



**Application of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company for  
a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**

**FERC Docket No. PF09-1**

**300 LINE PROJECT**  
**Pennsylvania and New Jersey**

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**FERC PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

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Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (“Tennessee”), a subsidiary of El Paso Corporation is committed to stakeholder communications and an effective public and landowner outreach plan to seek input into the project and address issues that are of interest for the planning of the 300 Line Project (“Project”). The plan will be executed by Tennessee, and includes the following elements:

**I. INITIAL OUTREACH - complete**

- **Correspondence:** Initial written correspondence to all elected officials along the proposed route, including federal, state, county and municipal governmental levels has been sent. The mailing contained an introductory letter and a project narrative, which includes a project website and contact telephone number.
- **Website / Toll Free Telephone:** Development and release of a project website occurred prior to August 1, 2008 at: <http://www.elpaso.com/tgp300lineproject/>, and will be updated as applicable throughout duration of the project. Among other information, the website will include a list of public repositories along the route where project related information will be available for inspection. A toll-free telephone number: 866 – 683 - 5587 for inquiries has also been established. Incoming telephone calls will be directed to the appropriate project discipline as returned as soon as possible.
- **Land Agent / Survey Crew Training:** Training for land agent, survey crews, staff and contractors likely to interact with landowners has occurred and will be provided to new project participants who may be retained throughout the duration of the project. Training includes oral and/or written material regarding landowner rights, expectations of courtesies to land owners, advanced notices to landowners for survey permission, as well as plans and procedures for landowner negotiations as the project advances. A toll free number for landowner inquiries has been established, 1-888-630-7277. This number rings directly into the project field office. Any calls received from landowners over this number are logged into the project database, including the specific issue and resolution or action required.
- **State Agency Meetings:** Preliminary meetings with the applicable state utility agencies and state environmental departments have been held to provide a project overview, contact information for applicable Tennessee project participants has been provided. In addition, state agency guidance has been sought regarding potential sensitivities along the project route and an interactive dialog has begun with applicable state agency staff. Consultation letters inviting state agency participation to the pre-filing process have been sent.

## II. PHASE ONE – ongoing

- **State Legislative Meetings:** In addition to the above mentioned correspondence to state legislators, introductory meetings with legislators in whose jurisdiction the proposed route is contained have occurred to provide a project overview. Certain legislators have provided additional stakeholder information which will be integrated into the outreach process. An ongoing communication path has been established to provide project updates as well as to address constituent concerns should they occur and allow for information exchange.
- **State Agency Meetings – staff level:** Tennessee has begun contacting agencies to introduce the project, explain that it intends to utilize the FERC’s pre-filing procedures, and identify each agency’s interest in participating in the FERC’s process. Tennessee will utilize the early consultations built into the pre-filing process to revisit the anticipated approval timeframes and familiarize agency staff with the project and overall project schedule. Tennessee will also continue consultations with state and federal agencies as it develops the required Resource Reports for the FERC’s execution of the project.
- **Land Agents:** Land agents have contacted state and municipal police departments and local municipal governments, as applicable, to make them aware that agents are asking for survey permission from landowners along the proposed route, and that survey crews may be present on municipal roads. All land agents have Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. identification, as do their vehicles. Agents also gather local information regarding municipal concerns.
- **County / Municipal Meetings:** Informational meetings with county and municipal government representatives will be arranged to provide a project briefing, explain the public participation process that will be followed, provide project staff contact information for an ongoing exchange of information and to coordinate public open house meeting locations and timing. Local government representatives will be asked for potential development activity that may affect the route and to make Tennessee aware of local concerns, including those of local non-governmental organizations.
- **Local and Non-Governmental Organizational Meetings:** Ad hoc meetings will occur as needed with specific groups, non-governmental, or otherwise to establish a dialog or address particular sensitive areas along the route.

## III. PHASE TWO – complete

- **Public Open Houses:** Publicly advertised open houses will be held with a density of approximately one per county along the proposed route. Input will be sought from state legislators and county and municipal government in determining the location

and timing of each open house. The expectation is to complete the approximately ten open houses (estimated one per county) between December 1, 2008 and January 16, 2009. There will be an allowance for any remaining open houses to occur in January 2009 after the holidays in the event inclement weather or scheduling difficulty prohibits completion during 2008. The noticed open houses will provide a poster board – station format to include but not be limited to; description of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, an overview of the proposed project, basic pipeline construction process, pipeline safety, environmental precautions, alignment sheets for landowners and / or abutters to identify and discuss their property with land agents, informational handouts, an opportunity for one on one dialog with Tennessee staff or appropriate consultants, and light refreshments. The open houses are expected to be held in the early evening to accommodate the schedule of working people.

- **Follow Up:** If unanswered questions remain, or new issues arise subsequent to the open houses, every reasonable attempt to reply will be undertaken.
  1. Subsequent meetings with public representatives and non – governmental organizations will occur as needed.
  2. An ongoing dialog and updates will occur with applicable state legislators, county and municipal officials or other stakeholder parties as needed.
  3. An ongoing dialog with landowners will occur through the land department throughout the permitting, construction and restoration processes.

#### **IV. PHASE THREE – spring 2009 through spring 2011**

- **Land Acquisition:** Land owner  
Discussions will commence during this time, as soon as specific plans are completed detailing the proposed impacts to each property. Land Agents will meet with each landowner and discuss the nature of any rights Tennessee is already vested in and exactly what additional rights may be needed. Any payments for such rights and compensation for other material losses will be negotiated at that time. Landowners will also have the opportunity to discuss the specifics of the crossing on their property and identify areas of concern. If appropriate, certain minor project modifications may be made at this time, to address specific local conditions, such as a septic system, well or other item of concern, not previously identified. Land Agents will again provide Landowners with the FERC Landowner Hotline, as well as important information about the project, and about Tennessee’s operations.

All landowner concerns shall be noted and logged into the database. Landowners will also be provided with the process to address any construction related problems during this time. The project’s Landowner Toll Free line, 1-888-630-7277 will remain active throughout permitting, acquisition, construction, and restoration.

- **Pre-construction Meetings and Communication:** Pre-construction meetings will be held with local emergency departments to include, but not be limited to; police, fire and other emergency departments.
  1. A pre-construction update correspondence will be provided to all applicable elected officials from the federal level to the municipal level providing information regarding the commencement of construction.
  2. Public notices will be provided for the commencement of construction where roads or crossings will be impacted. Police details will be secured as needed.
  3. The project website will be updated to reflect construction related activities.
  4. Ongoing communication with state legislators, county and municipal government officials, non-governmental organizations as well as landowner interaction will continue through the construction and restoration processes.

V. **PHASE FOUR – summer 2010 through 2011 and beyond**

- **Construction and Restoration Communication:** Communication will continue with state legislators, county and municipal government officials, interested stakeholders, and landowners during the construction and restoration processes.
- **Operations and Maintenance:** The Tennessee field operations staff will maintain ongoing communication with local government officials and emergency responders in an effort to enhance safety, emergency response and pipeline awareness initiatives after the newly installed pipeline is operational. Tennessee is the sponsor of several state and federal organizations that actively promote safety, emergency response and public awareness within the counties and states where our pipelines operate. Tennessee conducts and participates in annual meetings in each county our pipeline crosses and conducts annual training for contractors, first responders, and local officials. Tennessee supervisors are present at meetings to answer questions and provide additional information related to emergency response, safety, and local contact information.