

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. CP17–495–000, PF17–4–000, CP17–494–000, PF17–4–000]

**Jordan Cove Energy Project, L.P.;
Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, LP;
Notice of Applications**

Take notice that on September 21, 2017, Jordan Cove Energy Project, L.P. (Jordan Cove), 5615 Kirby Drive, Suite 500, Houston, Texas 77005, filed in Docket No. CP17–495–000 an application under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 153 of the Commission's regulations, seeking authorization to site, construct and operate a natural gas liquefaction and liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facility (LNG Terminal) on the bay side of the North Spit of Coos Bay in unincorporated Coos County, Oregon. The LNG Terminal will be capable of receiving up to 1,200,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of natural gas via the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, liquefying it, storing it in two cryogenic storage tanks, and loading the LNG onto ocean going vessels for export, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Also take notice that on September 21, 2017, Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline, LP (Pacific Connector), 5615 Kirby Drive, Suite 500, Houston, Texas 77005, filed an application in Docket No. CP17–494–000, pursuant to section 7(c) of the NGA, and Parts 157 and 284 of the Commission's regulations, for: (1) A certificate of public convenience and necessity (i) authorizing Pacific Connector to construct, install, own, and operate a new, approximately 229-mile natural gas pipeline under Part 157, Subpart A of the Commission's regulations, (ii) approving the *pro forma* Tariff and non-conforming provisions submitted herewith, and (iii) approving the proposed initial rates for service; (2) a blanket certificate authorizing Pacific Connector to engage in certain self-implementing routine activities under Part 157, Subpart F, of the Commission's regulations; and (3) a blanket certificate authorizing Pacific Connector to transport natural gas, on an open access and self-implementing basis, under Part 284, Subpart G of the Commission's regulations, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. Copies of this filing are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, or may be viewed on the

Commission's Web site web at <http://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. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Questions regarding this application should be directed to Rose Haddon, Director, Regulatory Affairs, Jordan Cove Energy Project, L.P., 5615 Kirby Drive, Suite 500, Houston, Texas 77005, or by telephone at 866–227–9249, or email at: rose.haddon@jordancovelng.com.

On February 10, 2017, the Commission staff granted Jordan Cove's request to utilize the Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF17–4–000 to staff activities involved with Jordan Cove's LNG Terminal and the Pacific Connector. Now, as of the filing of the application on September 21, 2017, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP17–495–000 for the Jordan Cove Energy Project and in Docket No. CP17–494–000 for the Pacific Connector, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Within 90 days after the Commission issues a Notice of Application for the applications in the two instant dockets, the Commission staff will issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review that will indicate the anticipated date for the Commission's staff issuance of the final EIS analyzing both proposals. The issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will also serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's final EIS.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, before the comment date of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 7 copies of filings made with the Commission and

must mail 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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the e-Filing link. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 26, 2017.

Dated: October 5, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER18–27–000]

**Supplemental Notice That Initial
Market-Based Rate Filing Includes
Request for Blanket Section 204
Authorization; Thunder Ranch Wind
Project, LLC**

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding Thunder Ranch Wind Project, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888

First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is October 25, 2017.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for electronic review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. CP17-80-000]

Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Eastern Panhandle Expansion Project; Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC

On March 15, 2017, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) filed an

application in Docket No. CP17-80-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Eastern Panhandle Expansion Project (Project), and would involve construction and operation of approximately 3.4 miles of 8-inch-diameter pipeline in Fulton County, Pennsylvania; Washington County, Maryland; and Morgan County, West Virginia.

On April 25, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—January 26, 2018
90-day Federal Authorization Decision
Deadline—April 26, 2018

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

Columbia proposes to construct, operate, and maintain the Project in three counties and states (Fulton County, Pennsylvania; Washington County, Maryland; and Morgan County, West Virginia). The Project would provide an additional 47.5 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of capacity for firm transportation service to markets in West Virginia through Mountaineer Gas Company's (Mountaineer) gathering system. The Project will involve the construction and operation of approximately 3.4 miles of new greenfield 8-inch-diameter pipeline, three main line valves, and two new tie-in assemblies.

Background

On April 25, 2017, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Eastern Panhandle Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). The NOI was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and

public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the NOI, the Commission received comments from: the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, Potomac Riverkeeper Network, Upper Potomac Riverkeeper, Waterkeepers Chesapeake, Allegheny Defense Project, West Virginia Rivers, 1,761 signatories from the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, and 115 concerned citizens from the region. The primary issues raised by the commentors are: Potential impacts on the Potomac River, karst features, groundwater quality, safety, climate change, and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

The U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. 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. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov). Using the eLibrary link, select General Search from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and Docket Number excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP17-080), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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