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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP16-4-000]

#### Tennessee Gas Transmission, L.L.C.; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Orion Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Orion Project, proposed by Tennessee Gas Transmission, L.L.C. (Tennessee Gas) in the above-referenced docket. Tennessee Gas requests authorization to construct and operate pipeline facilities, to add new tie-in facilities, and to modify an existing compressor station in Wayne and Pike Counties, Pennsylvania, which would deliver an additional 135,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas to meet needs of three contracted shippers in the northeast United States.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Orion 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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers participated as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis.

The proposed Orion Project includes the following facilities:

- Approximately 12.9 miles of new 36-inch-diameter looping<sup>1</sup> pipeline in Wayne and Pike Counties, Pennsylvania;
- a new internal pipeline inspection ("pig")<sup>2</sup> launcher, crossover, and connecting facilities at the beginning of the proposed pipeline loop in Wayne County;
- a new pig receiver, crossover, and connecting facilities at the end of the proposed pipeline loop in Pike County; and
- modifications at Tennessee Gas's existing Compressor Station 323, including rewheeling/restaging of an existing compressor and other piping and appurtenant modifications.

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

<sup>1</sup> A pipeline loop is a segment of pipe constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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 September 22, 2016.

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 (CP16-4-000) 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>3</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.

<sup>3</sup> See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.

Additional information about the project is available from the 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.*, CP16-4). 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

#### Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record

communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are available for electronic review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Docket No.	File date	Presenter or requester
<b>Prohibited:</b>		
1. IS16-61-000 .....	8-4-2016	R. Gordan Gooch.
2. CP15-558-000 .....	8-8-2016	Roy Christman.
3. CP15-558-000 .....	8-8-2016	Roy Christman.
4. CP16-10-000 .....	8-8-2016	Susan Richmond-Steitz.
5. CP15-88-000 .....	8-11-2016	Ann Hall McHenry.
6. CP15-558-000 .....	8-12-2016	Marilyn Cummings.
7. CP15-558-000 .....	8-12-2016	Roy Christman.
8. CP15-558-000 .....	8-12-2016	Alan Scott.
9. CP15-558-000 .....	8-12-2016	Fiona Scott.
10. CP15-558-000 .....	8-15-2016	Hunt Stockwell.
11. CP15-558-000 .....	8-15-2016	Roy Christman.
12. CP15-554-000, CP16-10-000 .....	8-16-2016	John Stella.
13. CP14-96-000 .....	8-16-2016	Pat Abeyta.
14. CP16-21-000 .....	8-18-2016	Mike Hughson. Kathy Hughson.
<b>Exempt:</b>		
1. P-14241-000 .....	8-4-2016	State of Alaska Governor Bill Walker.
2. P-553-000 .....	8-5-2016	Upper Skagit Indian Tribe.
3. P-1494-000 .....	8-8-2016	U.S. Senator James M. Inhofe.
4. CP15-558-000 .....	8-9-2016	U.S. House Representative Leonard Lance.
5. P-1494-433 .....	8-10-2016	FERC Staff. <sup>1</sup>
6. P-1494-433 .....	8-11-2016	FERC Staff. <sup>2</sup>
7. P-1494-433 .....	8-11-2016	FERC Staff. <sup>3</sup>
8. CP16-10-000 .....	8-17-2016	U.S. Senator Mark R. Warner.
9. P-13753-002, P-13762-002, P-13771-002, P-13763-002, P-13766-002, P-13767-002.	8-19-2016	FERC Staff. <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Memo reporting phone call on July 26, 2016 with Senator James Inhofe of Oklahoma.

<sup>2</sup> Memo reporting phone call on July 28, 2016 with Senator James Inhofe of Oklahoma.

<sup>3</sup> Memo reporting phone call on July 26, 2016 with Senator James Inhofe of Oklahoma.

<sup>4</sup> Telephone Record for phone call on August 16, 2016 with Rick McCorkle of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.