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The President

Proclamation 9034 of October 4, 2013

Fire Prevention Week, 2013

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Fires take more American lives than all other natural disasters combined. They inflict devastating tolls on families and communities, and they cost our Nation billions of dollars each year. During Fire Prevention Week, we pay tribute to the brave men and women who put their lives on the line to pull their neighbors out of harm's way, and pledge to do our part to prevent fires in our homes, our cities, and the great outdoors.

We all have a responsibility to protect our families against fire. We should be cautious while cooking, using electrical appliances, and heating our homes. Those who live in areas prone to wildfires can help safeguard their homes by clearing flammable vegetation, and they should plan for emergencies by building a supply kit and talking with their families about a communications plan and evacuation routes. Every American should install working smoke detectors on each level of their home and remember to test them monthly. It is also essential to develop and practice evacuation plans twice a year. Because fire spreads rapidly and poisonous, disorienting smoke moves even quicker, families should design plans that allow for the quickest possible exit. To learn more about taking precautions against fires, visit www.Ready.gov.

By preventing fires, we can both protect our loved ones and keep America's firefighters out of unnecessary danger. To save people they have never met, these skilled professionals battle walls of flame, put themselves in the paths of unpredictable wildfires, and rush into houses on the verge of collapse. This week, as we renew our commitment to fire safety, we thank these courageous first responders for their service and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States do hereby proclaim October 6 through October 12, 2013, as Fire Prevention Week. On Sunday, October 6, 2013, in accordance with Public Law 107–51, the flag of the United States will be flown at half-staff at all Federal office buildings in honor of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service. I call on all Americans to participate in this observance with appropriate programs and activities and by renewing their efforts to prevent fires and their tragic consequences.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

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Proclamation 9035 of October 4, 2013

German-American Day, 2013

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Since the first German settlers joined the Jamestown colony in 1608, German Americans have helped shape our identity—the small band of families who left the banks of the Rhine to found Germantown, Pennsylvania; the men, women, and children who fled the tyranny of fascism; the multitudes who sailed across the Atlantic to seek liberty and opportunity on our shores. On German-American Day, we celebrate the vibrant threads of German heritage woven into our national fabric.

Over the centuries, German Americans have participated in every sector of our society. They have helped steer our Nation's journey—as artists and scientists, as journalists who tested the limits of a free press, as titans of industry, and as workers who turned the gears of industrial revolution. Today, nearly one in four Americans can trace their ancestry to Germany, and all of us are inheritors to the values and traditions handed down through generations of German Americans.

As close partners in the global community, the United States and Germany work side-by-side to advance our common interests and common ideals: freer societies, cleaner skies, peoples empowered to choose their own destinies, greater prosperity for our two nations and for the world. Today, as we celebrate the contributions of German Americans across a wide breadth of history, let us renew the bonds of friendship between our two peoples.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2013, as German-American Day. I encourage all Americans to learn more about the history of German Americans and reflect on the many contributions they have made to our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

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Proclamation 9036 of October 4, 2013

Child Health Day, 2013

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

All children deserve to grow up healthy and safe. And we all share an obligation to ensure our youth have the necessary resources to thrive. This Child Health Day, let us recommit to providing our children with one of life's most basic building blocks—a healthy start.

My Administration remains committed to seeing our next generation achieve their full potential. Partnering with parents and students, teachers and community members, we have taken steps to help prevent bullying and create a climate in our schools in which all of our children feel safe and feel like they belong. Through First Lady Michelle Obama's *Let's Move!* initiative, we are working to end the epidemic of childhood obesity within a generation. And thanks to the Affordable Care Act, millions of families and children have greater access to affordable, quality health care coverage, young Americans can stay on their parents' health insurance until age 26, and no child can be denied coverage based on a pre-existing condition.

Because clean air and clean water are cornerstones of a healthy lifestyle, I am taking action to reduce pollution, safeguard our environment, and limit our children's exposure to harmful toxins. My Administration established the first-ever national limits for mercury and other toxic emissions from power plants that contribute to higher rates of asthma attacks. I am also putting in place tough new rules to cut carbon pollution, so we can protect our kids' health, begin to slow the effects of climate change, and leave a cleaner, more stable environment for future generations.

Preparing our youth for happy, productive lives is a responsibility we can only achieve together. Whether by providing a balanced meal, encouraging physical activity, or empowering our children to make healthy decisions, each of us can teach our kids about nutrition, exercise, and healthy lifestyles. Leading by example, adults across our country can demonstrate the habits and values of mental and physical well-being that will nurture our next generation throughout their lives.

