

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XC667

Endangered Species; File No. 17304

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for a permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Kristen Hart, Ph.D., U.S. Geological Survey, 3205 College Ave., Davie, Florida 33314, has requested a modification to scientific research Permit No. 17302-02.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before April 6, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The modification request and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the Features box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 17304 mod 4 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Markin or Amy Hapeman, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification to Permit No. 17304-02, issued on September 20, 2013 (78 FR 59657) is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of

endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

Permit No. 17304-02 authorizes the permit holder to capture by hand, strike nets, dip net, tangle net, or trawl up to 100 green (*Chelonia mydas*), 20 hawksbill (*Eretmochely imbricata*), 300 Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), and 300 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) sea turtles annually in the Gulf of Mexico from the Florida/Alabama border to the Louisiana/Texas border to determine the distribution, seasonal movements, vital rates and habitat use of sea turtles. Each turtle may be biologically sampled, marked, and/or tagged prior to release. The permit holder requests authorization to: (1) Expand the research area to include waters from the Louisiana/Texas border to the Texas/Mexico border; and (2) increase the number of green sea turtles taken from 100 to 200 animals annually. The permit is valid through September 30, 2018.

Dated: March 1, 2017.

Julia Harrison,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Combined Notice of Filings**

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP17-390-001.

Applicants: Questar Overthrust Pipeline, LLC.

Description: Questar Overthrust Pipeline, LLC submits tariff filing per 154.205(b): Statement of Negotiated Rates Version 7.1.0 to be effective 3/1/2017 under RP17-390 Filing Type: 600.

Filed Date: 02/21/2017.

Accession Number: 20170221-5280.
Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, March 06, 2017.

Docket Numbers: RP17-409-000.

Applicants: Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America.

Description: Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC submits tariff filing per 154.204: Discount-Type Adjustments for Negotiated Rate Agreements to be effective 3/23/2017 under RP17-409 Filing Type: 570.

Filed Date: 02/21/2017.

Accession Number: 20170221-5151.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, March 06, 2017.

Docket Numbers: RP17-410-000.

Applicants: Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company.

Description: Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company submits tariff filing per 154.203: Filing to Comply with Order in Docket Nos. CP15-18-000, 001 to be effective 3/1/2017 under RP17-410 Filing Type: 580.

Filed Date: 02/21/2017.

Accession Number: 20170221-5160.
Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, March 06, 2017.

Docket Numbers: RP17-411-000.

Applicants: Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, L.

Description: Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC submits tariff filing per 154.204: NRA Rate 2017/2/28 Green Plains to be effective 3/1/2017 under RP17-411 Filing Type: 570.

Filed Date: 02/21/2017.

Accession Number: 20170221-5276.
Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, March 06, 2017.

Docket Numbers: RP16-1173-001.

Applicants: First ECA Midstream LLC.

Description: First ECA Midstream LLC submits tariff filing per 154.203: Compliance to 103 to be effective 3/23/2017 under RP16-1173 Filing Type: 580.

Filed Date: 02/22/2017.

Accession Number: 20170222-5108.
Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, March 06, 2017.

Docket Numbers: RP17-363-001.

Applicants: Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company.

Description: Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company submits tariff filing per 154.203: Correction of Metadata to be effective 3/1/2017 under RP17-363 Filing Type: 580.

Filed Date: 02/23/2017.

Accession Number: 20170223-5151.
Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 07, 2017.

Docket Numbers: RP17-413-000.

Applicants: UGI Sunbury, LLC.
Description: Request for Waiver of Annual Retainage Adjustment Filing of UGI Sunbury, LLC under RP17-413.

Filed Date: 02/23/2017.

Accession Number: 20170223-5084.
Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 07, 2017.

Docket Numbers: RP17-414-000.

Applicants: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC submits tariff filing per 154.204: Negotiated Rate—Boston Gas to BBPC—793199 & 793201 to be

effective 3/1/2017 under RP17-414
Filing Type: 570.

Filed Date: 02/23/2017.

Accession Number: 20170223-5127.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 07, 2017.

Docket Numbers: RP17-415-000.

Applicants: Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.

Description: Texas Eastern Transmission, LP submits tariff filing per 154.204: Negotiated Rate—Chevron release to ConocoPhillips—8945011 to be effective 3/1/2017 under RP17-415 Filing Type: 570.

Filed Date: 02/23/2017.

Accession Number: 20170223-5128.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 07, 2017.

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

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.

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>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: February 28, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ID-7646-002]

Balfour, Scott C.; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on February 28, 2017, Scott C. Balfour, submitted for filing, an application for authority to hold interlocking positions, pursuant to section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act, 16 USCS 825d(b) (2016) and section 45.8 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR part 45.8 (2016).

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in

accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of 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 5 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 electronic 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: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 21, 2017.

Dated: March 1, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14800-000]

Lock 9 Hydro Partners; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On September 1, 2016, Lock 9 Hydro Partners filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Valley View Hydroelectric Station Project (project) to be located at the Kentucky River Authority's Lock and

Dam 9 on the Kentucky River in Jessamine and Madison Counties, Kentucky. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) The existing 242-foot-long, 35-foot-high concrete lock and dam; (2) the existing 343-acre reservoir having a storage capacity of 6,550-acre-feet; (3) twelve proposed 50-foot-long, 63-inch-diameter siphoning penstocks encased in concrete; (4) six submersible generating units, each fed by two penstocks, located within the auxiliary section of the dam with a total combined capacity of 3.36 megawatts; (5) a proposed 30-foot-long, 48-foot-wide on-shore building to house project controls; and (6) a proposed 2,000-foot-long, 12.47 kilovolt transmission line. The estimated annual generation of the project would be 12.9 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. David Brown Kinloch, Lock 9 Hydro Partners, 414 S. Wenzel Street, Louisville, KY 40204; phone: (502) 589-0975.

FERC Contact: Navreet Deo; phone: (202) 502-6304.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14800-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary"