

Commission and must provide a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list and will be notified of any meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

As of the February 27, 2018 date of the Commission's order in Docket No. CP16-4-001, the Commission will apply its revised practice concerning out-of-time motions to intervene in any new Natural Gas Act section 3 or section 7 proceeding.<sup>1</sup> Persons desiring to become a party to a certificate proceeding are to intervene in a timely manner. If seeking to intervene out-of-time, the movant is required to "show good cause why the time limitation should be waived," and should provide justification by reference to factors set

forth in Rule 214(d)(1) (18 CFR 385.214(d)(1)) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on June 17, 2020.

*Dated:* May 27, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

### Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any

responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. 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 (<http://ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits 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 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Docket Nos.	File date	Presenter or requester
<b>Prohibited</b>		
1. CP20-47-000, RP20-41-000, RP20-41-001 .....	5-21-2020	FERC Staff. <sup>1</sup>
2. CP17-495-000, CP17-495-001 .....	5-21-2020	FERC Staff. <sup>2</sup>
3. CP16-9-000, CP16-9-010 .....	5-21-2020	FERC Staff. <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.*, 162 FERC ¶ 61,167 at ¶ 50 (2018).

Docket Nos.	File date	Presenter or requester
<b>Exempt</b>		
P-10624-026 .....	5-20-2020	FERC Staff. <sup>4</sup>

Dated: May 27, 2020.  
**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
*Deputy 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:

*Docket Numbers:* CP20-458-000.  
*Applicants:* Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.  
*Description:* Abbreviated Application for Authorization to Abandon Exchange and Transportation Service of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.

*Filed Date:* 5/20/20.  
*Accession Number:* 20200520-5039.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/10/20.  
*Docket Numbers:* RP20-649-000.  
*Applicants:* Trailblazer Pipeline Company LLC.  
*Description:* Report Filing: TPC 2020 Annual L&U Cash-out Refund Report.  
*Filed Date:* 5/18/20.  
*Accession Number:* 20200518-5126.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/1/20.  
*Docket Numbers:* RP20-869-001.  
*Applicants:* Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC.  
*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Supplement to Rate Schedule S-2 Tracker Filing in Docket No. RP20-869-000 to be effective 6/1/2020.  
*Filed Date:* 5/20/20.  
*Accession Number:* 20200520-5027.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/1/20.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

<sup>1</sup> Memorandum regarding ex parte communication with Ms. Aurelle Sprout on 4/21/2020.

<sup>2</sup> Memorandum regarding ex parte communication with Ms. Faith Strigler on 4/21/2020.

<sup>3</sup> Memorandum regarding ex parte communication with Mr. Chris Cramer and 6 other individuals on 4/16/2020.

<sup>4</sup> Email regarding the 5/20/2020 communication between Commission staff and the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office.

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 date(s). 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM19-4-000]

#### Implementation of Amended Section of the Federal Power Act

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Report; Request for Public Comment.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to "An Act to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act" (Act), the Commission issues an initial report on the effects of the amendment on mergers or consolidations by a public utility as well as the information collected since this amendment and the Commission's final rule implementing this amendment became effective.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before June 29, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, identified by docket number, may be filed electronically at <http://www.ferc.gov> in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format. For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by mail or hand-delivery to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The

Comment Procedures Section of this document contains more detailed filing procedures.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tina Briscoe (Technical Information), Office of Energy Market Regulation, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8751, [Tina.Briscoe@ferc.gov](mailto:Tina.Briscoe@ferc.gov).

Regine Baus (Legal Information), Office of the General Counsel, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8757, [Regine.Baus@ferc.gov](mailto:Regine.Baus@ferc.gov).

#### United States of America Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Implementation of Amended Section 203(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Power Act; Notice Of Availability Of Report; Request For Public Comment

May 22, 2020

#### I. Introduction

1. On September 28, 2018, Congress passed "An Act to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act" (Act) in Public Law 115-247. As discussed in further detail below, the Act resulted in two changes to section 203 of the Federal Power Act (FPA).<sup>1</sup> The Act also directed the Commission to issue a report, subject to notice and comment, on the changes to FPA section 203 and to submit that report to Congress. As discussed below, interested persons may submit comments on this report by June 29, 2020.

#### II. Background

##### A. Public Law 115-247

2. Section 1 of the Act amended section 203(a)(1)(B)<sup>2</sup> to provide that no public utility shall, without first having secured an order of the Commission authorizing it to do so, merge or consolidate, directly or indirectly, its facilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, or any part thereof, with the facilities of any other person, or any part thereof, that are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission and have a value in excess of \$10 million, by any means whatsoever. Section 3 of the Act provided that the amendment to section 203(a)(1)(B) shall take effect 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Act, *i.e.*, March 28, 2019. The primary effect of this amendment was to establish a \$10 million threshold for

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824b (2018).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* 824b(a)(1)(B).