On Child Health Day, we are reminded of our first, most urgent task—to protect and develop the health of our children. Today, let us reaffirm our commitment to our Nation's youth and remember our future depends on their success.

The Congress, by a joint resolution approved May 18, 1928, as amended (36 U.S.C. 105), has called for the designation of the first Monday in October as Child Health Day and has requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 7, 2013, as Child Health Day. I call upon families, child health professionals, faith-based and community organizations, and all levels of government to help ensure America's children stay healthy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

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Proclamation 9037 of October 8, 2013

Leif Erikson Day, 2013

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

More than a millennium ago, Leif Erikson, a son of Iceland and grandson of Norway, cast off from Norway's familiar shores and set sail for Greenland. Erikson and his crew were not aiming to make history. But their ship drifted off course in the North Atlantic, and they landed in present-day Canada, making them the first Europeans known to visit North America. Their settlement, Vinland, sustained them in the following months. And when the seafarers returned to Greenland, they brought stories of discovery with them and forged the first link in a chain that has connected our continents ever since.

Today, we commemorate Leif Erikson's journey. We also honor a group of Norwegian immigrants who summoned that same striving spirit centuries later. Together, in 1825, they braved uncertain waters with hope in their hearts, confident that greater opportunity and brighter horizons awaited them on American shores. The travelers were among the first to complete the voyage from Norway to New York City. And just as Leif Erikson had, they lit the way for generations to follow.

These stories reaffirm that America has always been a place of unbounded promise. We are home to explorers and entrepreneurs, immigrants and innovators. We endeavor to be a country where anyone who is willing to work hard and take risks can turn even the most improbable idea into something great. On Leif Erikson Day, we celebrate that legacy and the countless Norwegian Americans who have lived it, and we carry it forward in the years ahead.

To honor Leif Erikson and celebrate our Nordic-American heritage, the Congress, by joint resolution (Public Law 88–566) approved on September 2, 1964, has authorized the President of the United States to proclaim October 9 of each year as ''Leif Erikson Day.''

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2013, as Leif Erikson Day. I call upon all Americans to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to honor our rich Nordic-American heritage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

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Proclamation 9038 of October 10, 2013

General Pulaski Memorial Day, 2013

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Today, we honor the memory of Brigadier General Casimir Pulaski, the Polish-born hero of the American Revolutionary War. General Pulaski's devotion to liberty knew no boundaries, and his bravery on the battlefield helped secure our independence. He sacrificed his life in defense of our freedom, and each year on October 11—the anniversary of his death—we honor his sacrifice and service and reflect on the contributions made by so many Polish-Americans throughout our Nation's history.

A skilled cavalryman even as a youth, Casimir Pulaski spent years defending his native Poland from foreign domination. Unable to win Polish sovereignty, Pulaski found a kindred cause in the fledgling American Nation. Encouraged by Benjamin Franklin, he set sail across the Atlantic in 1777 to join the Revolutionary forces. ''I could not submit to stoop before the sovereigns of Europe,'' he later wrote to Congress, ''So I came to hazard all for the freedom of America.''

Casimir Pulaski quickly distinguished himself at the Battle of Brandywine, where his courageous charge covered General George Washington's retreat, saving Washington's life. The Continental Congress promoted him to Brigadier General, and for his command on horseback, he became known as the ''Father of the American Cavalry.'' Pulaski went on to form an independent cavalry legion, comprised of men from across Europe and America. While leading this unit, General Pulaski was mortally wounded. He did not live to see the Revolution's end, but he died with hope that our Nation would be free.

On General Pulaski Memorial Day, we celebrate the rights and freedoms Pulaski fought for, and we honor the generations of Polish-Americans who have contributed to our society and defended our Nation since its founding. We also reflect on the steadfast, enduring friendship between the United States and Poland, which have long shared the ideals of freedom and democracy. Through this alliance, and our proud Polish heritage, Casimir Pulaski's legacy lives on.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2013, as General Pulaski Memorial Day. I encourage all Americans to commemorate this occasion with appropriate programs and activities paying tribute to Casimir Pulaski and honoring all those who defend the freedom of our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

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Proclamation 9039 of October 10, 2013

International Day of the Girl, 2013

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

From Asia to Europe, from Africa to the Americas, nations that have embraced the ideals of equality and inclusion have emerged more stable, peaceful, and prosperous. When countries empower girls to pursue their dreams, they not only fulfill a basic moral obligation, they also realize more fully their social and economic potential. Over the past few decades, the global community has made great progress in increasing opportunity and equality for women and girls, but far too many girls face futures limited by violence, social norms, educational barriers, and even national law. On International Day of the Girl, we stand firm in the belief that all men and women are created equal, and we advance the vision of a world where girls and boys look to the future with the same sense of promise and possibility.

