

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 7, 2022.

Christopher Lawrence,

Management and Program Analyst, Electricity Delivery Division, Office of Electricity.

[FR Doc. 2022-07799 Filed 4-11-22; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its collection, titled Technology Partnerships Ombudsmen Reporting Requirements, OMB Control Number 1910-5118. The proposed collection will identify the number and nature of complaints received and resolved by technology partnership ombuds related to technology partnerships, patents, and licenses.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before May 12, 2022. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 881-8585.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phillip Harmonick, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 287-1594, Phillip.Harmonick@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

- (1) *OMB No.*: 1910-5118;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title*: Technology Partnerships Ombudsmen Reporting Requirements;
- (3) *Type of Request*: Extension;
- (4) *Purpose*: DOE's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office is one of four

entities that collects reports required by the Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 2000 from technology partnership ombuds at each DOE national laboratory. These reports are intended to demonstrate the extent to which each national laboratory has incorporated alternative dispute resolution techniques into its respective technology transfer program;

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 17;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 68;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 17;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$1,230.

Statutory Authority: Section 11 of the Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 2000, Public Law 106-404, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7261c(c)(3)(C).

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on April 7, 2022, by Poli A. Marmolejos, Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, 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 7, 2022.

Treana V. Garrett,

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

[FR Doc. 2022-07782 Filed 4-11-22; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP22-42-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Ogden to Ventura A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project

On January 21, 2022, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed an application in Docket No. CP22-42-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to

Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct, operate, and abandon certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Ogden To Ventura A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project (Project). Northern proposes to abandon in-place two segments of its A-line system, totaling 82.7 miles, in Boone, Webster, Wright, and Hancock Counties, Iowa and replace the abandoned capacity by extending the D-line in Wright County, Iowa. Northern states the Project would not result in a loss of service to its customers and would have no impact on Northern's ability to serve markets on its system.

On February 4, 2022, 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 document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA July 15, 2022.
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline² October 13, 2022.
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

Northern proposes to abandon in-place 82.7 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline and appurtenances on its IAM60601 A-line system (referred to as the A-Line) from Ogden to Ventura, Iowa. Ground disturbances would be required at three locations to expose and to cut and cap the pipeline prior to abandonment. Additionally, Northern proposes to install temporary compression at three mainline valve locations to allow for the evacuation of

¹ 40 CFR 1501.10 (2020)

² The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

gas in the A-line to other existing mainlines on Northern's system. Northern also proposes to construct and operate a 6.04-mile-long extension of its 30-inch-diameter Ogden to Ventura IAM60604 D-line (referred to as the D-Line) and appurtenances to replace the capacity associated with the abandoned A-line. According to Northern, its Project would enhance the safety, reliability, security, and operational efficiency of its pipeline system.

The Project would consist of the following facilities:

- Disconnecting the 20-inch-diameter A-Line near the Ogden Compressor Station in Boone County, Iowa;
- disconnecting the 20-inch-diameter A-Line at the Eagle Grove branch line take-off in Wright County, Iowa;
- installing temporary compression at three discrete locations (one 300 horsepower unit within Boone, Webster, and Hancock Counties) to evacuate gas from the A-Line to the IAM60602 B-line;
- disconnecting the 20-inch-diameter A-Line at the Ventura Compressor Station in Hancock County, Iowa; and
- installing a pipeline extension of the D-Line consisting of 6.04 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline and an associated aboveground pig receiver³ in Wright County, Iowa.

Background

On March 4, 2022, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Ogden to Ventura A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping 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 Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from six landowners. The primary issues raised by the commenters are impacts on agricultural land; final disposition of the pipeline; and an objection to the Project pending the applicant provide additional information to identify affected properties. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers

a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" (i.e., CP22-42), 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 website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

Dated: April 6, 2022.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2022-07807 Filed 4-11-22; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9690-000]

Eagle Creek Hydro Power, LLC, Eagle Creek Water Resources, LLC, Eagle Creek Land Resources, LLC; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

On March 31, 2020, Eagle Creek Hydro Power, LLC, Eagle Creek Water Resources, LLC, and Eagle Creek Land Resources, LLC, (collectively referred to as Eagle Creek) co-licensees for the Rio Hydroelectric Project No.9690, filed an application for a new major license. The Rio Hydroelectric Project is located on the Mongaup River in Sullivan and Orange Counties, New York.

The license for Project No.9690 was issued for a period ending March 31, 2022. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee(s) under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA,

then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No.9690 is issued to Eagle Creek for a period effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before March 23, 2023, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Eagle Creek is authorized to continue operation of the Rio Hydroelectric Project, until such time as the Commission takes final action on the application for a new major license.

Dated: April 5, 2022.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2022-07732 Filed 4-11-22; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5362-000]

Kennebec Light and Power District; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

On March 31, 2021, Kennebec Light and Power District, licensee for the Lower Mousam Hydroelectric Project No. 5362, filed an application for Surrender of License. The Lower Mousam Hydroelectric Project is located on the Mousam River in York County, Maine.

³ A "pig" is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.