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David Nichol, T-H Staff Writer

Another pipeline company is seeking to build a gas pipeline that will go through a part of St. Francis County, and hosted an open house at East Arkansas Community College on Thursday night.

Fayetteville Express Pipeline (FEP) will also host meetings on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Phillips Community College in Helena and Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Marks Community House in Marks, Miss. Both meetings will be from 6 to 8 p.m.

Texas Gas Transmission is already building a pipeline which will go through the Goodwin area. A map of the proposed FEP pipeline goes through the same area.

Ron Brown, co-project manager, agreed that the proposed pipeline will "for the most part" follow the pipeline that is already being built.

However, even though the pipeline that is under construction has gone through all the necessary permits, "We are a different pipeline company. We have to go through the same



Pipeline meeting: Ronald L. Brown, pointing, co-project manager with Fayetteville Express Pipeline, LLC, explains the pipeline to landowners during an open house, held at East Arkansas Community College Thursday night. He explained that the 185-mile gas pipeline, which, if approved, will go through part of St. Francis County, will have the capacity to transport 2 billion cubic feet of gas per day. Brown said it is hoped the pipeline will receive final approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the project to begin in the spring of 2010, with completion in early 2011. Photo by David Nichol.



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environmental process, the same permits — the Corps of Engineers, fish and wildlife, everything.”

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According to Brown, all the remaining open houses, like Thursday’s would be attended by company employees specializing in such things as rights of way, safety, environment and construction. They will be on hand to answer questions from landowners and officials in the areas affected.

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According to information provided by FEP, it is hoped that the project will get final approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission between June of next year and the spring of 2010. The targeted date for the pipeline to be in service is early 2011.

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Brown said that when completed, the FEP pipeline will have the capacity to transport of 2 billion cubic feet of gas a day.

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The pipeline, if built, will cover about 185 miles, beginning in Conway County and ending at Trunkline Gas Co., in Panola County, Miss.

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