My Administration is committed to expanding opportunity for girls on the world stage. We are promoting gender equality in education, cracking down on human trafficking, and working to empower women and girls to contribute in the workplace and in public life. Building on my challenge to the United Nations in September 2011, a broad coalition of countries and organizations has joined the United States in forming the Equal Futures Partnership, an international effort to break down barriers to the economic and political empowerment of women and girls. We are working to break the cycle of poverty by educating and empowering girls, including through a new global outreach and engagement campaign. We are funding programs to encourage girls around the world to pursue careers in science and technology. And because child marriage is a threat to fundamental human rights, my Administration has strengthened reporting and launched several initiatives to prevent child marriage.

At home, we are leading by example. We are encouraging girls to pursue degrees and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics—fields that will allow them to drive innovation while working in the high-paying jobs of the future. We are funding evidence-based strategies to reduce teen pregnancy in the United States, and we are also motivating girls to become leaders—from hosting the first-ever White House conference on girls' leadership and civic engagement to sponsoring an app challenge to spur new ways to inspire girls to become leaders in government.

As we observe this day, there is a girl in an unknown country who will grow to spark the next great scientific revolution, but only if she gets a shot at a higher education. Across the globe there are girls who will one day lead nations, if only we afford them the chance to choose their own destinies. And on every continent, there are girls who will go on to change the world in ways we can only imagine, if only we allow them the freedom to dream.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2013, as International Day of the Girl. I call upon all Americans to observe this day with programs, ceremonies, and activities that advance equality and opportunity for girls everywhere.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF13–17–000]

Clarksville Gas and Water; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Interconnect Pipeline Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Interconnect Pipeline Project (Project) involving construction and operation of facilities by Clarksville Gas and Water (Clarksville) in Todd County, Kentucky and Montgomery County, Tennessee. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the Project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the Project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on November 7, 2013.

You may submit comments in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are in the Public Participation section of this notice. In lieu of or in addition to sending written comments, the Commission invites you to attend the public scoping meeting scheduled as follows:

Date and time	Location
October 22, 2013, 7:00 p.m.	Todd County Central High School, 806 South Main Street, Elkton, KY 42220.

The scoping meeting will commence at the time listed above; however, representatives from Clarksville will be present one hour before the meeting to describe their proposal, present maps, and answer questions.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this Project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the Project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled ''An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?'' is available for viewing on the FERC Web site (*www.ferc.gov*). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

Summary of the Planned Project

Clarksville plans to build and operate a 23-mile-long 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline along with associated valves and appurtenant facilities in Todd County, Kentucky and Montgomery County, Tennessee. The planned pipeline would connect to Texas Gas Transmission LLC's pipeline in Kentucky and extend southward to Clarksville's local distribution system in Tennessee. The Project would provide access to additional natural gas sources to serve its retail distribution system.

The Project would consist of the following facilities:

- Pipeline Segment 1—19.7 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Todd County, Kentucky;
- Pipeline Segment 2—3.1 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Montgomery County, Tennessee; and
- a pressure-reducing valve at each of mileposts 0.0 and 19.8.

A map depicting the general location of the Project facilities is included in appendix 1 [1].

Clarksville plans to begin construction of the Project in October 2014 and place the facilities in service by October 2015.

Land Requirements for Construction and Operation

Clarksville is still in the planning phase for the Project, and workspace requirements have not been finalized at this time. As currently planned, construction would disturb approximately 313 acres of land. Following construction, about 83 acres along Clarksville's planned easement would be maintained for permanent operation of the project facilities. The remaining acreage would be restored and allowed to revert to former uses. About 82 percent of the planned pipeline route overlaps or parallels existing pipeline, utility, or road rights-of-way.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us [2] to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as ''scoping.'' The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. We will consider all filed comments during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the

[1] The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at *www.ferc.gov* using the link called ''eLibrary'' or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502–8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

[2] ''Us,'' ''we,'' and ''our'' refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.

planned Project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
- vegetation, wildlife, and threatened and endangered species;
- socioeconomics;
- cultural resources;
- land use and cumulative impacts;
- air quality and noise; and
- public safety.

We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the planned Project or portions of the Project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Although no formal application has been filed, we have already initiated our NEPA review under the Commission's Pre-filing Process. The purpose of the Pre-filing Process is to encourage early involvement of interested stakeholders and to identify and resolve issues before an application is filed with the FERC. As part of our pre-filing review, we have begun to contact some federal and state agencies to discuss their involvement in the scoping process and the preparation of the EA. In addition, representatives from FERC participated in the public open houses sponsored by Clarksville in the Project area in September 2013 to explain the environmental review process to interested stakeholders.

