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Subject: UPDATE: Texas Gulf Terminals Deepwater Port Notice of Application and Expanded Federal, State and Local Agencies Application Distribution

Attachments: TGTI-Request for Agency Review of Application (Post-NOA) 6Aug2018 Final.pdf

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1. INTRODUCTION

For those of you I have not yet communicated with, I am the Deepwater Ports Project Manager in the Vessel and Facilities Operating Standards Division, US Coast Guard Headquarters. The attached letter from Mr. Curtis Borland, Attorney Advisor, Vessel and Facilities Operating Standards Division, formally requests your review and comments on the Texas Gulf Terminals Inc. (TGTI) Deepwater Port Application for the export of crude oil off North Padre Island and includes associated shore facilities and pipelines. The letter also contains the Federal Notice of Application (which published today) and the master mailing list of Federal, State and Local Agencies and Tribal Nations that we have sent or now sending the application to.

A copy of this letter will be included with CDs of the application that you should receive in the next couple days from TGTI. If you've already received the application, you will not receive another copy.

Federal Register notices; the application; the EIS documents; related correspondence and consultations; public and agency comments; and any other supplemental information will also be posted at www.regulations.gov docket MARAD-2018-0114 which activated today.

2. ELECTRONIC FILE TRANSFER

Later today or first thing tomorrow, again if you have not already received an application, you will receive likely 3 emails (due to number of files) from AMRDEC Safe Access File Exchange providing a link and password to download the application.

3. IMMEDITATE PLANS

Several of you Federal Agency representatives were involved in the initial application review to assist the USCG and Maritime Administration (MARAD) in their determination that the application contained sufficient information to continue the deepwater port application review process. We determined that though there is still information needed, it was sufficient to proceed with scoping and solicit additional input. We thank you for your assistance. And many of you will be seeing the application for the first time. Likely within a week, MARAD will be publishing a Federal Register Notice of Intent (NOI) which will announce plans to develop an Environmental Impact Statement; will initiate the NEPA scoping period which should continue through mid-September; and provide logistics for a public scoping meeting in Corpus Christi.

We continue to solicit agency input on the application throughout this scoping period whether you've already provided initial comments or not. I'll point out the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (DWPA) enables the Governor of the adjacent coastal state(s), Texas in this case, to approve; approve with conditions; or deny the application, so your input will assist both the Governor or Texas and MARAD in their decisions.

As always, if there are others in your organization who should be receiving this or other organizations, please pass this on and let me know for further communications.

A copy of the application has also been sent to Governor Abbott as per the letter attachment mailing list.

3. INTERAGENCY COORDINATION

The DWPA was originally designed to expedite the process to review a license application for the import of crude oil and has since been amended to include both the import and export of both oil and LNG. The USCG and MARAD continue to strive to integrate all the process needs of Federal and State agencies when possible within the DWPA license application review and NEPA process and attempt to avoid duplication of effort. This includes such needs as combined public notices, joint public meetings and open houses; and attempting to make sure the EIS contains the necessary information to support other agency permits and authorizations and within an common workable timeline.

For this, we need your input. To assist in this, following publication of the NOI in the next couple days, we will be proposing an interagency meeting in Corpus Christi prior to the public meeting, tentatively on September 10, 2018. More to come on this.

4. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

The DWPA has a very aggressive statutory timeline including a MARAD record of decision on the license application 356 days from application submittal and final hearing 240 days from the Notice of Application, which must also include the NEPA review and other Coast Guard maritime safety and security processes. There is an option for the USCG and MARAD to suspend the timeline (stop the clock) if needed to complete additional data needs and analysis identified in the application/NEPA review. This is the difficulty in trying to adhere to a 1974 schedule but meet 2018 regulatory requirements.

Very Tentatively (without timeline suspension):

- Mid Sept 2018: Open House and Public Meeting - end NEPA scoping period
- Mid Dec 2018: Publish Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
- End Jan 2019: Complete DEIS public meeting and end DEIS comment period
- Early Apr 2019: Final EIS (FEIS) and DWP application public hearing
- Mid May 2019: End comment period/Texas Governor Decision
- End June 2019: MARAD ROD

5. 3RD PARTY ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT

To assist us in this review, the Coast Guard has the support and resources of Tetra Tech as our environmental consultant. Under the 3rd party arrangement, they are paid by the applicant but under our direct technical supervision.

6. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

If you have any comments or questions on the project or process please contact myself Roddy C Bachman, 202-372-1451 or "Roddy.C.Bachman@uscg.mil"; or Mr. Brad McKitrick our Environmental Protection Specialist, 202-372-1442 or "Bradley.K.McKitrick@uscg.mil" ; or Mr. Wade Morefield, MARAD Project Manager, at 202-366-7026 or "Wade.Morefield@dot.gov". We also ask any actual comments be sent to all of us by email due to delays in our hardcopy mail security screening.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions.

Thanks and we at the USCG and MARAD are looking forward to working with and continued working with you.

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