

and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, and service can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated August 30, 2012.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.**

*Deputy Secretary*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Effectiveness of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status

	Docket Nos.
AltaGas Renewable Energy Colorado LLC.	EG12-70-000
Patton Wind Farm, LLC .....	EG12-71-000
Big Savage, LLC .....	EG12-72-000
Pacific Wind Lessee, LLC	EG12-73-000
High Majestic Interconnection Services, LLC.	EG12-74-000
O.L.S. Energy-Agnews, Inc	EG12-75-000
NRG Solar Avra Valley LLC.	EG12-76-000
Spearville 3, LLC .....	EG12-77-000
NaturEner Rim Rock Wind Energy, LLC.	EG12-78-000
NaturEner Glacier Wind Energy 1, LLC.	EG12-79-000
Flat Ridge 2 Wind Energy LLC.	EG12-80-000
Blue Sky East, LLC .....	EG12-81-000
Meadow Creek Project Company LLC.	EG12-82-000

Take notice that during the month of July/August 2012, the status of the above-captioned entities as Exempt Wholesale Generators became effective by operation of the Commission's regulations. 18 CFR 366.7(a).

Dated: September 10, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP12-461-000]

#### Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 2012 Greenspring Expansion Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the 2012 Greenspring Expansion Project (Project) proposed by Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (ESNG) in the above-referenced docket. ESNG requests authorization to construct and operate new natural gas facilities in New Castle and Kent Counties, Delaware to meet the needs of its customers in the Delmarva Peninsula market area.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the 2012 Greenspring Expansion 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 2012 Greenspring Expansion Project includes the following facilities:

- Approximately 11 miles of 16-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline;
- Approximately 0.1 mile of 10-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline;
- Two new mainline valves; and
- One pressure regulating station.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA 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; newspapers and libraries in the project area; and parties to this proceeding.

In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable

alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before October 9, 2012.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (CP12-461-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).<sup>1</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the project is available from the

<sup>1</sup> See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.

Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search," and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP12-461). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of 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. Go to [www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm](http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm).

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF12-9-000]

#### Constitution Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Planned Constitution Pipeline Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will address the environmental impacts of the proposed Constitution Pipeline Project (Project) involving construction and operation of facilities by Constitution Pipeline Company, LLC (Constitution) in Susquehanna County,

Pennsylvania; and Broome, Chenango, Delaware, and Schoharie Counties, New York. This EIS will be used by the Commission 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 that 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 need to be evaluated in the EIS. Please note that the scoping period will close on October 9, 2012.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern. Comments may be submitted in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are provided in the "Public Participation" section of this notice. In lieu of or in addition to sending written comments, we<sup>1</sup> invite you to attend the public scoping meetings scheduled as follows:

Date and time	Location
September 24, 2012, beginning at 7-10 p.m. EDT.	Afton High School, 29 Academy Street, Afton, New York 13730.
September 25, 2012, beginning at 7-10 p.m. EDT.	Schoharie High School, 136 Academy Dr., Schoharie, New York 12157, (attendees should enter via the main high school office entrance).
September 26, 2012, beginning at 7-10 p.m. EDT.	Blue Ridge High School, 5058 School Road, New Milford, Pennsylvania 18834.

The public meetings are designed to provide you with an opportunity to offer your comments on the Project. Constitution representatives will be present one hour before each meeting to describe their proposal, present maps, and answer questions. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meetings and to present comments on the issues they believe should be addressed in the EIS. A transcript of each meeting will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. Constitution would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Project is approved by the Commission, that

approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, Constitution could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Constitution has announced their plan to construct and operate approximately 120.6 miles of new 30-inch-diameter pipeline and associated

pipeline facilities in Pennsylvania and New York. The Constitution Pipeline Project would provide about 650,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of natural gas from two receipt points in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania to two new delivery points with the existing Tennessee Gas Pipeline and the Iroquois Gas Transmission Pipeline in Schoharie County, New York.

The proposed Constitution Pipeline Project would consist of the following:

- Construction of approximately 120.6 miles of new 30-inch-diameter pipeline from Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania through Broome, Chenango, Delaware, and Schoharie Counties, New York;
- Installation of four new meter and regulation (M&R) stations including:
  - *Central M&R Receipt Station*—a new M&R receipt station, including

<sup>1</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).