The EA will present our independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in the public record through eLibrary. We will consider all comments on the EA before making our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure we have the opportunity to consider and address your comments, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section beginning on page 5.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this Project to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA.[3] Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

Consultations Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are using this notice to initiate consultation with applicable State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the Project's potential effects on historic properties.[4] We will define the project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPOs as the Project is further developed. On natural gas facility projects, the APE at a minimum encompasses all areas subject to ground disturbance (examples include construction right-of-way, contractor/pipe storage yards, and access roads). Our EA for this Project will document our findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the planned facilities, the environmental information provided by Clarksville, and comments received by the public. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis:

- Residential impacts, including the potential for decreased property values;
- impacts on agriculture, livestock, and wells;
- impacts on forest and streams;
- impact on hidden karst features/sinkholes;
- impacts on property value;
- restoration of property;
- consideration of routing alternatives;
- the purpose and need for the Project; and
- safety during pipeline operations.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before November 6, 2013. However, this is not your only public input opportunity; please refer to the Review Process flow chart in appendix 2.

For your convenience, there are four methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (PF13–17–000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or *efiling@ferc.gov.*

1. You can file your comments electronically by using the *eComment* feature, which is located on the Commission's Web site at *www.ferc.gov* under the link to *Documents and Filings.* This is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

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Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC Web site (*www.ferc.gov*) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on ''General Search'' and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., PF13–17). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the text of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at *www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx* along with other related information.

Finally, Clarksville has established a Web site for this Project at *http://www.cityofclarksville.com/index.aspx?page=643.* The Web site includes a project overview, environmental information, and information for affected stakeholders.

Dated: October 8, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF13–14–000]

Golden Pass Products, LLC, Golden Pass Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Golden Pass LNG Export Project and Golden Pass Export Pipeline Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts that could result from the construction and operation of the Golden Pass Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Project and Golden Pass Export Pipeline Project, collectively called the Golden Pass LNG Export Project (Project) in Texas and Louisiana. The Project has been proposed by Golden Pass Products, LLC and Golden Pass Pipeline, LLC, collectively called Golden Pass. The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether construction and operation of the Project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the Project. Your input during the scoping process will help the Commission staff determine what issues need to be evaluated in the EA. The Commission staff will also use the scoping process to help determine whether preparation of an environmental impact statement is more appropriate for this Project based upon the potential significance of the anticipated levels of impact. Please note that the scoping period will close on October 19, 2013. This is not your only public input opportunity; please refer to the Environmental Review Process flow chart Appendix 1.[1]

Comments may be submitted in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are in the Public Participation section of this notice. In lieu of, or in addition to sending written comments, you are invited to attend the public scoping meetings listed below.

Date and time	Location
Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 7:00 pm.	VFW Post 4759, 4402 LA Highway 12, Starks, LA 70661, (337) 743–6409.
Thursday, October 3, 2013, 7:00 pm.	Sabine Pass ISD, (Auditorium), 5641 South Gulfway Drive, Sabine Pass, TX 77655, (409) 971–2321.

Golden Pass representatives will be present one hour before each meeting to answer questions.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this Project. State and local government officials are asked to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the Project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, Golden Pass could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled ''An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need to Know?'' is available for viewing on the FERC Web site (*www.ferc.gov*). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

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Involvement of the U.S. Department of Energy

The FERC is the lead federal agency in preparing the EA to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Fossil Energy, has agreed to participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA to satisfy its NEPA responsibilities.

Under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act of 1938, as amended (NGA), 15 U.S.C. 717b, DOE would authorize applications to export natural gas, including LNG, to countries with which the United States has not entered into a free trade agreement providing for national treatment for trade in natural gas, unless it finds that the proposed export would not be consistent with the public interest. For the Project, the purpose and need for DOE action is to respond to Golden Pass' application filed with DOE on October 26, 2012 (FE Docket No. 12–156–LNG), seeking authorization to export up to 15.6 million metric tons per annum (MTPA), which is equivalent to 740 billion standard cubic feet per year, of domestic natural gas as LNG for a 25-year period from the Golden Pass facilities in Jefferson County, Texas, commencing the earlier of the date of first export or seven years from the date that the requested authorization is issued. DOE authorization of Golden Pass' application would allow the export of LNG to any country: (1) With which the United States does not have a free trade agreement requiring the national treatment for trade in natural gas; (2) that has, or in the future develops, the capacity to import LNG via ocean-going carrier; and (3) with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy.

