

statutory provisions of section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824c). Pursuant to section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA),¹ in Order 836,² the Commission approved the following standards: FAC–003–5 is set out to maintain a reliable electric transmission system by using a defense-in-depth strategy to manage vegetation located on transmission rights of way (ROW) and minimize encroachments from vegetation located adjacent to the ROW, thus preventing the risk of those vegetation-related outages that could lead to Cascading. FAC–003–5 is applicable to TOs and GOs and NERC has incorporated Applicability Sections 4.2.2 and 4.3.1.2 of FAC–003–5 to

replace references to “elements of an IROL under NERC Standard FAC–014 by the Planning Coordinator” with references to facilities:

“Identified by the Planning Coordinator or Transmission Planner, per its Planning Assessment of the Near-Term Transmission Planning Horizon as a Facility that if lost or degraded are expected to result in instances of instability, Cascading, or uncontrolled separation that adversely impacts the reliability of the Bulk Electric System for a planning event.”

Reliability Standard FAC–008–5 ensures that Facility Ratings used in the reliable planning and operation of the Bulk Electric System (BES) are

determined based on technically sound principles. A Facility Rating is essential for the determination of System Operating Limits.

Type of Respondents: TO & GO.³
Estimate of Annual Burden⁴ and Cost: The Commission estimates an increase (adjustment) in the annual public reporting burden for the FERC–725D. In an effort to target similar NERC Reliability Standards by family the following manhours associated with two FAC (Facilities) Reliability Standards (FAC–008–5 and FAC–003–5) is being transferred from 725A (1902–0244) to the 725D (1902–0247), where other FAC standards are collected, as shown below in the table:

	Number of entity ⁵	Number of annual responses per entity	Total number of responses	Average number of burden hours per response ⁶	Total burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)
Transferred from FERC–725M to FERC–725D					
Annual Review and Record Retention ...	191(TO)	1	191	1.91 hrs.; \$134.98/hrs	364.81 hrs.; \$25,781.12.
	731(GO)	1	731	.48 hrs.; \$33.92 hrs	349.41 hrs.; \$24,728.14.
Carryover from RD22–2 Exp. 2026	1,393	4	5,572	8 hrs.; \$565.36	44,576 hrs.; \$3,150,185.92.
Total for FAC–003–5 .....	.....	.....	6,494	.....	45,290.22 hrs.; \$3,200,659.85.
	Number of entity ⁷	Number of annual responses per entity	Total number of responses	Average number of burden hours per response ⁸	Total burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)
Transferred from FERC–725A to FERC–725D					
Annual review and record retention	324 (TO)	1	324	200 hrs.; \$70.67/hrs	64,800 hrs.; \$4,579,416.
	1210 (GO)	1	1,210	80 hrs.; \$70.67/hrs	96,800 hrs.; \$6,840,856.
Total for FAC–008–5 .....	.....	.....	1,534	.....	161,600 hrs.; \$11,420,272.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of

the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: January 17, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25–47–000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on January 10, 2025, Northern Natural Gas Company

¹ 16 U.S.C. 824(o).

² Order 836 in Docket No. RM16–13 was issued on 9/20/2017 and is posted at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/opennat.asp?fileID=14684897>.

³ TO = Transmission Owner; GO = Generator Owner.

⁴ Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information

collection burden, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

⁵ These values were derived from the NERC Compliance data of April 16, 2024, using only unique United States registered entities.

⁶ The estimated hourly cost (salary plus benefits) is a combination based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as of 2024, for 75% of the average of an Electrical Engineer (17–2071) \$79.31/hr., $79.31 \times .75 = 59.4825$ (\$59.48-rounded) (\$59.48/hour) and 25% of an Information and Record Clerk (43–4199) \$44.74/hr., $44.74 \times .25 = 11.185$ (\$11.19 rounded) (\$11.19/hour), for a total (\$59.48 + \$11.19 = \$70.67/hour).

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(Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000, for authorization to install and operate a new compressor station consisting of one new 11,152 horsepower natural gas-fired compressor turbine unit (Tarzan Compressor Station Project). All of the above facilities are located in Andrews County, Texas and will be tied into Northern's existing TXM15501 pipeline. The project will create 87,000 dekatherms per day of incremental firm service, which is fully subscribed. The estimated cost for the project is \$36.1 million, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

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User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's website during normal business hours from FERC Online Support at (202) 502-6652 (toll free at 1-866-208-3676) or email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371, TTY (202) 502-8659. Email the Public Reference Room at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov.

Any questions concerning this request should be directed to Bret Fritch, Regulatory Specialist, Northern Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 3330, Omaha, Nebraska 68103-0330, by phone at (402) 398-7140, or by email at bret.fritch@nngco.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 18, 2025. 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 18, 2025. 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 18, 2025. 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 18, 2025. 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 CP25-47-000 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

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.

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 CP25–47–000.

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

To file via any other method: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, 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 at: Bret Fritch, Regulatory Specialist, Northern Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 3330, Omaha, Nebraska 68103–0330, or by email (with a link to the document) at bret.fritch@nngco.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.

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.

Dated: January 17, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
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: RP25–361–000.

Applicants: Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing:

Updated Negotiated Rate Parking and Lending Agreements to be effective 1/17/2025.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117–5085.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/29/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25–362–000.

Applicants: Viking Gas Transmission Company.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing:

Negotiated Rate Parking and Lending Agreements to be effective 1/17/2025.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117–5088.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/29/25.

Docket Numbers: RP25–363–000.

Applicants: Great Basin Gas Transmission Company.

Description: Compliance filing:

NAESB Version 4.0 to be effective August 1, 2025 to be effective 8/1/2025.

Filed Date: 1/17/25.

Accession Number: 20250117–5107.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/29/25.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission’s Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) 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.

The filings are accessible in the Commission’s eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

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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Dated: January 21, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25–46–000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on January 7, 2025, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002–2700, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.216(b) of the Commission’s regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Columbia’s blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83–76–000, for authorization to abandon one injection/withdrawal well within the Brinker Storage Field, connecting pipeline, and appurtenant facilities (Brinker Well 4374 Abandonment Project), all located in Columbiana County, Ohio. The Brinker Well 4374 Abandonment Project will enable Columbia to limit the integrity risk to the Brinker Storage Field in alignment with the guidance of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Storage Final Rule. The estimated cost of the project is \$727,500, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

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