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Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Kenneth E. Webster, Attorney for National Fuel and Empire, 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, or call at (716) 857-7067.

Specifically, National Fuel requests authorization: (i) To construct 96.65 miles of 24-inch diameter pipeline; (ii) to add 5,350 horsepower (hp) of compression at the Porterville, New York compressor station; (iii) to construct an interconnect meter and regulation (M&R) station with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.’s 200 Line; (iv) to construct an M&R station and tie-in in Hinsdale, New York; (v) to construct an interconnection with NFG Midstream Clermont, L.L.C.; (vi) to modify an existing tie-in; (vii) to construct a pressure reduction station; (viii) to abandon, via sale to Empire, all 3.09 miles of National Fuel’s existing Line XM-10 pipeline and certain other existing facilities; (ix) to charge an initial incremental firm recourse rate for the Project; and (x) for a limited waiver of General Terms and Conditions Section 31.1 of National Fuel’s tariff to permit the Project’s Foundation Shipper to shift its primary delivery point for a portion of the Project’s incremental capacity more than ninety days after its initial request. National Fuel proposes to provide 497,000 dekatherms per day of new firm natural gas transportation capacity.

Empire requests authorization to: (i) Construct a new 22,214 hp compressor station in Pendleton, New York; (ii) construct 3.05 miles of 24-inch pipeline, replacing 3.05 miles of existing National Fuel 16-inch XM-10 pipeline; (iii) construct a new dehydration facility; (iv) modify two existing tie-ins; and (v) acquire from National Fuel the aforementioned 3.09 miles of Line XM-10. Empire proposes to provide 350,000 dekatherms per day of new firm natural gas transportation capacity.

The total cost of the Project would be approximately \$376,670,388 (National Fuel) and \$74,348,362 (Empire).

On July 24, 2014, the Commission staff granted the Applicants’ request to use the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF14-18-000 to staff activities involving the proposed facilities. Now, as of the filing of this application on March 17, 2015, the NEPA Pre-Filing Process for this project

has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP15-115-000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission’s rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission’s public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff’s issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission’s public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule will 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 FEIS or EA.

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, on or before the comment date stated below, 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 5 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.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission’s environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission’s environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission’s final order.

Motions to intervene, protests and comments may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper; see, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission’s Web site under the “e-Filing” link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. Comment Date: April 17, 2015.

Dated: March 27, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board Chairs

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) Chairs. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, April 22, 2015—8 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2015—8 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Doubletree, 2561 Perimeter Parkway, Augusta, Georgia 30909.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Borak, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; Phone: (202) 586-9928.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda Topics:

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

- EM Program Update
- EM SSAB Chairs' Round Robin: Topics, Achievements, and Accomplishments
- EM Budget Update
- Roundtable Discussion: DOE Communication Strategies
- Public Comment Period

Thursday, April 23, 2015

- DOE Headquarters News and Views
- EM Headquarters Waste Disposition Update
- EM Safety Culture Presentation
- Public Comment

Public Participation: The EM SSAB Chairs welcome the attendance of the public at their advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact David Borak at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed either before or after the meeting with the Designated Federal Officer, David Borak, at the address or telephone listed above. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should also contact David Borak. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling David Borak at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://www.em.doe.gov/stakepages/ssabchairs.aspx>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on March 30, 2015.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP15-110-000]

Northwest Pipeline LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Union Meter Station Upgrade Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Union Meter Station Upgrade Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Northwest Pipeline LLC (Northwest) in Union County, Oregon. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on April 27, 2015.

You may submit comments in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are in the Public Participation section of this notice. If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on March 6, 2015, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP15-110-000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be

determined in accordance with state law.

Northwest provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov).

Summary of the Proposed Project

Northwest proposes to modify its existing meter station in Grande Ronde Valley, southeast of La Grande, Union County, Oregon. The Union Meter Station Upgrade Project would increase the existing Union Meter Station's capacity from approximately 3,120,000 to 5,500,000 standard cubic feet per day of natural gas in accordance with a Facility Agreement between Northwest and Avista Corporation, a local distribution company.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.¹

Land Requirements for Construction

The project would require approximately 0.2 acre of total surface use occurring on previously disturbed and graveled land. Project construction would occur within the existing 50-foot-wide by 100-foot-long Union Meter Station property.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us² to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. We will consider all filed comments during the preparation of the EA.

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at www.ferc.gov using the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

² "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.