

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL24–13–000]

Shady Oaks Wind 2, LLC; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On December 11, 2023, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL24–13–000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e, instituting an investigation to determine whether Shady Oaks Wind 2, LLC's Rate Schedule is unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential, or otherwise unlawful. *Shady Oaks Wind 2, LLC*, 185 FERC ¶ 61,180 (2023).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL24–13–000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, or the date Shady Oaks Wind 2, LLC's Rate Schedule becomes effective, whichever is later, provided, however, if the Rate Schedule does not become effective until after 5 months from the date of publication of the notice, the refund effective date shall be 5 months from the date of publication of the notice.

Any interested person desiring to be heard in Docket No. EL24–13–000 must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214 (2022), within 21 days of the date of issuance of the order.

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://www.ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field. User assistance is available for eLibrary and the FERC's website during normal business hours from FERC Online Support at 202–502–6652 (toll free at 1–866–208–3676) or email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502–8371, TTY (202) 502–8659. Email the Public Reference Room at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFile" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>.

In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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.

Dated: December 11, 2023.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Deputy Secretary.

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP23–507–000]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed the Swarts and Hunters Cave Well Replacement Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Swarts and Hunters Cave Well Replacement Project, proposed by Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans) in the above-referenced docket. Equitrans requests authorization to abandon 19 injection/withdrawal wells, and construct two horizontal wells, and associated pipelines and appurtenances, at its existing certificated Swarts and Hunters Cave Storage Fields in Greene County, Pennsylvania.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction, operation, and abandonment activities associated with the Swarts and Hunters Cave Well Replacement Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate

mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The proposed Swarts and Hunters Cave Well Replacement Project includes the following facilities and activities:

- abandonment by-sale of 19 injection/withdrawal wells at Equitrans' Hunters Cave Storage Field;
- abandonment in-place of the associated well pipelines and any associated facilities;
- construction and operation of a new horizontal well, associated pipelines, and ancillary facilities at the Hunters Cave Storage Field;
- construction and operation of a new horizontal well, associated pipelines, and ancillary facilities at the Swarts Complex;
- expansions of the existing Morris Interconnect and Pierce Gates Valve Yards at the Hunters Cave Storage Field;
- acquisition of non-jurisdictional gathering assets from EQM Gathering Opco, LLC (EQM) (pipelines and related equipment) for operation of the new Swarts Horizontal Storage Well; and
- the sale of 580 million cubic feet of base gas from the Swarts Complex.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability* 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.*, CP23–507). 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