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p. *Agency Comments*: Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency’s comments must also be sent to the Applicant’s representatives.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2146–111; Project No. 82–000; Project No. 618–000]

Notice of Availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Alabama Power Company Coosa River Hydroelectric Project

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a single new license to continue to operate and maintain three separately licensed projects and has prepared a final supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS).¹ The single new license would combine the Coosa Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2146), which consists of the Weiss, H. Neely Henry, Logan Martin, Lay, and Bouldin developments, the Mitchell Dam Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 82), and the Jordan Dam Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 618) into one 969.9-megawatt project, the Coosa River Hydroelectric Project (Coosa River Project) No. 2146. The

projects are located on the Coosa River, in the states of Alabama and Georgia, and occupy about 508.31 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and 5.75 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency participated as a cooperating agency to prepare the final SEIS.

The final SEIS has been prepared to address the July 6, 2018 opinion issued by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (court) regarding the Commission’s environmental review of the Coosa River Hydroelectric Project and supplements the final environmental assessment (FEA), issued December 31, 2009, for the project. The final SEIS focuses on the following issues identified by the court as needing further analysis and expands upon the analysis contained within the FEA for these issues: (1) dissolved oxygen; (2) fish entrainment and turbine mortality; (3) federally listed threatened and endangered species; and (4) cumulative effects. The final SEIS describes staff’s analysis of the applicant’s proposal and the alternatives for relicensing the project. The final SEIS documents the views of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, affected Indian tribes, the public, the license applicant, and Commission staff.

The Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the final SEIS via the internet through the Commission’s Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov/>), using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number (P–2146), excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or toll-free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659.

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERConline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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contact OPP at (202) 502–6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Any question regarding this notice may be directed to Aaron Liberty at (202) 502–6862 or at aaron.liberty@ferc.gov.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP23–513–000]

Port Arthur Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Louisiana Connector Pipeline Amendment

On July 14, 2023, Port Arthur Pipeline, LLC (Port Arthur) filed an application in Docket No. CP23–513–000 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 Louisiana Connector Pipeline Amendment (Amendment), and would involve 38 modifications to the pipeline alignment, construction footprint, and installation methods for the Louisiana Connector Project, which was approved by the Commission on April 18, 2019, in Docket No. CP18–7–000.

On July 28, 2023, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Amendment. 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 document for the Amendment.

This notice identifies Commission staff’s intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Amendment and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—February 2, 2024

¹ 40 CFR 1501.10 (2020).

¹ The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued a final rule on April 20, 2022, revising its regulations for implementing NEPA (see National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Regulations Revisions, 87 FR 23,453–70). The rule became effective on May 20, 2022. However, because the NEPA review of this project was in process at that time, the final SEIS was prepared pursuant to CEQ’s 1978 regulations.

90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline²—May 2, 2024

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

The proposed amended facilities are specific to 38 locations in Jefferson County, Texas and Cameron, Calcasieu, Beauregard, and Allen Parishes, Louisiana (between milepost 0 in Jefferson County, Texas and milepost 82.5 south of Reeves in Allen Parish, Louisiana), as detailed below:

- Modifications to pipeline routes, construction methods, horizontal directional drill (HDD) entry points, and additional temporary workspaces to accommodate landowner requests, to reduce environmental impacts, to avoid newly identified non-Port Arthur pipelines, to avoid new structures, or to allow for safer construction access;
- Shifting of pipeline easements to allow the permanent easements to abut other existing permanent easements;
- Addition and modification of access roads for geotechnical boring access and/or to allow better and safer access to the HDD drill pad for construction and HDD inspection;
- Modification of equipment and material storage areas and staging areas to utilize areas that were recently and permanently impacted by other parties;
- Modification to water approaches to use existing boat ramp/dock improvements;
- Relocation of mainline valves to reduce the amount of permanent right-of-way needed, to facilitate operations and maintenance, to provide for safer access via road, and to allow access to power and communications to comply with new and anticipated U.S. Department of Transportation/Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration requirements;
- Modification of three waterbody crossings methodologies from open cut to an HDD as requested by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;
- Combine, in two locations, multiple HDDs into a single HDD which would result in avoiding an open-cut crossing and eliminating an HDD; and

- Modification of HDD alignments to avoid conflicts with potential future deeper canal depths.

Background

On August 9, 2023, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Louisiana Connector Pipeline Amendment* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping 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 Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The primary issues raised by the EPA are air quality, environmental justice, and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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Additional information about the Amendment is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC website (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., CP23-513), 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 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

Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

Docket Numbers: ER23-1816-002.

Applicants: New York Independent System Operator, Inc., New York State Electric & Gas Corporation.

Description: Tariff Amendment: New York State Electric & Gas Corporation submits tariff filing per 35.17(b): NYSEG Second Deficiency Response re: Rate Schedule 19 Formula Rate Filing to be effective 7/3/2023.

Filed Date: 10/5/23.

Accession Number: 20231005-5061.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/26/23.

Docket Numbers: ER23-1817-002.

Applicants: New York Independent System Operator, Inc., New York State Electric & Gas Corporation.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation submits tariff filing per 35.17(b): RG&E Second Deficiency Response re: Rate Schedule 19 Formula Rate Filing to be effective 7/3/2023.

Filed Date: 10/5/23.

Accession Number: 20231005-5094.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/26/23.

Docket Numbers: ER23-2651-001.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Union Electric Company.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. submits tariff filing per 35.17(b): 2023-10-05_SA 4154 UEC-MEC-AECI Substitute Original TIA to be effective 10/18/2023.

Filed Date: 10/5/23.

Accession Number: 20231005-5118.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/26/23.

Docket Numbers: ER24-27-000.

Applicants: Arizona Public Service Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Rate Schedule No. 318, Certificate of Concurrence to be effective 11/15/2023.

² The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other Federal agencies, and State agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for Federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by Federal law.