

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2680–113]

**Consumers Energy Company, DTE Electric Company; Notice of Settlement Agreement and Soliciting Comments**

Take notice that the following settlement agreement has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* Fish Entrainment Settlement Agreement.
- b. *Project No.:* 2680–113.
- c. *Date filed:* November 13, 2017.
- d. *Applicants:* Consumers Energy Company and DTE Electric Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Ludington Pumped Storage Project.
- f. *Location:* The existing project is located on the east shore of Lake Michigan in the townships of Pere Marquette and Summit, Mason County, Michigan and in Port Sheldon, Ottawa County, Michigan. The Ottawa County portion of the project is a 1.8-acre satellite recreation site, located about 70 miles south of the project. The project does not affect federal lands.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.602.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* David McIntosh, Consumers Energy Company, Hydro and Renewable Generation, 330 Chestnut Street, Cadillac, MI 49601; Telephone (231) 779–5506, email—[David.McIntosh@cmsenergy.com](mailto:David.McIntosh@cmsenergy.com).
- i. *FERC Contact:* Aaron Liberty, (202) 502–6862 or [aaron.liberty@ferc.gov](mailto:aaron.liberty@ferc.gov).
- j. *Deadline for filing comments:* Comments are due within 20 days of the notice. Reply comments due within 30 days of the notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–2680–113.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. Consumers Energy Company and DTE Electric Company (Consumers and DTE Companies) filed a fish entrainment settlement agreement (settlement agreement) on behalf of Consumers and DTE Companies; Attorney General for the State of Michigan; Michigan Department of Natural Resources; United States Department of Interior, on behalf of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and as Trustee for Indian tribes, bands, or communities with reserved treaty rights in the Michigan waters of Lake Michigan; Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians; Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians; Michigan United Conservation Clubs; and National Wildlife Federation. The purpose of the settlement agreement is to resolve among the signatories all issues associated with issuance of a new license for the project regarding fish entrainment. The signatories request that the Commission approve and incorporate into any new license that may be issued for the project the relevant portions of the settlement agreement as described in Section V.H. Included in the settlement agreement is a request from the signatories for a 50-year license term.

l. A copy of the settlement agreement is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. Copies of the settlement agreement are also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above and the following addresses: (1) DTE Electric Company, One Energy Plaza, Detroit, MI 48226, and (2) Mason County District Library, 217 East Ludington Ave, Ludington, Michigan 49431.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects.

For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: November 14, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 9691–004]

**Matthew W. Foley, Elizabeth E. Rapalee; 8 Church Lane, LLC; Notice of Transfer of Exemption**

1. By letter filed August 24, 2017, Matthew W. Foley informed the Commission that the exemption from licensing for the Wadhams Hydroelectric Project No. 9691, originally issued August 13, 1986<sup>1</sup> has been transferred to 8 Church Lane, LLC. The project is located on the Boquet River in Essex County, New York. The transfer of an exemption does not require Commission approval.

2. 8 Church Lane, LLC is now the exemptee of the Wadhams Hydroelectric Project No. 9691. All correspondence should be forwarded to: Mr. Matthew W. Foley and Ms. Elizabeth E. Rapalee, 8 Church Lane, LLC, 2531 County Route 10, Wadhams, NY 12993, Phone: 518–962–4514, Cell: 518–524–4240, Email: [matt.foley@westelcom.com](mailto:matt.foley@westelcom.com).

Dated: November 14, 2017.

**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:

**Filings Instituting Proceedings**

*Docket Numbers:* RP18–150–000.  
*Applicants:* National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Revised GTC 24.1 (Overbeck) to be effective 11/8/2017.

*Filed Date:* 11/8/17.

<sup>1</sup> Order Granting Exemption From Licensing (5 MW or Less). *Matthew W. Foley and Elizabeth E. Rapalee*, 36 FERC 62,190 (1986).

*Accession Number:* 20171108–5122.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 11/20/17.  
*Docket Numbers:* RP18–151–000.  
*Applicants:* Rockies Express Pipeline LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing; Neg Rate 2017–11–08 Encana to be effective 11/8/2017.

*Filed Date:* 11/8/17.

*Accession Number:* 20171108–5147.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 11/20/17.

*Docket Numbers:* RP18–152–000.  
*Applicants:* Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing; Amendment to NRA Filing Tenaska Marketing Ventures RP18- to be effective 11/8/2017.

*Filed Date:* 11/8/17.

*Accession Number:* 20171108–5175.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 11/20/17.

*Docket Numbers:* RP18–153–000.  
*Applicants:* Northern Natural Gas Company.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing; 20171109 Service Agreement Form Revisions to be effective 12/9/2017.

*Filed Date:* 11/9/17.

*Accession Number:* 20171109–5048.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 11/21/17.

*Docket Numbers:* RP18–154–000.  
*Applicants:* Northern Natural Gas Company.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing; 20171109 Negotiated Rate to be effective 11/10/2017.

*Filed Date:* 11/9/17.

*Accession Number:* 20171109–5156.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 11/21/17.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17–955–001.  
*Applicants:* Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.

*Description:* Report Filing; Notification of Susquehanna West Project In-Service Date RP17–955–001 CP–148–000.

*Filed Date:* 11/13/17.

*Accession Number:* 20171113–5001.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 11/27/17.

*Docket Numbers:* RP18–155–000.  
*Applicants:* Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing; Negotiated Rates—Nat Gas & Electric 795328 to be effective 11/10/2017.

*Filed Date:* 11/13/17.

*Accession Number:* 20171113–5006.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 11/27/17.

*Docket Numbers:* RP18–156–000.  
*Applicants:* Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing; Negotiated Rates—BP 511017 eff 11–10–2017 to be effective 11/10/2017.

*Filed Date:* 11/13/17.

*Accession Number:* 20171113–5007.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 11/27/17.

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: November 13, 2017.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17–133–000]

#### Northwest Pipeline LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed North Fork Nooksack Line Lowering Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the North Fork Nooksack Line Lowering Project, proposed by Northwest Pipeline LLC (Northwest) in the above-referenced docket. Northwest requests authorization to replace and lower approximately 1,700 feet of 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline, and remove about 1,550 feet of previously abandoned 26-inch-diameter pipeline in Whatcom County, Washington. The North Fork Nooksack Line Lowering Project would eliminate a potential obstruction to river flow and improve system reliability.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the North Fork Nooksack Line Lowering 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 has participated as a cooperating agency 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 proposed North Fork Nooksack Line Lowering Project includes the following:

- Remove, replace, and lower approximately 1,700 feet of 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in the same trench; and
- remove approximately 1,550 feet of previously abandoned 26-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline that would become exposed during the removal and installation of the 30-inch-diameter pipeline.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; 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](http://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 December 13, 2017.

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 (CP17–133–000) with your submission. 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).

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy