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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25-49-000]

Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on January 16, 2025, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern), 915 N. Eldridge Parkway, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas 77079, 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 Texas Eastern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-535-000, for authorization to replace three segments of its existing 30-inch-diameter pipelines (Lines 10, 15, and 25) totaling 2.19 miles and upgrade an existing meter and regulator station (M&R 72672) all located in Wilson County, Tennessee (Project). The Project will allow Texas Eastern to ensure continued safe and compliant operations following the identification of a pipeline class location change set forth by the Pipeline Hazardous and Materials Safety Administration and Department of Transportation. The estimated cost for the Project is \$24.8 million, 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

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 Berk Donaldson, Director, Regulatory, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, by telephone at (713) 627-4488, by fax at (713) 627-5947, or by email at Berk.Donaldson@enbridge.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 28, 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 28, 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 28, 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

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.

your comments on or before March 28, 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 CP25–49–000 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"; or ⁶

(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 CP25–49–000.

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: Berk Donaldson, Director, Regulatory, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251–1642, or by email (with a link to the document) at Berk.Donaldson@enbridge.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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[Project No. 2150–153]

Puget Sound Energy, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On July 14, 2022, as supplemented on August 1, 2023, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (licensee) filed a draft biological assessment (BA) under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) addressing the potential effects that could occur to federally-listed species, designated critical habitat, and essential fish habitat (EFH) as a result of the licensee's proposed Upper Baker Dam Spillway Stability Improvements and Tailrace Channel Rock Debris Removal Project (Spillway Project) at the Baker River Hydroelectric Project No. 2150. On September 15, 2021, the licensee filed a Water Quality Protection Plan in support of the proposed Spillway Project. The Baker River Project consists of two developments, Upper Baker and Lower Baker, and is located on the Baker River in Skagit and Whatcom counties, Washington. The project occupies federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service) within the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

The licensee proposes to improve stability of the Upper Baker Dam spillway slope and remove accumulated rockfall debris material in the tailrace

channel downstream of the dam. To stabilize the spillway slope, the licensee plans to excavate the rockfall debris from the tailrace channel and backfill the existing sluiceway structure with concrete or cementitious grout, imported coarse and fine aggregate, and a portion of the rockfall debris, creating a concrete rock buttress to improve the stability of the spillway slope. The proposed project is needed because the existing spillway slope has been identified as a potential failure mode for the Upper Baker Dam, and rockfall debris in the channel downstream of the dam contributes to flooding of the powerhouse during spill events and has reduced power generation.

On August 17, 2022, Commission staff issued a Notice of Water Quality Protection Plan Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests. On August 30, 2022 and September 16, 2022, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and Forest Service, respectively, filed notices of intervention. No other comments or motions to intervene were received.

On August 17, 2022, Commission staff adopted the licensee's draft BA without modification as the Commission's final BA and requested formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). By letter dated February 21, 2023, Commission staff updated the request for consultation under section 7 of the ESA from formal to informal consultation between NMFS and the Commission. On September 25, 2023, Commission staff issued separate letters to the FWS and NMFS, informing the agencies of the supplemental information filed by the licensee on August 1, 2023, and updating the requests for consultation under section 7 of the ESA. On August 15, 2023, NMFS filed a letter of concurrence with the Commission's determinations that the proposed Spillway Project is not likely to adversely affect the NMFS ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat. On November 3, 2023, the FWS filed its Biological Opinion in response to the Commission's BA.

In the August 17, 2022 letter, and reiterated in the February 21, 2023 letter, Commission staff also determined, pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), that the Spillway Project may adversely affect EFH for Pacific coast salmon. In the August 15, 2023 letter, NMFS reviewed the proposed Spillway Project for potential effects on EFH under the Magnuson-Stevens Act,

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.