

Proposed
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
And Supporting
INITIAL STUDY

For the
KIRBY HILLS NATURAL GAS STORAGE
FACILITY
(A. 05-07-018)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TO: All Interested Parties

Pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) General Order 131-D, Lodi Gas Storage, LLC has filed an application with the CPUC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (A.05-07-018) for construction and operation of a gas storage facility and associated improvements, referred to as the Kirby Hills Natural Gas Storage Facility.

Lodi Gas Storage, LLC (LGS) is proposing to use a depleted natural gas reservoir in the Kirby Hills gas field in Solano County, California, as a temporary storage facility for natural gas transported to the site by its customers. The total storage capacity of the reservoir is approximately 7 billion cubic feet (BCF) and the project will have a maximum injection and withdrawal capability of 100 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/day) of natural gas. Project operations would involve tapping into the PG&E 400 pipeline near mile 286.65, constructing facilities to convey natural gas from the PG&E 400 pipeline approximately seven miles to the Kirby Hills gas field, storing the gas in the existing natural reservoir, withdrawing the stored gas on demand from LGS customers, and conveying the withdrawn gas to the PG&E 400 pipeline for delivery to LGS customers. Construction is anticipated to commence in Spring 2006.

Document Available for Review

The CPUC has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study describing the project and its potential environmental effects. Based on this document, it has been determined that the proposed project, as modified with mitigation, will not have any significant effects on the environment. The Commission's environmental document and related documents prepared by LGS may be reviewed at the following locations:

City of Rio Vista
One Main Street – Rio Vista

Rio Vista Library
44 S. Second Street – Rio Vista

Fairfield Civic Center Library
1150 Kentucky Street – Fairfield

Solano County Resource Management
675 Texas Street, Suite 5500 – Fairfield

For electronic access to the Mitigated Negative Declaration and other project information or copies of reports, check CPUC's web site at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/kirbyhills/kirbyhills.htm>

Time for Review

This Mitigated Negative Declaration will undergo a public review period from January 17, 2006, through February 16, 2006. Comments must be received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on February 16, 2006, at the following address:

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