Summary of the Planned Project

Golden Pass plans to develop its existing LNG terminal in Jefferson County, Texas to enable the terminal to liquefy natural gas and export the LNG. The existing Golden Pass Pipeline extends from the terminal through Jefferson, Orange, and Newton Counties, Texas into Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana; Golden Pass plans to add approximately 8 miles of pipeline loop.[2] The general locations of the planned pipeline and LNG export terminal are depicted in the figure included as Appendix 2.[3]

The Golden Pass LNG Export Project would include construction and operation of the following facilities:

- Three liquefaction trains;
- a 200–250 megawatt self-generation power plant;
- modifications to marine and truck loading facilities;
- approximately 8 miles of 30- to 36-inch-diameter pipeline in two non-contiguous loops, connecting to existing pipelines in Jefferson County, Texas and Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana;
- up to four compressor stations providing 100,000 total horsepower to provide bi-directional flow capability to the existing Golden Pass Pipeline in Jefferson and Orange Counties, Texas and Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana; and
- support facilities, such as buildings for maintenance and storage.

Golden Pass plans to begin Project construction in mid-2015 if all required permits, certificates, and authorizations are obtained.

Land Requirements for Construction

Golden Pass is still in the planning phase for the project, and workspace requirements have not been finalized. The export LNG facilities would be within the existing terminal site and most of the planned pipeline route parallels existing pipeline, utility, or road rights-of-way. The planned pipeline construction would impact approximately 200 acres of land temporarily and 75 acres permanently and the construction of compressor stations would impact 60 acres temporarily and 30 acres permanently.

The EA Process

The NEPA requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us[4] to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as scoping. The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received will be considered during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the planned Project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- water resources;
- wetlands and vegetation;
- fish and wildlife;
- threatened and endangered species;
- land use, recreation, and visual resources;
- air quality and noise;
- cultural resources;
- socioeconomics;
- reliability and safety;
- engineering and design material; and
- cumulative environmental impacts.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the planned Project or portions of the Project, including the no action alternative, and make recommendations on how to minimize or avoid impacts on affected resources.

Although no formal application has been filed, we have already initiated our NEPA review under the Commission's Pre-filing Process. The purpose of the Pre-filing Process is to encourage early involvement of interested stakeholders and to identify and resolve issues before an application is filed with the FERC. As part of our pre-filing review, we have begun to contact some federal and state agencies to discuss their involvement in the scoping process and the preparation of the EA. In addition, representatives from FERC participated in the public open houses sponsored by Golden Pass in the Project area in July and August 2013 to explain the environmental review process to interested stakeholders.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be presented in the EA. If the Commission staff determines the preparation of an EA is appropriate, the EA will be placed in the public record and be published and distributed to the public. A comment period will be allotted when the EA is noticed. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section beginning on page 6.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues related to this Project to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document.[5] Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing

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comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice. Currently, the Department of Energy, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration have expressed their intention to participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the environmental document to satisfy its NEPA responsibilities related to these projects.

Consultations Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are using this notice to initiate consultation with the Texas Historical Commission and the Office of the State of Louisiana Cultural Development, which have been given the roles of the State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPO) for their respective states, and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the Project's potential effects on historic properties.[6] We will define the Project-specific Area of Potential Effects in consultation with the SHPOs as the Project is further developed. Our environmental document for the Project will document our findings of the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under Section 106.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified many issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the Project site and facilities and information provided by Golden Pass, comments made to us at Golden Pass' open houses, and preliminary consultations with other agencies. The following preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis:

- Evaluation of temporary and permanent impacts on wetlands and the development of appropriate mitigation, including flood protection;
- potential impacts on fish and wildlife habitat, including potential impacts on federally and state-listed threatened and endangered species;
- potential visual effects of the aboveground facilities on surrounding areas;
- potential impacts and potential benefits of construction workforce on local housing, infrastructure, public services, and economy;
- impacts on air quality and noise associated with construction and operation of the Project; and
- public safety and hazards associated with the transport of natural gas and LNG.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the Project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or minimize environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before October 19, 2013.

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Finally, Golden Pass has established a Web site for the Project at *http://goldenpassproducts.com/index.cfm/page/8.* The Web site includes a description of the Project, permitting schedules and calendars, frequently asked questions and responses, and links to related press releases and news articles. You can also request additional information directly from Golden Pass at (877) 246–4728 or *info@goldenpassproducts.com.*

Dated: September 19, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AC13–170–000]

Duke Energy Progress, Inc.; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on September 18, 2013, Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP) submitted a request to use Account 182.2, Unrecovered Plant and Regulatory Study Costs, to account for the actual and planned early retirement of certain generating units in North and South Carolina. DEP also requests authority to amortize the balance in Account 182.2 to Account 407, Amortization for Property Losses, Unrecovered Plant and Regulatory Study Costs.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the ''eFiling'' link at *http://www.ferc.gov.* Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at *http://www.ferc.gov,* using the ''eLibrary'' link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an ''eSubscription'' link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email *FERC OnlineSupport@ferc.gov,* or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: October 28, 2013.

Dated: October 7, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD13–9–000]

Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013; Notice of Rescheduled Two-Year Licensing Process Workshop

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) staff will hold a workshop on October 22, 2013, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. eastern daylight time (EDT).[1] This workshop will solicit public comments and recommendations on the feasibility of a two-year process for the issuance of a license for hydropower development at non-powered dams and closed-loop pumped storage projects in compliance with section 6 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013. The workshop will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The workshop will be open to the public and all interested parties are invited to participate. Individuals who registered for the original workshop date of October 2, 2013, do not need to register again. Commission members will attend and may participate in the workshop. The agenda for the workshop is attached to this notice.

This workshop will be transcribed. Transcripts of the workshop will be immediately available for a fee from Ace-Federal Reporters, Inc. at (202) 347–3700. A free webcast of this event will be available through *www.ferc.gov.* Anyone with internet access who wants to view this event can do so by navigating to the Calendar of Events at *www.ferc.gov* and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to its webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for webcasts and offers the option of listening to the workshop via phone-bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit *www.CapitolConnection.org* or call (703) 993–3100.

Those interested in attending the workshop or viewing the webcast are encouraged to register at *https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/efficiency-act-10-02-13-form.asp* by October 16, 2013. A limited number of phone lines will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for interested parties to participate via teleconference. If you would like to participate via teleconference, please contact Ken Wilcox at (202) 502–6835 or *kenneth.wilcox@ferc.gov* by October 16, 2013. Individuals who registered for the original workshop date of October 2, 2013, including phone and webcast access, do not need to register again.

Commission workshops are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an email to *accessibility@ferc.gov,* call (866) 208–3372 (toll free) or (202) 208–8659 (TTY), or send a FAX to (202) 208–2106 with the required accommodations.

[1] This workshop was originally scheduled for October 2, 2013, but was postponed due to the closure of several federal agencies.

Those who wish to file written comments may do so by November 21, 2013. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp.* Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp.* You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov,* (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number AD13–9–000.

All comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and will be available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *www.ferc.gov* using the eLibrary link. Enter AD13–9 in the docket number field to access documents. To be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this proceeding, register online at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.* For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support.

If the federal government remains closed, the workshop will be rescheduled. Interested individuals are encouraged to monitor docket number AD13–9 or the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower/indus-act/efficiency-act.asp* for additional updates.

For more information about this workshop, please contact:

Brandon Cherry (Technical Information), Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502–8328, *brandon.cherry@ferc.gov.*

Sarah McKinley (Logistical Information), Office of External Affairs, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502–8004, *sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov.*

Dated: October 8, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

Two-Year Licensing Process Workshop

Purpose: To solicit comments and recommendations on a two-year process for licensing hydropower development at non-powered dams and closed-loop pumped storage projects.

