

temporary connections of facilities and generation, delivery, interchange, or transmission of electric energy as in its judgment will best meet the emergency and serve the public interest.

On February 14, 2021, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), the Independent System Operator (ISO) whose service territory includes 90 percent of the electric customers in the state of Texas, filed a Request for Emergency Order Under Section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act (Application) with the Department “to preserve the reliability of bulk electric power system.” In its Application, ERCOT cited unprecedented low temperatures facing Texas and the surrounding region that would lead to electric demand outpacing available generation. In its Application, ERCOT noted that numerous generation units would be unable to operate at full capacity without violating federal air quality or other permit limitations. Therefore, ERCOT requested that the Secretary issue an order immediately, effective February 14, 2021, through February 19, 2021, authorizing “the provision of additional energy from all generation units subject to emissions or other permit limits” in the ERCOT region.

After review of the facts and ERCOT policy and procedure, the Acting Secretary of Energy issued an emergency order (the Order) on February 14, 2021, directing ERCOT to dispatch necessary electric generation units and to order their operation only as needed to maintain the reliability of the power grid in the ERCOT region when the demand on the ERCOT system exceeds expected energy and reserve requirements.

The Department required that ERCOT provide a report by March 1, 2021, reporting all dates between February 14, 2021 and February 19, 2021, on which the Specified Resources were operated, the hours of operation, and exceedance of permitting limits, including sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), mercury (Hg), carbon monoxide (CO), and other air pollutants, as well as exceedances of wastewater release limits.

According to the March 1, 2021, initial report, 27 of the 29 generating units provided emissions data in excess of permit limits. The other two generating units did not exceed permitted levels. The total mass emissions that exceeded permit limits, summed over all generating units for the reporting period, are: 77.03 U.S. tons of NO_x and 10.76 U.S. tons of CO. There were no exceedances for SO₂, Hg, or PM₁₀. These generating units are located in the Texas counties of Bosque,

Calhoun, Fort Bend, Freestone, Harris, and Galveston. DOE will receive final data from ERCOT on March 31, 2021. After receiving the final data from ERCOT on March 31, 2021, DOE will review the report and determine the appropriate level of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review, including analysis of environmental justice issues.

Procedural Background: The generating units (Specified Resources) to which this Order pertains were identified in the Order and can be found on the website identified above. Given the emergency nature of the expected load stress, the responsibility of ERCOT to ensure maximum reliability on its system, and the ability of ERCOT to identify and dispatch generation necessary to meet the additional load, the Acting Secretary determined additional dispatch of the Specified Resources was necessary to best meet the emergency and serve the public interest for purposes of FPA section 202(c). Because the additional generation may result in a conflict with environmental standards and requirements, the Acting Secretary authorized only the necessary additional generation, with reporting requirements as described below.

FPA section 202(c)(2) requires the Secretary of Energy to ensure any FPA section 202(c) order that may result in a conflict with a requirement of any environmental law be limited to the “hours necessary to meet the emergency and serve the public interest, and, to the maximum extent practicable,” be consistent with any applicable environmental law and minimize any adverse environmental impacts. To minimize adverse environmental impacts, the Order limited operation of dispatched units to the times and within the parameters determined by ERCOT for reliability purposes.

The Acting Secretary conditioned the Order by requiring ERCOT to report on actions taken pursuant to the Order regarding the environmental impacts of this Order and its compliance with the conditions of this Order, in each case as requested by the Department of Energy from time to time. On March 1, 2021, ERCOT reported all dates between February 14, 2021, and February 19, 2021, on which the Specified Resources were operated, the hours of operation, and exceedance of permitting limits, including SO₂, NO_x, Hg, CO, and other air pollutants as well as exceedances of wastewater release limits. ERCOT shall submit a final report by March 31, 2021, with any revisions to the information reported on March 1, 2021. In addition, ERCOT shall provide information to the

Department quantifying the net revenue associated with generation in excess of environmental limits accruing to non-RUC units in connection with orders issued by the Department pursuant to Section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act. The reports can viewed on the DOE website for this docket here: <https://www.energy.gov/oe/downloads/federal-power-act-section-202c-ercot-february-2021>.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on April 1, 2021 by Patricia A. Hoffman, Acting Assistant Secretary for the Office of Electricity, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 2, 2021.

Treena V. Garrett,

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S.
Department of Energy.*

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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 Number: PR21-40-000.

Applicants: Southwest Gas Corporation.

Description: Tariff filing per 284.123(b), (e)+(g): Amended SOC for Blanket Certificate to be effective 4/1/2021.

Filed Date: 3/30/2021.

Accession Number: 202103305001.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/20/2021.

284.123(g) Protests Due: 5 p.m. ET 6/1/2021.

Docket Numbers: RP21-664-000.

Applicants: Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: WEPCO Neg Rate Agreement to be effective 4/1/2021.

Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5015.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–665–000.
Applicants: Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Eastern GTS—March 31, 2021 Negotiated Rate Agreement to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5020.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–666–000.
Applicants: Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Eastern GTS—March 31, 2021 Administrative Changes to be effective 5/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5031.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–667–000.
Applicants: Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Eastern GTS—March 31, 2021 MCS Negotiated Rate Agreements to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5036.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–668–000.
Applicants: Hardy Storage Company, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: RAM 2021 to be effective 5/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5039.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–669–000.
Applicants: Cove Point LNG, LP.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Cove Point—March 31, 2021 Administrative Change to be effective 5/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5040.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–670–000.
Applicants: Carolina Gas Transmission, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Carolina Gas—March 31, 2021 Administrative Changes to be effective 5/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5058.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–671–000.
Applicants: Alliance Pipeline L.P.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Chinook Perm Release NRA to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5115.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–672–000.
Applicants: Gulf South Pipeline Company, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Cap Rel Neg Rate Agmts (FPL 41618, 41619 to Spire 53634, Eco-Energy 53741) to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5118.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–673–000.
Applicants: Gulf South Pipeline Company, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Cap Rel Neg Rate Agmt (JERA 46435 to EDF 53756) to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5119.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–674–000.
Applicants: Gulf South Pipeline Company, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Cap Rel Neg Rate Agmts (Atlanta Gas 8438 to various shippers eff 4–1–2021) to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5128.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–675–000.
Applicants: Gulf South Pipeline Company, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Cap Rel Neg Rate Agmts (Marathon 51753, 51754 to Spire 53914, 53915) to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5129.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–676–000.
Applicants: Gulf South Pipeline Company, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Cap Rel Neg Rate Agmt (Osaka 46429 to Texla 53939) to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5130.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–677–000.
Applicants: Texas Gas Transmission, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Indiana Gas Capacity Releases eff 4–1–2021 to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5156.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–678–000.
Applicants: Texas Gas Transmission, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Cap Rel Neg Rate Agmt (Jay-Bee 34447 to MacQuarie 39067) to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5157.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–679–000.
Applicants: Gulf South Pipeline Company, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Cap Rel Neg Rate Agmt (Pensacola 43993 to BP 53944) to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5166.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–680–000.
Applicants: Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates—Cherokee AGL—Replacement Shippers—Apr 2021 to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5167.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–681–000.
Applicants: Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2021 Annual Fuel and Electric Power Tracker Filing to be effective 5/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5206.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–682–000.
Applicants: Southwest Gas Storage Company.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Filing on 3–31–2021 to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5207.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–683–000.
Applicants: Rockies Express Pipeline LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: REX 2021–03–31 Negotiated Rate Agreements to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5225.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–684–000.
Applicants: Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: TIGT 2021–03–31 Negotiated Rate Agreement Amendment to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5226.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–685–000.
Applicants: El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Non-Conforming Letter Agreement Update (SWG) to be effective 5/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5240.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–686–000.
Applicants: Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Crediting of Reservation Charges—GSS, S–2, LNG, and LG–A to be effective 5/1/2021.

Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5249.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–687–000.
Applicants: Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: OTRA Summer 2021 to be effective 5/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5259.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–688–000.
Applicants: Cheniere Corpus Christi Pipeline L.P.
Description: Annual Operations Transaction Report for 2020 of Cheniere Corpus Christi Pipeline, L.P.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5268.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–689–000.
Applicants: Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline, L.P.
Description: Annual Operations Transaction Report for 2020 of Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline, L.P.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5283.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–690–000.
Applicants: Equitrans, L.P.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Service Agreement—BP effective 4/1/2021 to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5288.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–691–000.
Applicants: Midship Pipeline Company, LLC.
Description: Annual Operations Transaction Report for 2020 of Midship Pipeline Company, LLC.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5302.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–692–000.
Applicants: Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates—MC Global Amendment 911524 to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5322.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–693–000.
Applicants: Northern Natural Gas Company.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 20210331 Negotiated Rate to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5308.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–694–000.

Applicants: Equitrans, L.P.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Service Agreement—MEA effective 4/1/2021 to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5323.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–695–000.
Applicants: Equitrans, L.P.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate FTS Service Agreements—effective 4/1/2021 to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5326.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–697–000.
Applicants: East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC.
Description: 2019–2020 Cashout Report of East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC.
Filed Date: 3/31/21.
Accession Number: 20210331–5396.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
 The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.
 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.
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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: RP21–661–000.
Applicants: Northern Border Pipeline Company.

Description: (doc-less) Motion to Intervene of Northern States Power Company—Minnesota.
Filed Date: 3/30/21.
Accession Number: 20210330–5304.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–662–000.
Applicants: LA Storage, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Filing of Negotiated Rate, Conforming IW Agreements 4.1.21 to be effective 4/1/2021.
Filed Date: 3/30/21.
Accession Number: 20210330–5170.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
Docket Numbers: RP21–663–000.
Applicants: Kern River Gas Transmission Company.
Description: Annual Gas Compressor Fuel Report of Kern River Gas Transmission Company.
Filed Date: 3/30/21.
Accession Number: 20210330–5211.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/12/21.
 The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC21–7–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–598); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.