

Applicants: Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing;
 Negotiated Rate PAL Agreement with
 MIECO INC. to be effective 12/10/2016.
Filed Date: 12/9/16.

Accession Number: 20161209–5191.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/21/16.

Docket Numbers: RP17–255–000.
Applicants: Sea Robin Pipeline
 Company, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing
 Annual Flowthrough Crediting
 Mechanism Filing on 12/12/16.

Filed Date: 12/12/16.
Accession Number: 20161212–5058.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

Docket Numbers: RP17–256–000.
Applicants: Texas Eastern
 Transmission, LP.

Description: Compliance filing Gas
 Quality Settlement.

Filed Date: 12/13/16.
Accession Number: 20161213–5000.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

Docket Numbers: RP17–257–000.
Applicants: Rockies Express Pipeline
 LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing; Neg
 Rate 2016–12–2 Capacity Enhancement
 Amend Many Ks to be effective 12/13/
 2016.

Filed Date: 12/13/16.
Accession Number: 20161213–5110.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

Docket Numbers: RP17–258–000.
Applicants: Gulf Shore Energy
 Partners, LP.

Description: Compliance filing Gulf
 Shore Energy Partners—Cost and
 Revenue Study.

Filed Date: 12/13/16.
Accession Number: 20161213–5113.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

Docket Numbers: RP17–259–000.
Applicants: Natural Gas Pipeline
 Company of America.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing;
 Negotiated Rate—Occidental Energy to
 be effective 1/1/2017.

Filed Date: 12/13/16.
Accession Number: 20161213–5148.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

Docket Numbers: RP17–260–000.
Applicants: Texas Eastern
 Transmission, LP.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing;
 Negotiated Rate—Piedmont Release to
 Atmos—8944225 to be effective 12/9/
 2016.

Filed Date: 12/13/16.
Accession Number: 20161213–5237.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

Any person desiring to intervene or
 protest in any of the above proceedings
 must file in accordance with Rules 211
 and 214 of the Commission's
 Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and

§ 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern
 time on the specified comment date.
 Protests may be considered, but
 intervention is necessary to become a
 party to the proceeding.

Filings in Existing Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP17–200–001.

Applicants: Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C.
Description: Tariff Amendment:
 Amendment to Docket No. RP17–200–
 000 to be effective 12/31/2016.

Filed Date: 12/12/16.
Accession Number: 20161212–5208.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

Docket Numbers: RP17–71–001.
Applicants: Algonquin Gas
 Transmission, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing AGT
 FRQ 2016 Compliance Filing.

Filed Date: 12/12/16.
Accession Number: 20161212–5084.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

Any person desiring to protest in any
 of the above proceedings must file in
 accordance with Rule 211 of the
 Commission's Regulations (18 CFR
 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern
 time on the specified comment date.

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,
 service, and qualifying facilities filings
 can be found at: [http://www.ferc.gov/
 docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf](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: December 14, 2016.

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Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[EPA–HQ–OW–2015–0335; FRL–9956–93–
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Final EPA–USGS Technical Report: Protecting Aquatic Life from Effects of Hydrologic Alteration

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
 Agency (EPA) and United States
 Geological Survey (USGS).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection
 Agency (EPA) and the United States
 Geological Survey are releasing a
 technical report: *Final EPA–USGS
 Technical Report: Protecting Aquatic
 Life from Effects of Hydrologic*

Alteration. Healthy aquatic ecosystems
 provide an array of services to
 individuals and society, including clean
 drinking water, irrigation supplies, and
 recreational opportunities. Sound and
 sustainable management of aquatic
 ecosystems is an integral part of
 managing water resources to meet the
 needs of society. Hydrologic alteration
 can be a contributor to the impairment
 of water bodies that are designated to
 support aquatic life. Stresses on aquatic
 life associated with hydrologic
 alteration may be further exacerbated by
 climate change.

This report provides States, Tribes
 and territories with scientific and
 technical information on the natural
 flow regime and potential effects of flow
 alteration on aquatic life, and a flexible,
 nonprescriptive framework that state
 water managers might consider if they
 are interested in developing narrative or
 numeric targets for flow regime
 components that are protective of
 aquatic life. The report also provides
 information about States and Tribes that
 have adopted narrative water quality
 standards to protect their waterbodies'
 flow regimes and on the potential
 impact of climate change on flow
 regimes.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

*A. How can I get copies of this
 document and other related
 information?*

1. *Docket:* All documents in the
 docket are listed in the
www.regulations.gov index. Although
 listed in the index, some information is
 not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other
 information whose disclosure is
 restricted by statute. Certain other
 material, such as copyrighted material,
 will be publicly available only in hard
 copy. Publicly available docket
 materials are available either
 electronically in www.regulations.gov or
 in hard copy at the Water Docket, EPA/
 DC, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301
 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington,
 DC. The Public Reading Room is open
 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday
 through Friday, excluding legal
 holidays. The telephone number for the
 Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744,
 and the telephone number for the Water
 Docket is (202) 566–2426. For additional

information about EPA's public docket, visit EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

