

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP22-483-000]

**Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline**

Take notice that on July 1, 2022, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056, filed in the above referenced docket a prior notice pursuant to Section 157.205 and 157.208 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act and the blanket certificate issued by the Commission in Docket No. CP82-535-000,<sup>1</sup> seeking authorization to: (i) replace and reconfigure a segment of 30-inch-diameter pipeline, including the installation of appurtenant facilities, on its Line 16 at a crossing underneath the Neches River ship channel, in Jefferson and Orange Counties, Texas to accommodate the deepening of the Sabine-Neches Waterway planned by the Sabine-Neches Navigation District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and (ii) discontinue use of a total of approximately 2,723 feet of existing 30-inch-diameter pipeline. Specifically, Texas Eastern proposes to install approximately 2,752 feet of new 30-inch diameter pipeline in the right-of-way adjacent to the current Line 16 pipeline segment, but at greater depth. The proposed replacement is estimated to cost approximately \$25,000,000, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at

[FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application should be directed to Estela D. Lozano, Director, Regulatory, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, by telephone at (713) 627-4522, by fax at (713) 627-5947, or by email at [estela.lozano@enbridge.com](mailto:estela.lozano@enbridge.com).

**Public Participation**

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests, motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 12, 2022. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

**Protests**

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,<sup>2</sup> any person<sup>3</sup> or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed or if a protest is filed and then withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request for authorization will be considered by the Commission.

Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 157.205(e) of the Commission's regulations,<sup>4</sup> and must be submitted by the protest deadline, which is September 12, 2022. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protester states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

**Interventions**

Any person has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 157.205.

<sup>3</sup> Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

<sup>4</sup> 18 CFR 157.205(e).

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure<sup>5</sup> and the regulations under the NGA<sup>6</sup> by the intervention deadline for the project, which is September 12, 2022. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to-intervene.asp>.

All timely, unopposed motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1). Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

**Comments**

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before September 12, 2022. The filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding.

**How To File Protests, Interventions, and Comments**

There are two ways to submit protests, motions to intervene, and comments. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP22-483-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your protest, motion to intervene, and comments by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website

<sup>5</sup> 18 CFR 385.214.

<sup>6</sup> 18 CFR 157.10.

<sup>1</sup> *Texas Eastern Transmission Corp.*, 21 FERC ¶ 62,199 (1982).

([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “eRegister.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select General” and then select “Protest”, “Intervention”, or “Comment on a Filing.” The Commission’s eFiling staff are available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

(2) You can file a paper copy of your submission. Your submission must reference the Project docket number CP22–483–000.

To mail via USPS, use the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

To mail via any other courier, use the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail or email (with a link to the document) at: Estela D. Lozano, Director, Regulatory, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251–1642, by telephone at (713) 627–4522, by fax at (713) 627–5947, or by email at [estela.lozano@enbridge.com](mailto:estela.lozano@enbridge.com). Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online.

### Tracking the Proceeding

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project will be available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the “eLibrary” link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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. For more information and to register, go to [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

Dated: July 13, 2022.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

[DOE/EIS–0543]

### Rail Tie Wind Project Record of Decision

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Record of decision.

**SUMMARY:** ConnectGen Albany County LLC (ConnectGen) filed two interconnection requests with the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) to interconnect its proposed Rail Tie Wind Project (Project) to the Ault-Craig 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line owed by WAPA, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, and Platte River Power Authority. The proposed site of the 504-megawatt (MW) Project is in southeastern Albany County, Wyoming, on approximately 26,000 acres of private and State land. WAPA considered ConnectGen’s interconnection requests in accordance with its established Open Access Transmission Service Tariff (Tariff), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Orders, and the Federal Power Act (FPA). An environmental impact statement (EIS) analyzed the environmental impacts of ConnectGen’s proposed Project and WAPA’s Federal action. Significant impacts on visual resources, certain historic properties, and eagles from turbine operations were identified; impacts on all other resources were found to be less than significant. Based upon the analysis of potential environmental impacts, and applicable procedures and standards for interconnection to WAPA’s transmission system under its Tariff, FERC Orders and FPA requirements, WAPA has determined to approve ConnectGen’s interconnection requests.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact Mark Wieringa, NEPA Document Manager, Headquarters Office A9402, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 281213, Lakewood, CO 80228, telephone (720) 962–7448, or email [wieringa@wapa.gov](mailto:wieringa@wapa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** WAPA is a Federal agency within the Department of Energy (DOE) that markets and

transmits wholesale electrical power through an integrated 17,000-circuit mile, high-voltage transmission system across 15 western states. WAPA’s Tariff provides open access to its electric transmission system, in accordance with relevant FERC Orders. The Tariff’s Large Generator Interconnection Procedures (LGIP) provide a framework for processing interconnection requests. WAPA’s LGIP provides for transmission and system studies to ensure that reliability and service to existing customers are not adversely affected by new interconnections. System impact studies (SIS) take the proposed interconnection into account and model power flows to determine if there would be any potential power system issues, which are typically related to overloads. SIS also identify any system upgrades necessary to resolve power system issues and accommodate the interconnection request. System upgrades could include transmission line reconductoring, additional structures to maintain ground clearance, and substation equipment additions or replacements. WAPA’s SIS, completed in 2020, determined that no additional system upgrades would be required to accommodate ConnectGen’s proposed Project.

ConnectGen filed two interconnection requests with WAPA to interconnect its proposed Project to the Ault-Craig 345-kV transmission line owned by WAPA, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, and Platte River Power Authority. WAPA initiated the LGIP process to consider ConnectGen’s interconnection requests in accordance with the Tariff. Since system effects vary depending on the transmission line that would host the interconnection and the geographical location of the interconnection, an applicant must specify the point of interconnection in their request. ConnectGen filed two interconnection requests with WAPA, each 252 MW, to accommodate build-out of their proposed Project in two stages if necessary. However, there would be only one interconnection point on the Ault-Craig transmission line.

ConnectGen’s interconnection requests trigger the need for WAPA to consider taking a Federal action. Federal actions that have the potential to affect the human environment are subject to environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). WAPA determined that while its Federal action to approve or deny ConnectGen’s interconnection requests was a minor action environmentally, ConnectGen’s proposed Project, as a