

## **Energy Transfer Partners response to the proposed questions:**

**How much water will be purchased and/or used for this project? The city and county have significant concerns over water usage totals.**

**ETP Answer:** The volume of water used to hydro-test the pipeline will be dependent on the final testing plan developed by TPP. The testing plan defines the number and length of test sections. Water will be secured through commercial negotiations between TPP and a combination of public and /or private sources. 4,000,000 to 8,000,000 gallons of water is expected to be used for testing.

**Has Energy Transfer Partners yet settled on an exact route for the project? If so, can it be published?**

**ETP Answer:** A proposed pipeline route corridor has been identified. The informational maps have been shared with each of the County Judge's office and shared with the public at the open houses held in each county. In addition, each landowner that has requested a copy of the proposed corridor on their property has been provided one. A project website is being developed and once complete, the proposed pipeline route corridor will be published. Energy Transfer continues to work with each landowner that has granted survey permission to review the corridor on their property and to adjust as needed for constructability and minimize the environmental impact.

**What is the proximity of the route to the airport? Does ETP have experience building pipelines close to, or through, airport property? Are there any special regulations?**

**ETP Answer:** The proposed pipeline route corridor does not cross any airport property. Energy Transfer is very experienced in building large diameter pipelines. The experience includes building and operating pipelines close to and through airport properties. There are no special regulatory requirements that govern the burial of pipelines specific to airport property. The TPP will be built in accordance with the RRC oversight whose technical requirements are based on the Code of Federal Regulation Title 49 Part 192.

**What is the proximity of the route to the railroad? Does ETP have experience building pipelines close to, or through, railroad property? Are there any special regulations?**

**ETP Answer:** The proposed pipeline route corridor does have three separate railroad crossings. Energy Transfer is very experienced in building large diameter pipelines. The experience includes building and operating pipelines close to and under railroad crossings. The TPP will be built in accordance with the RRC oversight whose technical requirements are based on the Code of Federal Regulation Title 49 Part 192. In addition, the TPP will have to meet crossing requirements outlined the specific railroads.

**What is ETP's safety record? How will local emergency responders be impacted through the build and long-term operation of the pipeline?**

**ETP Answer:** Safety is of paramount importance and inherent in the culture of Energy Transfer. The TPP is designed and constructed in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulation Title 49 Part 192. See attached information on safety. Energy Transfer will schedule meetings with local emergency responders to work with them in a coordinated effort regarding the construction and operation of the pipeline.

**Are there other routes considered outside of Brewster County? Why is the best route to go through Presidio?**

**ETP Answer:** The current pipeline route corridor is the best route which balances the constructability and safe operation of the pipeline, minimizes the environmental impact and provides economic development opportunity for local communities/businesses.

**Beyond the weekly media points, when is ETP scheduling their next meeting? We would like to see this be held in conjunction with the county.**

**ETP Answer:** Energy Transfer will be scheduling a town hall meeting in July for Presidio and Brewster counties. The venue and date is still to be determined. We have also advised the landowners, public and other key stakeholders about our toll-free number that they may call to ask questions. We have someone contact them within 24 hours. The toll-free number is: 1-800-321-7423.

**What is the exact blast zone area for a pipeline rupture or explosion? What is the analysis based on? What tests substantiate these claims?**

**ETP Answer:** Safety is of paramount importance and inherent in the culture of Energy Transfer. The TPP is designed and constructed in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulation Title 49 Part 192. The design and construction in part is driven by the population density in proximity to the pipeline which determines the wall thickness, strength and depth of the pipeline.

**What is the safety zone that is being planned for the Trans-Pecos Pipeline? What is it based on?**

**ETP Answer:** Safety is of paramount importance and inherent in the culture of Energy Transfer. The TPP is designed and constructed in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulation Title 49 Part 192. The design and construction in part is driven by the population density in proximity to the pipeline which determines the wall thickness, strength and depth of the pipeline.

**What other pipelines are in place in Texas or across the US that are 42" and operate under the same pressure as that proposed for the Trans-Pecos Pipeline? How long have they been operating? Are there any other incidents reported with those pipelines?**

Energy Transfer doesn't have any specific information with respect to other pipelines that operate in Texas or within the US. Energy Transfer has constructed and does operate 42" pipelines under the same pressure as the TPP.

**What are other routes that have been considered? Why can't the Trans-Pecos pipeline follow the same route as the Comanche pipeline and then head south through much less populated areas?**

The beginning and ending points of the TPP and Comanche Trail Pipeline was determined by CFE in their Request for Proposals. Each pipeline serves a different market.

**Will the pipeline be designated as a private or public utility? If public, where is the tap for domestic use of NG? What are other routes that have been considered?**

The TPP is designated as a public utility and will conduct intrastate natural gas transportation service on behalf of customers to delivery points in Texas, and on behalf of CFE to a point on the Texas-Mexico border. The RRC will have oversight responsibility with regard to the design, construction and operation of the TPP.

FERC has previously determined that “foreign commerce” does not constitute “interstate commerce”. As such, when the TPP transports gas produced in Texas for ultimate consumption in Mexico, the pipeline is transporting gas in foreign and intrastate commerce, not interstate commerce.

As to its operations within Texas, these intrastate pipelines are subject only to Texas permitting requirements and oversight by the RRC as mentioned above.

However, in order to site, operate and maintain natural gas pipeline facilities at the Texas-Mexico border to effectuate such transportation of gas, the pipelines must file with FERC an application for authorization under NGA Section 3 and a Presidential Permit pursuant to FERC’s regulations.

The exact locations of the taps for each county will be finalized upon final determination of the pipeline centerline. TPP is installing these at our cost prior to construction. Currently, the number of tap locations for each county are: Pecos – 1; Brewster – 1 and Presidio – 3. Each county can designate more as needed but prior to construction.