

any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS determined that the issuance of the initial IHA qualified to be categorically excluded from further National Environmental Policy Act review. NMFS has determined that the application of this categorical exclusion remains appropriate for this reissued IHA.

### Endangered Species Act (ESA)

Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS consults internally whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species, in this case with the NMFS' Alaska Regional Office (AKRO).

NMFS is authorizing take of the Mexico-North Pacific stock of humpback whale, and Western DPS of Steller sea lion, which are listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA. The NMFS AKRO issued a Biological Opinion under section 7 of the ESA on the issuance of an IHA to USACE under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA by NMFS OPR. The biological opinion concluded that the action is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the listed species.

### Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to USACE for in-water construction activities associated with the specified activity from March 15, 2025 through March 14, 2026. All previously described mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements from the initial 2024 IHA are incorporated.

Dated: March 7, 2025.

### Kimberly Damon-Randall,

Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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## COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

### Notice of Meeting

Per 45 CFR 2102.3, the next meeting of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for March 20, 2025, at 9 a.m. and will be held via online videoconference. Items of discussion

may include buildings, infrastructure, parks, memorials, and public art.

Draft agendas, the link to register for the online public meeting, and additional information regarding the Commission are available on our website: [www.cfa.gov](http://www.cfa.gov). Inquiries regarding the agenda, as well as any public testimony, should be addressed to Thomas Luebke, Secretary, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address; by emailing [cfastaff@cfa.gov](mailto:cfastaff@cfa.gov); or by calling 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated March 5, 2025 in Washington, DC.

### Zakiya N. Walters,

Administrative Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM01-5-000]

### Notice Regarding Inclusion of OLE Objects in Tariff Records and Use of ALJ Settlement Codes; Electronic Tariff Filings

#### I. Embedded OLE Objects

A number of eTariff filings recently contained tariff records with OLE objects (an object created in one application that can be embedded in another application). For example, some filings have included what were intended to be pictures or line drawings but were in fact embedded program files, .PDF files and PowerPoint (.pptx) files. Since the inception of eTariff, the Commission has not permitted the use of embedded objects in tariff records (when those tariff records were filed as .rtf files).<sup>1</sup> Commission staff is working to create a check that will similarly reject tariff record files in other applications that contain OLE objects.

In the meantime, if filings are made with OLE embedded objects, the filing may be rejected, or the filer may be contacted to remake the filing if the embedded object does not render. Filers

<sup>1</sup> Validation Code 170 results in rejections of .RTF filings with embedded objects. Commission eTariff website, Validation Error Codes (updated 11/25/2024) ("If a record binary data is provided then the rtf file should not have any embedded OLE objects"), [https://www.ferc.gov/sites/default/files/2024-11/validation\\_error\\_code.csv](https://www.ferc.gov/sites/default/files/2024-11/validation_error_code.csv); Electronic Tariff Filings, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 108 FERC § 61,021, at P 36 (2004) ("The electronic tariff may not include embedded objects.").

and third-party software providers also should check their tariff records to make sure they do not contain an OLE object.<sup>2</sup> Filers should be careful not to click on the Insert/Object tab to import pictures into the document. Pictures still can be included in the tariff record if the picture is pasted into the document or inserted using the Insert tab.

#### II. ALJ Settlement Codes

The ALJ Settlement filing type codes<sup>3</sup> should be used only when filing settlements in matters set for hearing and settlement judge procedures as these filings are directed to the Office of Administrative Law Judges. When parties reach a settlement outside of the hearing and settlement process (*e.g.*, settlements of proceedings with paper hearing procedures), the settlement must be filed using the standard compliance codes applicable to the filer to ensure the filing is properly assigned. Filing of *pro forma* tariff records are preferred to avoid overlapping tariff records in future filings.

For more information, contact [Michael.Goldenberg@ferc.gov](mailto:Michael.Goldenberg@ferc.gov), [James.Sarikas@ferc.gov](mailto:James.Sarikas@ferc.gov), or the eTariff Advisory Staff at 202-502-6501 or at [etariffresponse@ferc.gov](mailto:etariffresponse@ferc.gov).

Dated: March 7, 2025.

### Carlos D. Clay,

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:

#### Filings Instituting Proceedings

*Docket Numbers:* RP25-694-000.  
*Applicants:* Kern River Gas Transmission Company.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing; 2025 Form of Service Modifications to be effective 4/7/2025.  
*Filed Date:* 3/6/25.  
*Accession Number:* 20250306-5253.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 3/18/25.  
*Docket Numbers:* RP25-695-000.  
*Applicants:* RH energytrans, LLC.

<sup>2</sup> Clicking Control G in Word or Excel permits a search for embedded objects. Also running the Document Inspector will reveal whether the document contains OLE objects.

<sup>3</sup> Filing type codes 1380, 1385, 1390, 1395, 1400, 1405, 1410, 1415, 1420, and 1425.