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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP24-8-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Texas-Louisiana Expansion Project

The staff of the Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Texas-Louisiana Expansion Project, proposed by Natural Gas Company of America LLC (Natural) in the above-referenced docket. Natural requests authorization for construction, installation, modification, operation, and maintenance of facilities at two existing compressor stations in Liberty County (Compressor Station 343) and Montgomery County (Compressor Station 302), Texas. Through installation of the proposed facilities, Natural would add an incremental 300,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/day) of firm gas capacity in Segment 25 of its eastbound Louisiana Line. When combined with the unsubscribed capacity Natural has reserved for the Texas-Louisiana Expansion Project, this would allow Natural to provide up to 467,000 Dth/day of firm transportation service to the Project shippers.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Texas-Louisiana Expansion Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The proposed Texas-Louisiana Expansion Project includes the following facilities and activities:

Modifications and Installations at Compressor Station 302 in Montgomery County, Texas:

- Uprate the existing compressor controls to increase the horsepower (hp) of existing compressor Units 7 and 8 by 1,600 hp each, for a total of 3,200 hp;
- Re-wheel existing compressor Units 7, 8 and 9; and

- Install one new electric motor driven compressor unit with a rating of 18,340 hp.

Modification at Compressor Station 343 in Liberty County, Texas:

- Re-wheel existing electric motor driven compressor Units 9 and 10.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability* of the EA to Federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the project area. The EA is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov), on the natural gas environmental documents page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents>). In addition, the EA may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on the FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>), select "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP24-8). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

The EA is not a decision document. It presents Commission staff's independent analysis of the environmental issues for the Commission to consider when addressing the merits of all issues in this proceeding. Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the EA's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 8, 2024.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP24-8-000) on your letter. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing or judicial review of the Commission's decision. At this point in this proceeding, the timeframe for filing timely intervention requests has expired. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene out-of-time pursuant to Rule 214(b)(3) and (d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 Code of Federal Regulations 385.214(b)(3) and (d)) and show good cause why the time limitation should be waived. Motions to intervene are more fully described at <https://www.ferc.gov/how-intervene>.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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.

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. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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[Docket No. IC24-13-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-716) Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-716, Good Faith Requests for Transmission Services under Section 213(a) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) and Applications for Interconnection or Transmission Orders under Sections 211(a) and 212 of the FPA (OMB Control Number 1902-0170). The information collection will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due July 12, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on FERC-716 to OMB through www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB Control Number (1902-0170) in the subject line of your comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.

Please submit copies of your comments to the Commission. You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC24-13-000) by one of the following methods:

Electronic filing through <https://www.ferc.gov>, is preferred.

- **Electronic Filing:** Documents must be filed 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 USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery.

- **Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:** Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- **Hand (including courier) delivery:** Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Instructions: OMB submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Using the search function under the "Currently Under Review" field, select Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; click "submit," and select "comment" to the right of the subject collection. **FERC submissions** must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <https://www.ferc.gov>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free).

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Sonneman may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-6362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-716, Good Faith Requests for Transmission Services under Section 213(a) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) and Applications for Interconnection or Transmission Orders under Sections 211(a) and 212 of the FPA.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0170.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-716 information collection requirements with revisions.

Abstract: FERC-716 pertains to transmission of electricity generated and sold at the wholesale level, *i.e.*, sold to a utility or other entity reselling that energy to residential, business, or industrial customers. The term of art for such a transaction is "sale for resale." The FPA and the relevant Commission regulations provide for two procedures that a generator of electricity may use to seek transmission services from an entity that does not own or directly use the power it is transmitting. One procedure involves the exchange of information between generators and transmitting utilities, and does not require submission of information to the Commission. The other procedure, which is applicable only if the exchange of information is unsuccessful, involves an application for a Commission interconnection or transmission order.

Section 213(a) of the FPA (16 U.S.C. 16 U.S.C. 824j) provides that whenever a person generating wholesale electric energy makes a good faith request to a transmitting utility to provide wholesale transmission services, and includes in that request specific rates and charges and other terms and conditions, the transmitting utility must either:

- Agree to provide such services at rates, charges, terms and conditions acceptable to the generator-requester; or
- Within 60 days or other mutually agreed upon period, provide the generator-requester with a detailed written explanation, with specific reference to the facts and circumstances of the request, stating (1) the transmitting utility's basis for the proposed rates, charges, terms, and conditions for such services, and (2) its analysis of any physical or other constraints affecting the provision of such services.

Section 211(a) of the FPA (16 U.S.C. 824j(a)) provides that any person generating wholesale electric energy may apply to the Commission for an order requiring a transmitting utility to provide wholesale transmission services to the applicant. The Commission's regulation at 18 CFR 2.20 provides that the Commission may issue an FPA section 211 order only if the applicant has made a request for transmission services to the transmitting utility at least 60 days prior to the filing of an application for such order. A Commission order requiring interconnection or transmission services must include a determination that the order meets the requirements of FPA section 212 (16 U.S.C. 824k) and would otherwise be in the public interest.

Program changes are necessary to increase the accuracy of this information collection request. As