

additional source of natural gas to eastern North Dakota and western Minnesota and enhance system reliability for existing and new customers, all as more fully set forth in the application. The filing is available for 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. 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, 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.

Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to Lori Myerchin, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, WBI Energy Transmission, Inc., 1250 West Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503, or at (701) 530-1563, or [lori.myerchin@wbienery.com](mailto:lori.myerchin@wbienery.com).

On October 17, 2016, the Commission staff granted WBI Energy's request to utilize the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF16-10-000 to staff activities involving the project. Now, as of the filing of this application on April 26, 2017, the NEPA Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP17-257-000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

*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 impact statement (EIS) 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 EIS for this proposal. The filing of the EIS 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 EIS.

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 7 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 30, 2017.

Dated: May 9, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-409-000; PF17-1-000]

#### DTE Midstream Appalachia, LLC; Notice of Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Take notice that on May 1, 2017, DTE Midstream Appalachia, LLC (DTE Midstream), 333 Technology Drive, Suite 255, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an abbreviated application under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing DTE Midstream to construct, install, own, operate and maintain a new interstate natural gas pipeline known as the Birdsboro Pipeline Project. DTE Midstream requests issuance of blanket certificates Pursuant to Part 284, Subpart G and Part 157, Subpart F of the Commission's regulations.

The project will have an initial design capacity of 79,000 Dekatherms per day (Dth/d) and will transport natural gas from a single receipt point at an interconnection with a Texas Eastern Transmission LP (Texas Eastern) interstate pipeline to a single delivery point at a new gas-fired generating facility (Birdsboro Facility), all in Berks County, Pennsylvania. DTE Midstream proposes initial recourse rates and requests approval of its *pro forma* Tariff as well as approval of certain non-conforming terms in the proposed negotiated rate agreement, 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 "e-Library" 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

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Questions regarding this application may be directed to Kenneth Magyar, DTE Midstream Appalachia, LLC, 333 Technology Drive, Suite 255, Canonsburg, PA 15317; Phone: (724) 416-7263.

Specifically, DTE Midstream proposes 13.19 miles of 12-inch diameter pipeline; installation of a new pig receiver at the Birdsboro Facility; installation of one new meter site adjacent to the Texas Eastern right-of-way, one new pig launcher at the Texas Eastern interconnect; two new taps on the Texas Eastern pipeline; and four valves along the pipeline route spaced to meet the requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. DTE Midstream requests Commission issue the requested authorizations by December 15, 2017, in order to meet the June 30, 2018, proposed in-service date. The total cost of the Project is estimated to be approximately \$47,276,982.

On October 28, 2016, the Commission granted DTE Midstream's request to utilize the Commission's Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket Number PF17-1-000 to staff activities involved in the above referenced project. Now, as of the filing of the May 1, 2017 application, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP17-409-000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

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 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 EA.

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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 five 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.

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*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 30, 2017.

Dated: May 9, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14792-000]

#### **Maysville Pumped Storage, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications**

On July 1, 2016, Maysville Pumped Storage, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of a hydropower project located on the Ohio River in Mason County, 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 be developed in three phases. In the final phase the following project would consist of: (1) A 15-foot-high, 40-foot-long concrete intake structure on the Ohio River; (2) two 10-foot-diameter, 1,050-foot-long steel pipes to supply water to the project; (3) a 135-foot-high, 500-foot-long earth fill or roller-compacted, concrete embankment dam surrounding; (4) an upper reservoir with a surface area of 20 acres and a storage capacity of 875 acre-feet; (5) five 12.5-foot to 18 foot-diameter, 2,800-foot-long penstocks; (6) a powerhouse 100-feet-below the lower reservoir containing five pump/generating units with a total capacity of 500 megawatts; (7) a lower reservoir established within an existing underground mine space with a surface area of 212 acres and a storage capacity of 9,540 acre-feet; and (8) a 10,500-foot-long, 230 kilo-volt transmission line to a point of interconnection with the PJM system. The project would have an