II. What is this document?

This document serves as a technical and informational resource for States, Tribes, territories, and other stakeholders that want to protect aquatic life from the adverse effects of flow alteration. To that end, this report provides technical information about the effect of altered flow regimes on aquatic life and a nonprescriptive framework that may be used to help quantify targets for flow regime components that are protective of aquatic life and their habitats. The report also provides examples of state and tribal water quality standards designed to protect such flow regimes and discusses the potential impact of climate change on flow regimes. This technical report is not a rule and it, therefore, does not impose any mandatory requirements. State and Tribal decision makers retain the discretion to adopt approaches or information presented in this report on a case-by-case basis that differ from the approaches described in this report.

III. Additional Information:

EPA and USGS each conducted internal peer reviews of the report, and EPA managed a contractor-led independent external peer review of the Draft EPA-USGS Technical Report: Protecting Aquatic Life from Effects of Hydrologic Alteration. EPA will make the external peer review comments and Agency responses to these comments available in the docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Dated: December 14, 2016.

Joel Beauvais,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-1196; FRL-9956-89]

Recent Postings of Broadly Applicable Alternative Test Methods

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the broadly applicable alternative test method approval decisions the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made under and in support of New

Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) between January 1, 2016, and December 12, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: An electronic copy of each alternative test method approval document is available at <https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods>. For questions about this notice, contact Mrs. Lula H. Melton, Air Quality Assessment Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (E143-02), Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone number: (919) 541-2910; fax number: (919) 541-0516; email address: melton.lula@epa.gov. For technical questions about individual alternative test method decisions, refer to the contact person identified in the individual approval document(s).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this notice apply to me?

This notice will be of interest to entities regulated under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 60, 61, and 63, state, local, and tribal agencies, and the EPA Regional offices responsible for implementation and enforcement of regulations under 40 CFR parts 60, 61, and 63.

B. How can I get copies of this information?

You may access copies of the broadly applicable alternative test method approval documents at <https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods>.

II. Background

Broadly applicable alternative test method approval decisions made by the EPA in 2016 under the NSPS, 40 CFR part 60 and the NESHAP, 40 CFR parts 61 and 63 are identified in this notice (see Table 1). Source owners and operators may voluntarily use these broadly applicable alternative test methods in lieu of otherwise specified reference test methods. Use of these broadly applicable alternative test methods does not change the applicable emission standards.

As explained in a previous **Federal Register** notice published at 72 FR 4257 (January 30, 2007) and located at <https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods>, the EPA Administrator has the authority to approve the use of alternative test methods to comply with requirements under 40 CFR parts 60, 61, and 63. This authority is found in

sections 60.8(b)(3), 61.13(h)(1)(ii), and 63.7(e)(2)(ii). A similar authority is granted in 40 CFR part 65 under section 65.158(a)(2). In the past, we have performed thorough technical reviews of numerous source-specific requests for alternatives and modifications to test methods and procedures. Based on these reviews, we have often found that these changes or alternatives would be equally valid and appropriate to apply to other sources within a particular class, category, or subcategory. Consequently, we have concluded that, where a method modification or an alternative method is clearly broadly applicable to a class, category, or subcategory of sources, it is both more equitable and efficient to approve its use for all appropriate sources and situations at the same time.

It is important to clarify that alternative methods are not mandatory but permissive. Sources are not required to employ such a method but may choose to do so in appropriate circumstances. Source owners or operators should review the specific broadly applicable alternative method approval decision at <https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods> before electing to employ the alternative method. As per section 63.7(f)(5), a source owner or operator electing to use an alternative method for 40 CFR part 63 standards must continue to use the alternative method until otherwise authorized.

The criteria for approval and procedures for submission and review of broadly applicable alternative test methods are outlined at 72 FR 4257 (January 30, 2007). We will continue to announce approvals for broadly applicable alternative test methods at <https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods> and publish a notice annually that summarizes approvals for broadly applicable alternative test methods during the preceding year.

This notice comprises a summary of seven such approval documents posted to our Technology Transfer Network between January 1, 2016, and December 12, 2016. The alternative method decision letter/memo number, the reference method affected, sources allowed to use this alternative, and the modification or alternative method allowed are summarized in Table 1 of this notice. For more detailed information, please refer to the complete copies of these approval documents available at <https://www.epa.gov/emc/broadly-applicable-approved-alternative-test-methods>, as Table 1 serves only as a brief summary of the