

Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit seven copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

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 commentors will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, 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 7 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

*Comment Date:* February 28, 2018.

Dated: February 7, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18-11-000]

#### East Cheyenne Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Lewis Creek Amendment

On October 27, 2017, East Cheyenne Gas Storage, LLC (East Cheyenne) filed an application in Docket No. CP18-11-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project, known as the Lewis Creek Amendment Project (Project), would combine the working gas capacity and cushion gas capacity for the West Peetz and Lewis Creek Storage Fields and utilize the same maximum bottom-hole pressure, thus eliminating separately certified capacities for each field. East Cheyenne requests this amendment because recent geologic information shows that the West Peetz and Lewis Creek D-sands in the storage field are a single integrated reservoir. As part of this consolidation, East Cheyenne would reconfigure certain natural gas facilities in the Lewis Creek Storage Field; and expand the authorized buffer zone of the East Cheyenne Project.

On November 8, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

#### Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA, March 30, 2018.

90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline, June 28, 2018.

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

#### Project Description

East Cheyenne is requesting authorization to amend its certificate previously issued in Docket No. CP10-34-000, for the East Cheyenne Gas Storage Project in Logan County, Colorado. As part of the West Peetz and Lewis Creek Field consolidation, East Cheyenne would reconfigure the well layout on the Lewis Creek portion of the Project by reducing the number of injection/withdrawal (I/W) wells by consolidating the wells on a single well pad, and reconfiguring the currently certificated Lewis Creek monitoring wells. Specifically, East Cheyenne would reconfigure the I/W well in the Lewis Creek portion of the project by converting one existing non-jurisdictional well to an I/W well (LC-D021) and collocating five directionally drilled I/W wells (LC-D022, LC-D023, LC-D024, LC-D025, and LC-D026) on the LC-2021 well pad. Additionally, East Cheyenne would decrease the total cushion gas capacity to 12.1 billion cubic feet and increase the total working gas capacity to 22.5 billion cubic feet. East Cheyenne would also reconfigure its existing pipelines and reduce the diameter of the existing 20-inch-diameter natural gas mainline to a 16-inch-diameter pipeline. Furthermore, East Cheyenne would reconfigure the existing 16-inch diameter Lewis Creek natural gas mainline and the 6-inch-diameter water disposal pipeline to connect directly to the reconfigured I/W wells LC-D021 through LC-D026 on a single well pad.

#### Background

On December 8, 2017, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Lewis Creek Amendment and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). The NOI was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the NOI, the Commission received comments from the Bureau of Land Management and the Logan County Economic Development Corporation support the applicant's request.

#### Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. 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](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). Using the eLibrary link, select General Search from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and Docket Number excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP18-11), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos: CP18-39-000; CP18-40-000]

#### **Questar Southern Trail Pipeline Company, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Southern Trail Pipeline Abandonment Project 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 Southern Trail Pipeline Abandonment Project (Project) involving abandonment in place and by sale of facilities by Questar Southern Trail Pipeline Company (Questar). On December 22, 2017, Questar Southern Trails Pipeline Company (Questar), filed an application, in Docket No. CP18-39-000, pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) to abandon its certificate of public convenience and necessity, including its blanket certificate authorities. Questar also requests to abandon, part by sale and part in-place, all of its certificated facilities dedicated to providing jurisdictional transportation service including approximately 488 miles of

natural gas pipeline and related facilities located in California, Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico.

In a related filing, on December 22, 2017, the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA), filed an application, in Docket No. CP18-40-000, pursuant to section 7(f) of the NGA and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, requesting a service area determination within which NTUA may, without further Commission authorization, enlarge or expand its natural gas distribution facilities and a waiver of all reporting, accounting, and other rules and regulations normally applicable to natural gas companies. NTUA would utilize those acquired facilities to provide its own service, replacing the service historically provided to it by Questar. The remaining facilities not sold to the NTUA would be abandoned in-place.

About 220 miles of pipeline facilities that would be abandoned in place are in San Bernardino County, California; Mohave, Yavapai, Coconino and Apache Counties, Arizona; and San Juan, Utah. About 268 miles would be abandoned by sale and are in Coconino, Navajo and Apache Counties, Arizona; San Juan County, Utah; and San Juan County, New Mexico. 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 March 5, 2018.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on December 22, 2017, of the CP filing, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP18-39-000 and CP18-40-000 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 pipeline company representative may contact you about the abandonment by sale and in place of the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement.

Questar 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 how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://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 [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@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 website ([www.ferc.gov](http://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 website ([www.ferc.gov](http://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 (CP18-39-000 and CP18-40-000 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

The Project would consist of abandonment by sale approximately 268 miles of pipeline facilities and abandon in-place another approximately 220 miles of pipeline facilities, totaling approximately 488 miles of existing mainline natural gas pipeline located between the Essex Meter Facility with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) in San