to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are in the User's Guide under the ''e-filing'' link on the Commission's Web site. Please note that the Commission will not accept requests for intervenor status at this time. You must wait until the Commission receives a formal application for the project.

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.,* PF15–23). 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 texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Finally, 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.

Dated: July 6, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice Of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Docket Numbers: RP15–1077–000.
Applicants: Texas Gas Transmission, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) rate filing per 154.204: Remove References to Expired Operating Lease to be effective 4/1/2015.
Filed Date: 6/24/15.
Accession Number: 20150624–5059.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/6/15.

Docket Numbers: RP15–1078–000.
Applicants: Barclays Bank PLC.
Description: Petition for Temporary Waiver of Commission Capacity Release Regulations and Related Tariff Provisions and Request for Expedited Action of Barclays Bank PLC under RP15–1078.
Filed Date: 6/24/15.
Accession Number: 20150624–5160.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/1/15.

Docket Numbers: RP15–1079–000.
Applicants: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) rate filing per 154.204: BBPC 2015–07–01 Releases to EDF Trading to be effective 7/1/2015.
Filed Date: 6/25/15.
Accession Number: 20150625–5022.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/7/15.

Docket Numbers: RP15–1080–000.
Applicants: Northern Natural Gas Company.
Description: § 4(d) rate filing per 154.204: 20150625 Negotiated Rate to be effective 7/1/2015.
Filed Date: 6/25/15.
Accession Number: 20150625–5025.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/7/15.

Docket Numbers: RP15–1081–000.
Applicants: Kern River Gas Transmission Company.
Description: § 4(d) rate filing per 154.204: 2015 Enserco to Twin Eagle to be effective 7/1/2015.
Filed Date: 6/25/15.
Accession Number: 20150625–5034.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/7/15.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and § 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf.* For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: June 25, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15–499–000]

Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Intent to Prepare An Environmental Assessment for the Proposed South Texas Expansion Project, And Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

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 South Texas Expansion Project (Project) involving construction and operation of facilities by Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) in Nueces, Matagorda, Brazoria, Chambers, and Orange Counties, Texas. 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. 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. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before July 30, 2015.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on May 22, 2015, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP15–499–000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

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 proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a Texas Eastern representative

may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed 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.

Texas Eastern provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled ''An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?'' 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. It is also available for viewing on the FERC Web site (*www.ferc.gov*).

Public Participation

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or *efiling@ferc.gov.* Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

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

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature on the Commission's Web site (*www.ferc.gov*) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on ''eRegister.'' If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select ''Comment on a Filing'' as the filing type; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the Project docket number (CP15–499–000) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Texas Eastern proposes to construct and operate pipeline and compression facilities in Nueces, Matagorda, Brazoria, Chambers, and Orange Counties, Texas. The Project would provide about 400,000 dekatherms of natural gas per day. According to Texas Eastern, its Project would provide service to a customer by increasing flow in its system to South Texas.

The Project would consist of the following facilities:

- installation of an 8,400 horsepower (hp) compressor and a meter and regulating station at the existing Petronila Station in Nueces County, Texas;
- installation of an 8,400 hp compressor unit and piping modifications at the existing Blessing Compressor Station in Matagorda County, Texas;
- modification to piping and other compression facilities at the Mont Belvieu Compressor Station in Chambers County, Texas, Vidor Compressor Station in Orange County, Texas, and Angleton Compressor Station in Brazoria County, Texas; and
- modification to piping at existing launcher and receiver sites along Texas Eastern's Line 16 in Brazoria, Chambers, and Orange Counties, Texas.

The general location of the Project facilities is shown in appendix 1.[1]

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would disturb about 122 acres of land for the aboveground facilities and the pipeline. Following construction Texas Eastern would maintain 31 acres for permanent operation of the Project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and revert to former uses. Changes to existing facilities would be accomplished within the existing facilities' fence lines.

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. The 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 proposed project under these general headings:

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

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

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 of this notice.

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 consultations with the Texas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and to solicit its views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public

[1] The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear 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] ''We,'' ''us,'' and ''our'' refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.

[3] The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.6.

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 SHPO as the Project develops. 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, compressor stations, 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.

Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Indian tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed Project.

If we publish and distribute the EA, copies of the EA will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (appendix 2).

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an ''intervenor'' which is an official party to the Commission's proceeding. Intervenors play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are in the User's Guide under the ''e-filing'' link on the Commission's Web site.

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Dated: July 1, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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[4] The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice Of Staff Attendance at Southwest Power Pool Regional Entity Trustee, Regional State Committee, Members' and Board of Directors' Meetings

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of its staff may attend the meetings of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) Regional Entity Trustee (RE), Regional State Committee (RSC), SPP Members Committee and Board of Directors, as noted below. Their attendance is part of the Commission's ongoing outreach efforts.

All meetings will be held at the Hilton KCI, 8801 NW 112th Street, Kansas City, MO 64153.

SPP RE

July 27, 2015 (8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.)

SPP RSC

July 27, 2015 (1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.)

SPP Members/Board of Directors

July 28, 2015 (8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.)

The discussions may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

Docket No. EL05–19, *Southwestern Public Service Company*
Docket No. ER05–168, *Southwestern Public Service Company*
Docket No. ER06–274, *Southwestern Public Service Company*
Docket No. EL11–34, *Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*
Docket No. ER11–1844, *Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*
Docket No. EL12–28, *Xcel Energy Services Inc., et al.*
Docket No. EL12–59, *Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.*
Docket No. EL12–60, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc., et al.*
Docket No. ER12–480, *Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*
Docket No. ER12–1179, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
Docket No. ER12–1586, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
Docket No. ER13–366, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
Docket No. ER13–367, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
Docket No. ER13–1864, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
Docket No. ER13–1937, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
Docket No. ER13–1939, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
Docket No. EL14–21, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
Docket No. EL14–30, *Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*
Docket No. EL14–93, *Kansas Corporation Commission* v. *Westar Energy, Inc.*
Docket No. EL15–66, *Southern Company Services, et al.* v. *Midcontinent Independent System Operator*
Docket No. EL15–77, *Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc.* v. *Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*
Docket No. ER14–67, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
Docket No. ER14–781, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
Docket No. ER14–1174, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
Docket No. ER14–1713, *Midcontinent*