

A. Are the draft criteria clear and appropriate for the definition for a zero emissions building? Should any other criteria be considered for Part 1? Please provide specific feedback about this draft definition.

B. Energy efficiency criteria.

○ Should energy efficiency be considered a criteria for the definition of a zero emissions building?

○ If the efficiency of an existing building should be considered, do you agree that requiring energy performance in the top 25% of similar buildings is an appropriate measure of energy efficiency for this definition? (ENERGY STAR® score of 75 or above.) Should it be higher or lower?

■ Are there other benchmarks or approaches that should be considered?

■ For an existing building, is one year of measured energy performance an appropriate requirement for demonstrating efficiency or is another approach appropriate?

■ Are the draft criteria appropriate for single-family homes? Are there other benchmarks that should be considered for single-family homes?

○ For new construction, are the draft criteria appropriate? The modeled building performance is at least 10% lower than the energy use according to the latest version of IECC or ASHRAE 90.1 (e.g., model energy code) and the building is designed to achieve an ENERGY STAR score of at least 90 (for eligible buildings). Are there other benchmarks that should be considered?

■ Are the draft criteria appropriate for single family homes? Are there other benchmarks that should be considered for single family homes?

C. On-site emissions from energy use.

• Should there be an exemption allowed for emission producing emergency generation? Are any other exemptions needed?

• Should biofuels consumed on-site be allowed? If so, how?

D. Clean energy generation and procurement.

• Are the clean energy criteria provided appropriate for this definition? Are there other clean energy criteria that should be considered? Should community solar qualify for this requirement? If so, how?

• Should there be a proximity requirement for off-site power used to meet the clean power criterion? If so, how should a proximity requirement be implemented (e.g., regional definition, phase-in, etc.)?

E. Documentation is important for effective implementation.

• Should organizations leveraging the definition be able to determine whether buildings have to meet it annually, one time, or on a different frequency?

• If the definition is extended to single-family homes, what documentation should be required?

• Are licensed professional and third-party certification bodies the appropriate parties to independently verify the documentation that a building has met the definition? Beyond existing government resources such as EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, are there other methods to verify meeting the zero emissions building definition?

• What time frame should be used for greenhouse gas (GHG) calculations (*i.e.* hourly, monthly by year, annually)? Explain how this would be implemented effectively across the market.

• What other verification criteria are necessary to make this definition useful for the marketplace?

• Are there any issues regarding conflict or synergy with regional, state or local energy and climate programs that ought to be addressed?

F. Use cases.

• Is it important for a national definition to cover all building types, including commercial, multifamily, and single-family?

• Are there any other recommendations that would help clarify and improve the definition?

• While Part 1 of the definition focuses on operating emissions, what other areas should be considered in future parts of the definition, such as embodied carbon, refrigerant, and grid interactivity?

Request for Information Response Guidelines

Responses to this RFI must be submitted electronically at <https://forms.office.com/g/Y0Ss3UFdL3>. Only responses to this web form will be accepted.

Respondents may answer as many or as few questions as they wish.

EERE will not respond to individual submissions or publish publicly a compendium of responses. A response to this RFI will not be viewed as a binding commitment to develop or pursue the project or ideas discussed.

Respondents are requested to provide the following information at the start of their response to this RFI:

- Company/institution name;
- Company/institution contact;
- Contact's address, phone number, and email address.

Virtual Listening Sessions may be held additional information will be posted at: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/national-definition-zero-emissions-building>.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on December 28, 2023, by Jeffrey Marootian, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 4, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP24-34-000]

Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on December 27, 2023, Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC (Transwestern), 1300 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Transwestern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-534-000, for authorization to abandon in place the Crawford Compressor Station consisting of two natural gas compressor turbines, compressors, yard and station piping, and ancillary related facilities located in Eddy County, New Mexico, (Crawford CS or Project). The proposed abandonment will eliminate the need to maintain facilities that are not necessary for transportation of natural gas on Transwestern's system, all as more fully set forth in the request, which is on file with the Commission, and open to public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all

interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (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. Public access to records formerly available in the Commission's physical Public Reference Room, which was located at the Commission's headquarters, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, are now available via the Commission's website. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this request should be directed to Blair Lichtenwalter, 1300 Main Street, Houston TX 77002, (713) 989-2605, or by email at Blair.Lichtenwalter@energytransfer.com.

Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests, motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 4, 2024. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Protests

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,¹ any person² or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed or if a protest is filed and then

withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request for authorization will be considered by the Commission.

Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 157.205(e) of the Commission's regulations,³ and must be submitted by the protest deadline, which is March 4, 2024. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

Interventions

Any person has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure⁴ and the regulations under the NGA⁵ by the intervention deadline for the project, which is March 4, 2024. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

All timely, unopposed motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1). Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and

will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before March 4, 2024. The filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding.

How To File Protests, Interventions, and Comments

There are two ways to submit protests, motions to intervene, and comments. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP24-34-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your protest, motion to intervene, and comments by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Protest", "Intervention", or "Comment on a Filing"; or⁶

(2) You can file a paper copy of your submission by mailing it to the address below. Your submission must reference the Project docket number CP24-34-000.

To file via USPS: Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

To file via any other method: Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of submissions (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail or email (with a link to the document) at: Blair Lichtenwalter, Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs, 1300 Main Street, Houston, TX 77002, or at

⁶ Additionally, you may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project.

¹ 18 CFR 157.205.

² Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

³ 18 CFR 157.205(e).

⁴ 18 CFR 385.214.

⁵ 18 CFR 157.10.

Blair.Lichtenwalter@energytransfer.com. Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online.

Tracking the Proceeding

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project will be available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the “eLibrary” link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all 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. For more information and to register, go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

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Debbie-Anne Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. CP22–511–001]

Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on December 28, 2023, Ozark Gas Transmission, LLC (Ozark) requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) grant an extension of time, until May 29, 2024, to complete construction and place into service the Ozark Supply Access Project (Project) located in Lawrence County, Arkansas. On September 28, 2022, the Commission issued a Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization, which established a 60-day comment period, ending on November 28, 2022, to file protests. No protests were filed during the comment period, and accordingly the project was authorized on November 29, 2022 and by Rule should have been completed within one year.

In its 2023 Extension of Time Request, Ozark states that it was not able to complete all the work associated with the Project by the November 29, 2023, deadline. To date Ozark reported completion of the Standing Rock Compressor Station modifications¹ and the Loop Line² portions of the Project as well as progress at the Raney Compressor Station and MRT Meter Station portions of the Project.³ There was no progress reported for the interconnection point with the Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC. Ozark attributes the delay to material procurement and delivery timelines still being behind schedule due to the COVID–19 pandemic. Additionally, Ozark states that obtaining approvals for final design and materials related to various elements of the new interconnection points from the other interstate pipelines has proved challenging. Finally, construction crews have experienced delays at times due to heavy rain leading to wet conditions. Accordingly, Ozark requests an extension of time until May 29, 2024, to complete construction of project facilities with in-service projected to occur at the beginning of May 2024.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on Ozark's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.10).

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for NGA facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension requests that are contested,⁴ the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.⁵

¹ See Ozark's Weekly Status Report No. 22 (filed June 7, 2023) under Docket No. CP22–511–000, Accession No. 20230607–503–5039.

² See Ozark's Weekly Status Report No. 25 (filed June 28, 2023) under Docket No. CP22–511–000, Accession No. 20230628–5018.

³ See Ozark's Weekly Status Report No. 51 (filed December 27, 2023) under Docket No. CP22–511–000, Accession No. 20231227–5034.

⁴ Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 CFR 385.2201(c)(1).

⁵ *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the extension.⁶ The Commission will not consider arguments that re-litigate the issuance of the certificate order, including whether the Commission properly found the project to be in the public convenience and necessity and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the certificate complied with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).⁷ At the time a pipeline requests an extension of time, orders on certificates of public convenience and necessity are final and the Commission will not re-litigate their issuance.⁸ The Director of the Office of Energy Projects, or his or her designee, will act on all of those extension requests that are uncontested.

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments in lieu of paper using the “eFile” link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy which must reference the Project docket number.

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To file via any other courier: Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

⁶ *Id.* at P 40.

⁷ Similarly, the Commission will not re-litigate the issuance of an NGA section 3 authorization, including whether a proposed project is not inconsistent with the public interest and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the permit order complied with NEPA.

⁸ *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).