

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:**

**Thursday, March 1, 2018**

1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (CST)—  
Registration

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CST)—Meeting

**Friday, March 2, 2018**

8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (CST)—  
Registration

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (CST)—Meeting

**ADDRESSES:** Hotel Galvez, Navigation Room, 2024 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX 77550.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lou Capitanio, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Phone: (202) 586-5098.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee is to provide advice on potential applications of methane hydrate to the Secretary of Energy, and assist in developing recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy's Methane Hydrate Research and Development Program.

*Tentative Agenda:* The agenda will include: Welcome and Introduction by the Designated Federal Officer; Committee Business including election of Committee Chair; Report of Committee Representatives Meeting with the Assistant Secretary of Fossil Energy; Update on Methane Hydrate Major Projects; Review of International Activities; Update on Atlantic Margin Gas Hydrate Resources; Methane Hydrate Program Budget and FY 2018 Plans; Regulatory Reform; Advisory Committee Discussion; and Public Comments, if any.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The Designated Federal Officer and the Chair of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral

statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Lou Capitanio at the phone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the three-minute rule.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the following website: <https://energy.gov/fe/services/advisory-committees/methane-hydrate-advisory-committee>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on January 30, 2018.

**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP18-50-000]

**Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization; Texas Eastern Transmission, LP**

Take notice that on January 19, 2018, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern), P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251, filed a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, and the blanket certificate issued by the Commission in Docket No. CP82-535-000 requesting authorization to relocate certain segments of two adjacent pipelines in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania as part of its Skippack Pike Relocation Project. The Skippack Pike Relocation Project will accommodate a planned expansion of Pennsylvania State Route 202 in Montgomery County by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Specifically, Texas Eastern proposes to relocate certain segments of its Line 1-B and Line 1-F pipelines, and to cut, cap and fill with grout certain portions of these pipelines. The total cost of the Skippack Pike Relocation Project is estimated to be approximately \$12,600,000, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in

the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Leanne Sidorkewicz, Manager, Rates and Certificates, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, by telephone at (713) 627-4515, by fax at (713) 627-5947, or by email at [leanne.sidorkewicz@enbridge.com](mailto:leanne.sidorkewicz@enbridge.com).

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenter's will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents,