

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 2042–191]****Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County, Washington; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

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 an application submitted by Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County, Washington to amend the license for the Box Canyon Project No. 2042, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed amendment. The licensee proposes an amendment of the project license to be consistent with the terms of an Amended Settlement Agreement and to incorporate revised mandatory conditions submitted by the U.S. Department of the Interior under section 4(e) and section 18 of the Federal Power Act. The project is located on the Pend Oreille River in Pend Oreille County, Washington, and Bonner County, Idaho and occupies lands within the Kalispel Indian Reservation and lands within the Colville National Forest.

The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of the proposed amendment to the license, and concludes that the proposed amendment, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The EA may be viewed on the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P–2042) in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659. You may also register online at www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/subscription.asp 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP20–527–000]****Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC; Notice of Availability of The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for The Proposed East Lateral Xpress Project**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the East Lateral Xpress Project (Project), proposed by Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC (Columbia Gulf) in the above-referenced docket. Columbia Gulf requests authorization to construct and operate natural gas transmission facilities in Louisiana. The Project is designed to provide a total of 725 million standard cubic feet per day of firm transportation capacity, through a combination of incremental and existing capacity on Columbia Gulf's interstate natural gas pipeline system, to an interconnect with Venture Global Gator Express, LLC, for ultimate delivery as feed gas for Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC's facility in Plaquemines Parish.

The draft EIS responds to comments that were received on the Commission's March 16, 2021 Environmental Assessment (EA) ¹ and discloses downstream greenhouse gas emissions for the Project. With the exception of climate change impacts, the FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed Project, with the mitigation measures recommended in this EIS, would not result in significant environmental impacts. FERC staff continues to be unable to determine significance with regards to climate change impacts.

The draft EIS incorporates the above referenced EA, which addressed the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following Project facilities:

- 8.1 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline lateral within Barataria Bay in

Jefferson and Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana;

- Centerville Compressor Station—a new 23,470-horsepower (hp) compressor station at an abandoned Columbia Gulf compressor station site in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana;

- Golden Meadow Compressor Station—a new 23,470-hp compressor station adjacent to an existing tie-in facility in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana;

- a point of delivery meter station in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana; and

- a tie-in facility with two mainline valves and other appurtenances on a new platform in Barataria Bay, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed East Lateral Xpress Project* 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. The draft EIS is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov), on the natural gas environmental documents page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environmental/environmental-documents>). In addition, the draft EIS may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on the FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>) select "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field (i.e., CP20–527). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

The draft EIS is not a decision document. It presents Commission staff's independent analysis of the environmental issues for the Commission to consider when addressing the merits of all issues in this proceeding. Any person wishing to comment on the draft EIS may do so. Your comments should focus on the draft EIS's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, including climate impacts, measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts, and completeness of the submitted alternatives, information and analyses. 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 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 16, 2021.

¹ The Project's Environmental Assessment is available on eLibrary under accession no. 20210316–3010.