

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP15–150–000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Line Wb2va Integrity Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Line WB2VA Integrity Project, proposed by Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) in the above-referenced docket. The Line WB2VA Integrity Project would include modifications to Columbia's existing facilities at 17 sites in Hardy County, West Virginia, and Shenandoah, Page, Rockingham, and Greene Counties, Virginia. Proposed modifications include installation of pig launchers and receivers;¹ replacement of short sections of existing pipeline, mainline valves, and other appurtenant facilities; and abandonment of two existing 20-inch-diameter pipelines beneath the South Fork of the Shenandoah River that would be replaced with a new 24-inch-diameter pipeline. The purpose of the project is to allow the use of modern inline inspection devices and upgrade pipeline segments in compliance with U.S. Department of Transportation safety standards.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Line WB2VA Integrity Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, and West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local

government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the project area. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's Web site (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502–8371.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. 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 the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before February 27, 2016.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (CP15–150–000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or efiling@ferc.gov.

(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 also file your comments electronically 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." You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).² Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

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.*, CP15–150). 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.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Dated: January 28, 2016.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Combined Notice of Filings #2**

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC16–64–000.

² See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.

¹ A "pig" is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.

Applicants: Southwestern Public Service Company, Xcel Energy Southwest Transmission Company, LLC.

Description: Joint Application for Authorization for Disposition of Jurisdictional Transmission Facilities of Southwestern Public Service Company and Xcel Energy Southwest Transmission Company, LLC.

Filed Date: 1/28/16.

Accession Number: 20160128–5164.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/18/16.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER15–1061–002.

Applicants: New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance establish effective date—CSP Project to be effective 2/11/2016.

Filed Date: 1/28/16.

Accession Number: 20160128–5156.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/18/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16–791–000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Settlement Revenue Distribution Mechanism to be effective 2/1/2016.

Filed Date: 1/27/16.

Accession Number: 20160127–5475.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/17/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16–800–000.

Applicants: Southwestern Public Service Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2016–1–28 JD_SPS–XEST–O&M–679–0.0.0—Filing to be effective 12/31/9998.

Filed Date: 1/28/16.

Accession Number: 20160128–5147.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/18/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16–801–000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2900R5 KMEA NITSA NOA to be effective 1/1/2016.

Filed Date: 1/28/16.

Accession Number: 20160128–5197.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/18/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16–802–000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2236R7 Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. NITSA NOA to be effective 1/1/2016.

Filed Date: 1/28/16.

Accession Number: 20160128–5206.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/18/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16–803–000.

Applicants: Wisconsin Electric Power Company.

Description: Tariff Cancellation: Cancellation of Wisconsin Electric/

WPPI FRT Service Agreement No 2 to be effective 1/1/2016.

Filed Date: 1/28/16.

Accession Number: 20160128–5239.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/18/16.

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.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. EL16–34–000]

Electric Power Supply Association, Retail Energy Supply Association, Dynegy Inc., Eastern Generation, LLC, NRG Power Marketing LLC and GenOn Energy Management, LLC v. FirstEnergy Solutions Corporation, Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and The Toledo Edison Company; Notice of Complaint

Take notice that on January 27, 2016, pursuant to sections 206, 306 and 309 of the Federal Power Act¹ and Rule 206 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206 (2015), the Electric Power Supply Association, the Retail Energy Supply Association, Dynegy Inc., Eastern Generation, LLC, NRG Power Marketing LLC and GenOn Energy Management, LLC (Complainants) filed a formal complaint against FirstEnergy Solutions Corporation, FirstEnergy Solutions Corporation, Ohio Edison

Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and The Toledo Edison Company (Respondents), alleging that an abusive affiliate power sales contract involving subsidiaries of FirstEnergy Corporation may evade Commission review, all as more fully explained in the complaint.

Complainants certify that copies of the complaint were served on the contacts for Respondents, as listed on the Commission's list of Corporate Officials.

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 and 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. The Respondents' answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondents' answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on Complainants.

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 14 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 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 February 16, 2016.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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¹ 16 U.S.C. 824e, 825e, 825h (2012).