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Dated: January 24, 2017.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2221-031]

#### Empire District Electric Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Application Type: Transfer of Project Lands
- b. *Project No:* 2221-031
- c. *Date Filed:* December 5, 2016
- d. *Applicant:* Empire District Electric Company
- e. *Name of Project:* Ozark Beach Hydroelectric Project
- f. *Location:* The project is located on the White River in Taney County, Missouri.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Kyle Slagle, Plant Manager; 3292 State Highway Y, Forsyth MO, 6565; (417) 625-5183; [kslagle@empiredistrict.com](mailto:kslagle@empiredistrict.com).
- i. *FERC Contact:* Krista Sakallaris, (202) 502-6302, [Krista.Sakallaris@ferc.gov](mailto:Krista.Sakallaris@ferc.gov).
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: February 24, 2017.

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Dated: January 24, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-22-000]

#### **Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Sabine Pass Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Sabine Pass Expansion Project. This project includes modifications of existing facilities and construction and operation of new facilities by Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline, LLC (Kinder Morgan) in Cameron, Evangeline, and Acadia Parishes, Louisiana. The Commission will use this EA 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 the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before February 24, 2017.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of

this docket on December 13, 2016, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP17-22-000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

Kinder Morgan provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" 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. It is also available for viewing on the FERC Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)).

#### **Public Participation**

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. 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). Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

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