

an application in Docket No. CP16–98–000 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 is known as the Transco to Charleston Project (Project), and would provide firm transportation service of 80,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/day) to local commercial, industrial, and power generation customers.

On March 21, 2016, 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 September 19, 2016
90-day Federal Authorization Decision
Deadline December 18, 2016

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

Dominion would construct and operate 55 miles of 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Spartanburg, Laurens, Newberry, and Greenwood Counties, South Carolina; 5 miles of 4-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Dillon County, South Carolina; a new 3,600-horsepower (hp) compressor station in Dorchester County, South Carolina; add 2,800 hp of compression at an existing compressor station in Spartanburg County, South Carolina; modify operation at an existing compressor station in Aiken County, South Carolina; and construct and operate support facilities in Aiken, Charleston, Dillon, Dorchester, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry, and Spartanburg Counties, South Carolina.

Background

On October 30, 2015, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Transco to Charleston Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). The NOI was issued during the pre-filing review of the Project in Docket No. PF15–29–000 and 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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the Columbia South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, the Natural Gas Supply Association, Upstate Forever, and 20 landowners. The primary issues raised by the commentors are potential crossings of private lands, wildlife species and habitat, and water quality, as well as general support for, and opposition to, the Project.

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.

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, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP16–98), 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. The eLibrary link on the FERC Web site 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 No. CP15–558–000]

PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Penneast Pipeline Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the PennEast Pipeline Project, proposed by PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC (PennEast) in the above-referenced docket. PennEast requests authorization to construct and operate a 118.8-mile-long pipeline to provide 1.1 million dekatherms per day (MMDth/d) of year-round natural gas transportation service from northern Pennsylvania to markets in eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and surrounding states.

The draft EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the PennEast Pipeline Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with the mitigation measures recommended in the EIS, would result in some adverse environmental impacts, but impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels with the implementation of PennEast's proposed and FERC staff recommended mitigation measures. This determination is based on a review of the information provided by PennEast and further developed from data requests; field investigations; scoping; literature research; alternatives analysis; and contacts with federal, state, and local agencies as well as Indian tribes and individual members of the public.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis. Although these agencies provided input to the conclusions and recommendations presented in the draft EIS, the agencies will present their own conclusions and

recommendations in any respective record of decision or determination for the Project.

The draft EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following project facilities:

- 115.1 miles of new, 36-inch-diameter pipeline extending from Luzerne County, Pennsylvania to Mercer County, New Jersey (77 miles in Pennsylvania and 38 miles in New Jersey);
- the 2.1-mile Hellertown Lateral consisting of 24-inch-diameter pipe in Northampton County, Pennsylvania;
- the 0.1-mile Gilbert Lateral consisting of 12-inch-diameter pipe in Hunterdon County, New Jersey;
- the 1.5-mile Lambertville Lateral consisting of 36-inch-diameter pipe in Hunterdon County, New Jersey;
- new, 47,700 total hp Kidder Compressor Station in Kidder Township, Carbon County, Pennsylvania; and
- associated aboveground facilities including eight metering and regulating stations for interconnections, 11 main line valve sites, and four pig launcher/receiver sites.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the draft EIS 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. Paper copy versions of this EIS (Volume I in paper copy, Volumes II and III on CD) were mailed to those specifically requesting them; all others received a CD version of the entire document. In addition, the draft EIS is available for public viewing on the FERC's Web site (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies 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 draft EIS may do so. To ensure consideration of your comments on the proposal in the final EIS, it is important that the Commission receive your comments on or before September 12, 2016.