Workshop Agenda

1. Introduction 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.[2]
   - 1.1 Opening remarks from the Commissioners
   - 1.2 Introduction of FERC staff and panel members
   - 1.3 Workshop procedures
2. Background (FERC staff presentation) 12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.
   - 2.1 Section 6 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013
   - 2.2 Licensing process steps
   - 2.3 Common factors that lengthen process times
   - 2.4 Actions implemented to shorten process times
   - 2.5 Process times for recently authorized projects
3. Investigating the feasibility of a two-year process (Input solicited from panel and participants) 12:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
   - 3.1 Is a two-year process feasible?
   - 3.2 What pre-filing process steps can be eliminated, shortened, or combined?
   - 3.3 What post-filing process steps can be eliminated, shortened, or combined?
   - 3.4 In a two-year process, how much time should be allotted to pre-filing versus post-filing?
   - 3.5 What, if any, process modifications are needed to account for mandatory conditions and other agency authorizations (e.g. sections 4(e) and 18 of the FPA, 401 certifications, ESA consultation)? What about fish and wildlife recommendations made under section 10(j) of the FPA?
   - 3.6 Could memorandums of understanding between FERC and federal or state agencies help expedite processing?
   - 3.7 Are there economic factors that affect the practicality of a two-year process?
   - 3.8 Does the type of project (i.e., non-powered dam versus closed-loop pumped storage) affect the steps included in a two-year process?
   - 3.9 Should there be a single standard two-year process or should developers be allowed to propose unique, project-specific processes?
   - 3.10 Is a two-year process needed for exemptions from licensing or are existing procedures adequate for expedited processing of these projects?
4. Factors and criteria for identifying pilot projects (Input solicited from panel and participants) 3:00 p.m. to 3:55 p.m.
   - 4.1 What project design or siting criteria should be met to be eligible to use a two-year process? Would the same criteria apply to projects at non-powered dams and closed-loop pumped storage projects?
   - 4.2 What environmental criteria should be met to be eligible to use a two-year process? Would the same criteria apply to projects at non-powered dams and closed-loop pumped storage projects?
   - 4.3 In order for a project to qualify for a two-year process, should there be agreement on, and limits to, the need to develop new information?
   - 4.4 Are there certain types of issues that should preclude a project from being eligible for a two-year process?
   - 4.5 Are there developers that will be ready to begin testing a two-year process by February 5, 2014?
5. Closing comments and next steps 3:55 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

[2] All times are eastern daylight time.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OR14–1–000]

MarkWest Liberty Ethane Pipeline L.L.C.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on October 3, 2013, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practices and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207(a)(2)(2013), MarkWest Liberty Ethane Pipeline L.L.C. (MarkWest) filed a petition requesting a declaratory order approving the overall tariff and rate structure for a new ethane pipeline system that will transport ethane from the vicinity of Majorsville, West Virginia to Houston, Pennsylvania, as more fully described in their petition.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in this proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Anyone filing a motion

to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioner.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at *http://www.ferc.gov.* To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St. NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceedings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on November 5, 2013.

Dated: October 8, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14557–000]

Mid-Atlantic Hydro, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On September 25, 2013, Mid-Atlantic Hydro, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Button Rock Hydroelectric Project (or project) to be located near the town of Lyons, Boulder County, Colorado. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) A reservoir having a surface area of 248 acres and a storage capacity of 16,084 acre-feet; (2) a 925-foot-long, 210-foot-high concrete-face earthen dam, with a crest width of 30 feet and a maximum base width of 1,030 feet; (3) an existing 54-inch outlet valve situated near the right abutment and passing through the dam near the valley floor; (4) a steel penstock connecting the outlet valve to the existing conduit and extending downstream for 100 feet; (5) a reinforced concrete powerhouse; (6) one 1.5-MW Francis turbine generating unit; and (7) a 2.3-kilovolt transmission line extending 1.75 miles from the proposed substation to an existing distribution line located at the Longmont Dam. The estimated annual generation of the Button Rock Hydroelectric Project would be 5,000 megawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Ms. Kristina Johnson or Mr. John Collins, Mid-Atlantic Hydro, LLC, 5425 Wisconsin Avenue, Ste. 600, Chevy Chase, MD 20815; phone (301) 718–4432 or (301) 718–4431.

FERC Contact: Jennifer Adams; phone: (202) 502–8087.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp.* Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp.* You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov,* (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–14557–000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the ''eLibrary'' link of Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp.* Enter the docket number (P–14557) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: October 7, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CD13–8–000]

Village of Oak Lawn, Illinois; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On September 30, 2013, Village of Oak Lawn, Illinois (Oak Lawn) filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act, as amended by section 4 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013 (HREA). The 250 kW Charles J. Reich Pumping Storage Complex Hydroelectric Turbine Installation Project would utilize Oak Lawn's water distribution system, and it would be located in Cook County, Illinois.

Applicant Contact: Kirk Hipps, CDM Smith, Inc, 125 South Wacker Drive, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60453, Phone No. (708) 499–7743.

FERC Contact: Robert Bell, Phone No. (202) 502–6062, email: *robert.bell@ferc.gov.*

Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description: The proposed project would consist of: (1) A new intake pipeline receiving water from an existing 26-inch conduit pipeline; (2) a new powerhouse containing one new 250-kilowatt generating unit; (3) a new, small pipeline discharging water into an existing 36-inch pipeline; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generating capacity of 1,006 megawatt-hours.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all of the criteria shown in the table below.

TABLE 1—CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY

Statutory provision	Description	Satisfies (Y/N)
FPA 30(a)(3)(A), as amended by HREA	The conduit the facility uses is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i), as amended by HREA ..	The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii), as amended by HREA	The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 5 megawatts	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii), as amended by HREA	On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.	Y

Preliminary Determination: Based upon the above criteria, Commission staff preliminarily determines that the proposal satisfies the requirements for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility not required to be licensed or exempted from licensing.

