any culturally significant material or remains are unearthed, please immediately notify the Chickasaw Nation.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mack Peterson, environmental section head, at (580) 272-5415.

Your time and consideration in this matter are appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Anoatubby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Bill Anoatubby, Governor
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December 22, 2012

Mr. Kerry Holton, President
The Delaware Nation
PO Box 825
Anadarko, OK 73005

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From: [Corey Smith](#)
To: [Rebecca Weissman](#)
Cc: [Tamara Francis](#)
Subject: Pre-Filling Process for Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project
Date: Wednesday, January 02, 2013 12:37:47 PM
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Delaware Nation
Corey Smith
Archive Assistant

To: Rebecca Weissman
cc: Tamara Francis-Fourkiller
Date: January 2, 2013
Re: Pre-Filling Process for Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project

Ms. Weissman,

There needs to be a correction to the previous e-mail I sent to you.

The Delaware Nation will not be a consulting party to this project.

Thank you again.

Corey Smith
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Anadarko, OK 73005
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December 22, 2012

Ms. Glenna J. Wallace, Chief
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PO Box 350
Seneca, MO 64865

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Telephone Call Summary

By:	<u>Matthew D'Aprile Smith</u>	Date:	<u>January 15, 2012</u>
Talked with:	<u>Chief Glenna J. Wallace</u>	Project number:	<u>12-046</u>
From (company):	<u>Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma</u>	Project name:	<u>Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project</u>
Phone number:	<u>9918.666.2435</u>	Subject:	<u>Pre-Filing Inclusion Response</u>

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I was able to reach Chief Glenna Wallace of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at 3:11pm Eastern time. I asked the Chief whether or not she would like to participate in the FERC Pre-Filing Process for the Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project. She replied that she had "no response" to the inquiry. I asked a second time if she would prefer, or prefer not to, be involved in the Pre-Filing Process. She then responded that "No" she did not feel her or her tribe's involvement was not necessary in the process.

Signature



December 22, 2012

Ms. Beverly Smith, Principal Chief
PO Box 14
Jena, LA 71432

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From (company):	<u>Kialegee Tribal Town</u>	Project name:	<u>Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project</u>
Phone number:	<u>405.452.3262</u>	Subject:	<u>Pre-Filing Inclusion Response</u>

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Mr. Miko Beasley Denson, Chief
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PO Box 6010
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PO Box 580
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Mr. John Berrey, Tribal Chairperson
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Quapaw, OK 74363

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Thlopthlocco Tribal Town
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Okemah, OK 74859

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From: [Lisa LaRue-Baker - UKB THPO](#)
To: [Rebecca Weissman](#)
Subject: CEGT Central Arkansas Pipeline Enhancement Project, AK Environmental, LLC
Date: Monday, January 14, 2013 3:25:47 PM

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians of Oklahoma has reviewed your project (s) under Section 106 of the NHPA, and at this time have no comments or objections. However, if any human remains are inadvertently discovered, please cease all work and contact us immediately.

Lisa LaRue-Baker

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