DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15-18-001]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Amendment to Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Take notice that on November 18, 2015, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (Eastern Shore), 1110 Forrest Avenue, Dover, Delaware 19904, filed in the above referenced docket an amendment to the certificate application in Docket No. CP15-18-000, pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations. Eastern Shore proposes to construct Kemblesville Loop portion of the White Oak Mainline Expansion Project (Project) along existing right-ofway rather than along a new right-ofway, as was originally proposed all in Chester County, Pennsylvania, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The filing may also be viewed on the Web at http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to William Rice, King & Spalding LLP, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006, by phone 202–626–9602, by fax 202–626–3737, or by email wrice@kslaw.com.

Specifically, Eastern Shore originally proposed to construct a 3.9 mile long 16-inch diameter pipeline loop near Kemblesville, Pennsylvania (Kemblesville Loop) along new right-ofway away from the existing structures. However, upon closer review of the environmental impacts, Eastern Shore became aware that Alternative 2 route in the original filing would be more preferable. Alternative 2 route will (1) reduce the total length of the Kemblesville loop by 1.8 miles; (2) reduce the acreage of mature tree clearance from approximately 12 to approximately 6; (3) open up less forested acreage to the potential spread of noxious weeds and vines that over time could kill mature trees; and (4) minimize the removal of other vegetation thus reducing potential adverse impacts to Delaware River

Basin. Eastern Shore requests that the Commission issue the requested authorizations during the first quarter of 2016, in order to allow Eastern Shore complete and place the project in service no later than September 1, 2016.

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 for Environmental Review 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 7 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 commentors 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 commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors 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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at http://www.ferc.gov. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at http://www.ferc.gov, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: December 16, 2015.

Dated: November 25, 2015.

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Deputy Secretary.

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