For your convenience, there are four methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission will provide equal consideration to all comments received, whether filed in written form or provided verbally. 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 (CP15-558-000) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

(4) In lieu of sending written or electronic comments, the Commission invites you to attend one of the public comment meetings its staff will conduct in the project area to receive comments on the draft EIS. To ensure interested parties have ample opportunity to attend a public comment meeting six meetings are scheduled as follows:

Date and time	Location
Monday, August 15, 2016 6–10 p.m.	Best Western Lehigh Valley & Conference Center, 300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18017, Phone: 610-866-5800.
Monday, August 15, 2016 6–10 p.m.	Penn's Peak, 325 Maury Road, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229, Phone: 610-826-9000.
Tuesday, August 16, 2016 6–10 p.m.	Grand Colonial, 86 Route 173 West, Hampton, NJ 08827, Phone: 908-735-7889.
Tuesday, August 16, 2016 6–10 p.m.	Peddler's Village, (Lahaska and Neshaminy Rooms), Routes 202 & 263, Lahaska, PA 19831, Phone: 215-794-4000.
Wednesday, August 17, 2016 6–10 p.m.	Best Western Genetti Hotel & Conference Center, 77 E Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701, Phone: 570-823-6152.
Wednesday, August 17, 2016 6–10 p.m.	Clifford B. Memorial Hall, 1666 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ 08618, Phone: 609-882-3221.

The meetings will be scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There *will not* be a formal presentation by Commission staff. The primary goal will be to have your verbal environmental comments on the draft EIS documented in the public record. Verbal comments will be recorded by stenographers in one-on-one settings, and transcriptions will be placed into the docket for the project and made available for public viewing on FERC's eLibrary system (see below for instructions on using eLibrary). If a significant number of people are interested in providing verbal comments in the one-on-one settings, a time limit of 3 to 5 minutes may be implemented

for each commenter. It is important to note that verbal comments hold the same weight as written or electronically submitted comments. Although there will not be a formal presentation, Commission staff will be available throughout the meetings to answer your questions about the environmental review process.

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 part 385.214).¹ 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.

Questions?

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¹ See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

Docket Numbers: EC16-156-000.

Applicants: Town Square Energy East, LLC, Town Square Energy, LLC.

Description: Application of Town Square Energy East, LLC, et al. for Authorization Under Federal Power Act Section 203 and Requests for Expedited Treatment and Confidential Information.

Filed Date: 7/22/16.

Accession Number: 20160722-5197.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/12/16.

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

Docket Numbers: ER16-2035-000.

Applicants: Black Oak Wind, LLC.

Description: Supplement to June 27, 2016 Black Oak Wind, LLC tariff filing.

Filed Date: 7/21/16.

Accession Number: 20160721-5124.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/1/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-2194-000.

Applicants: Clinton Battery Utility, LLC.

Description: Supplement to July 14, 2016 Clinton Battery Utility, LLC submits filing.

Filed Date: 7/22/16.

Accession Number: 20160722-5185.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/5/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-2272-000.

Applicants: Puget Sound Energy, Inc

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Attachment O Revisions to Implement Intrachange Scheduling and Imbalance Charges to be effective 9/20/2016.

Filed Date: 7/22/16.

Accession Number: 20160722-5180.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/12/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-2273-000.

Applicants: Passadumkeag Windpark, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Passadumkeag Market-Based Rate Tariff Amendment Filing to be effective 7/26/2016.

Filed Date: 7/25/16.

Accession Number: 20160725-5057.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/15/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16-2274-000.

Applicants: Parrey, LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Parrey Market-Based Rate Tariff Amendment Filing to be effective 7/26/2016.

Filed Date: 7/25/16.

Accession Number: 20160725-5058.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/15/16.

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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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
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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:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP16-1098-000.

Applicants: Dominion Carolina Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: DCGT—July 20, 2016, Administrative Changes to be effective 8/19/2016.

Filed Date: 7/20/16.

Accession Number: 20160720-5086.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/1/16.

Docket Numbers: RP16-1099-000.

Applicants: Colorado Interstate Gas Company, L.L.C.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Update Filing—Colorado Springs Utilities to be effective 8/1/2016.

Filed Date: 7/20/16.

Accession Number: 20160720-5122.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/1/16.

Docket Numbers: RP16-1100-000.

Applicants: Rockies Express Pipeline LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Neg Rate 2016-07-20, CP, Encana to be effective 7/21/2016.

Filed Date: 7/20/16.

Accession Number: 20160720-5123.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/1/16.

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

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