### 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: RP17–848–000. Applicants: Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC. *Description:* Motion Filing: Motion in RP17-848 to be effective 1/1/2018. Filed Date: 12/28/17. Accession Number: 20171228-5241. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/9/18. Docket Numbers: RP18-282-000. Applicants: Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC. Description: Compliance filing Annual Accounting Report filed on 12-28-17 to be effective N/A. Filed Date: 12/28/17. Accession Number: 20171228-5051. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/9/18. Docket Numbers: RP18-283-000. Applicants: Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC. Description: Penalty Revenue Crediting Report of Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC under RP18-283. Filed Date: 12/28/17. Accession Number: 20171228-5092. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/9/18. Docket Numbers: RP18-284-000. Applicants: Crossroads Pipeline Company. *Description:* Penalty Revenue Crediting Report of Crossroads Pipeline Company under RP18–284. Filed Date: 12/28/17. Accession Number: 20171228-5174. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/9/18. Docket Numbers: RP18-285-000. Applicants: Central Kentucky Transmission Company. Description: Penalty Revenue Crediting Report of Central Kentucky Transmission Company under RP18-285Filed Date: 12/28/17. Accession Number: 20171228-5177. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/9/18. Docket Numbers: RP18-286-000. Applicants: Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC. Description: Penalty Revenue Crediting Report of Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC under RP18-286. Filed Date: 12/28/17. Accession Number: 20171228-5178. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/9/18. Docket Numbers: RP18-287-000. Applicants: Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates—Cherokee AGL— Replacement Shippers—Jan 2018 to be effective 1/1/2018. Filed Date: 12/28/17. Accession Number: 20171228-5185. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/9/18. Docket Numbers: RP18-288-000. Applicants: Rockies Express Pipeline LLC. Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Neg Rate 2017–12–28 ConocoPhillips to be effective 12/28/2017. Filed Date: 12/28/17. Accession Number: 20171228-5201. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/9/18. Docket Numbers: RP18-289-000. Applicants: Texas Eastern Transmission, LP. Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: EPC FEB 2018 FILING to be effective 2/1/ 2018. Filed Date: 12/28/17. Accession Number: 20171228–5208. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/9/18. Docket Numbers: RP18-290-000. Applicants: Kern River Gas Transmission Company. Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2018 January Negotiated Rate Agreements to be effective 1/1/2018. Filed Date: 12/28/17. Accession Number: 20171228-5240. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/9/18. Docket Numbers: RP18-291-000. Applicants: Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC. *Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates Filing on 12-28-17 to be effective 1/1/2018. Filed Date: 12/28/17. Accession Number: 20171228-5253. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/9/18. Docket Numbers: RP18-292-000. Applicants: El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: DART Conversion Merger Filing to be effective 1/29/2018. Filed Date: 12/28/17. Accession Number: 20171228–5263. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/9/18. Docket Numbers: RP18-293-000. Applicants: El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Non-Conforming Negotiated Rate Agreement Update (Pioneer) to be effective 2/1/2018. Filed Date: 12/28/17. Accession Number: 20171228-5267. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/9/18. Docket Numbers: RP18-294-000. Applicants: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC. Description: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC submits tariff filing

per 154.204: Negotiated Rates—BP 511026 eff 1–1–2018 to be effective 1/1/2018.

Filed Date: 12/29/2017. Accession Number: 20171229–5001. Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

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: December 29, 2017.

# Nathaniel J. Davis Sr.,

Deputy Secretary. [FR Doc. 2018–00125 Filed 1–5–18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6717–01–P

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. EL18-44-000]

### Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date; Southern California Edison Company

On December 29, 2017, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL18–44–000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e (2012), instituting an investigation into whether the Proposed Formula Rates of Southern California Edison Company may be unjust and unreasonable. *Southern California Edison Company*, 161 FERC 61,309 (2017).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL18–44–000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any interested person desiring to be heard in Docket No. EL18–44–000 must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214, within 21 days of the date of issuance of the order.

Dated: January 2, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary. [FR Doc. 2018–00092 Filed 1–5–18; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6717–01–P

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. CP18-18-000]

### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company LLC Proposed Gateway 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 Gateway Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company (Transco) in Essex and Passaic Counties, New Jersey. 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 2,2018.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on November 16, 2017, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP18–18–000 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.

Transco 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 website (*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 *FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov*. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature on the Commission's website (*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 file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature on the Commission's website (*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*. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing" as the filing type; or
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(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the project docket number CP18–18–000 with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

## Summary of the Proposed Project

Transco proposes to perform the following activities for construction of the project.

### Compressor Station (CS) 303 (Essex County, New Jersey)

• Expansion of the existing building to include one new 33,000 horsepower (hp) electric-motor driven compression unit and ancillary equipment;

• Install gas cooling equipment;

• Extend existing security fencing to encompass new equipment; and

• A new driveway to connect the new gas cooler location with CS 303.

#### Roseland Meter and Regulator (M&R), Essex County, New Jersey

• One new 36-inch ML block valve with automation controls; and

• Actuator modification on existing ML block valve.

Paterson M&R, Passaic County, New Jersey

• Remove existing 12-inch headers, meter skid, building, and associated equipment;

• Install a meter skid with two 6-inch ultrasonic meters with 12-inch inlet and outlet headers;

• Install a new M&R building;

- Install new remote terminal unit
- (RTU)/gas chromatograph building;Install new flow computer, radio,

and an antenna/pole; and

• Install a new condensate tank. The general location of the project

facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

# Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would disturb 9.43 acres of land, with 9.06 acres being utilized for the CS 303 site and the remaining 0.37 acres utilized for the Paterson M&R site. All proposed land affected is currently in use as Transco existing property. No new land would need to be acquired for operational use.

#### **The EA Process**

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at *www.ferc.gov* using the link called eLibrary or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502– 8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.