Comments and Motions to Intervene: Deadline for filing comments contesting whether the facility meets the qualifying criteria is 45 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Deadline for filing motions to intervene is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Anyone may submit comments or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210 and 385.214. Any motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular proceeding.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the ''COMMENTS CONTESTING QUALIFICATION FOR A CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY'' or ''MOTION TO INTERVENE,'' as applicable; (2) state in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of sections 385.2001 through 385.2005 of the Commission's regulations.[1] All comments contesting Commission staff's preliminary determination that the facility meets the qualifying criteria must set forth their evidentiary basis.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and comments using the Commission's eFiling system at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp.* Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp.* You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov,* (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Locations of Notice of Intent: Copies of the notice of intent can be obtained directly from the applicant or such copies can be viewed and reproduced at the Commission in its Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The filing may also be viewed on the web at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp* using the ''eLibrary'' link. Enter the docket number (e.g., CD13–8–000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1–866–208–3676 or email *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.* For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: October 7, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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[1] 18 CFR 385.2001–2005 (2013).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifiers CMS–10466]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by November 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: When commenting on the proposed information collections, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be received by

the OMB desk officer via one of the following transmissions: OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Fax Number: (202) 395–6974 or, email: *OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov*.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' Web site address at *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995.*
2. Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to *Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov.*
3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786–1326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786–1326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), federal Agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term ''collection of information'' is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Exchange Functions: Eligibility for Exemptions; Miscellaneous Minimum Essential Coverage Provisions; *Use:* The data collection and reporting requirements in ''Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Exchange Functions: Eligibility for Exemptions; Miscellaneous Minimum Essential Coverage Provisions'' (CMS–9958–F), address federal requirements that states must meet with regard to the Exchange minimum function of performing eligibility determinations and issuing certificates of exemption from the shared responsibility payment. The final regulation (CMS–9958–F, 78 FR 39518) addresses standards related to eligibility, including the exemptions application, verification and eligibility determination process, eligibility redeterminations, options for states to rely on HHS to make eligibility determinations for certificates of exemption, and reporting. The data collection and reporting requirements are critical to the basic ability of Exchanges to determine eligibility for and issue certificates of exemption, and will also assist Exchanges, HHS, and IRS in ensuring program integrity and quality improvement. The submission seeks OMB approval of the information collection requirements associated with the application described in 45 CFR 155.610. *Form Number:* CMS–10466 (OCN: 0938—NEW); *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* State governments and individuals; *Number of Respondents:* 12,000,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 12,000,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 3,200,000. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Zach Baron at 301–492–4478.)

Dated: October 11, 2013.

Martique Jones,

Deputy Director, Regulations Development Group, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

[FR Doc. 2013–24476 Filed 10–11–13; 4:15 pm]

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #13794 and #13795]

Missouri Disaster #MO–00067

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of Missouri dated 10/08/2013.

Incident: Severe storms, straight-line winds, and flooding.

Incident Period: 08/02/2013 through 08/14/2013.

DATES: *Effective Date:* 10/08/2013.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/09/2013.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 07/08/2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Pulaski, Taney.

Contiguous Counties:

Missouri: Camden, Christian, Douglas, Laclede, Maries, Miller, Ozark, Phelps, Stone, Texas.

Arkansas: Boone; Carroll; Marion.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.875
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	1.937
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	6.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	2.875
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.875
For Economic Injury:	
Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.875

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 13794B and for economic injury is 137950.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are Missouri; Arkansas.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Dated: October 8, 2013.

Jeanne Hulit,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8500]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: ''Toulouse-Lautrec and La Vie Moderne: Paris 1880–1910''

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C.

2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.;* 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition ''Toulouse-Lautrec and *La Vie Moderne:* Paris 1880–1910,'' imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, Nevada, from on or about November 2, 2013, until on or about January 19, 2014, the Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio, from on or about February 8, 2014, until on or about May 18, 2014, the Foothills Art Center, Golden, Colorado, from on or about June 7, 2014, until on or about August 17, 2014, the Society of the Four Arts, Palm Beach, Florida, from on or about December 5, 2014, until on or about January 11, 2015, the Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, California, from on or about January 31, 2015, until on or about April 26, 2015, the Louisiana State University Museum of Art, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, from on or about September 5, 2015, until on or about November 15, 2015, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Paul W. Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6469). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA–5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522–0505.

Dated: October 4, 2013.

Evan M. Ryan,

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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