

of new 16-inch-diameter pipeline in Olmsted County (Rochester Greenfield Lateral); increase of maximum allowable operating pressure on an 8-mile-long segment of 16-inch-diameter pipeline in Freeborn and Mower Counties; a new town border station in Olmsted County, including a pig receiver; relocation of a regulator from Freeborn to Mower County; and appurtenant facilities, including two valves and a pig launcher at milepost (MP) 0.0 of the Rochester Greenfield Lateral.

The Northern Lights Expansion Project component includes 10.0 miles of new 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Hennepin and Wright Counties; 4.3 miles of new 8-inch-diameter pipeline loop extension in Morrison County; 1.6 miles of new 6-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Le Sueur County; 3.1 miles of new 24-inch-diameter pipeline extension in Carver County; a new 11,153-horsepower (hp) compressor station in Carver County; an additional 15,900 hp of compression at the existing Faribault Compressor Station in Rice County; an additional 15,900 hp of compression at the existing Owatonna Compressor Station in Steele County; and appurtenant facilities, including valves, pig launchers, and pig receivers in Hennepin, Wright, Morrison, Le Sueur, and Carver Counties.

### Background

On February 6, 2018, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Northern Lights 2019 Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). The NOI addressed both the Northern Lights 2019 Expansion and the Rochester Project components, and was issued during the pre-filing review of the projects in Docket No. PF18-1-000 and was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers.

In response to the NOI, the Commission received comments from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office; one Native American tribe; ten landowners; and one public interest group. The primary issues raised by the commentators were karst terrain, groundwater, surface waterbodies, special status species, property values, local economy, land

use, and air quality and noise impacts from construction and operation of pipeline facilities. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA.

### Additional Information

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Additional information about the projects are available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP18-534), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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#### Alaska Gasline Development Corporation; Notice of Technical Conference

Take notice that a technical conference will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 8:30 a.m., in Room 3M-2A and B at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The technical conference will provide an opportunity for Commission staff and representatives from Alaska Gasline Development Corporation to discuss clarifications on the Commission staff's

October 2, 2018 environmental data request for the Alaska LNG Project. While all interested persons and Commission staff are permitted to attend, no comments or statements during the conference will be permitted. Further, there will be no discussion of Critical Energy Infrastructure Information or privileged material. For further information please contact James Martin at (202) 502-8045 or email [james.martin@ferc.gov](mailto:james.martin@ferc.gov).

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**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
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### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18-549-000]

#### Equitrans, LP; Notice of Application

Take notice that on September 21, 2018, Equitrans, LP (Equitrans), 625 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1700, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-33311, filed an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations seeking authorization to abandon series of 18 Injection/Withdrawal (I/W) wells in Equitrans' Swarts Complex by sale, abandoning the associated well lines in place, and abandoning any associated appurtenant facilities. These wells in the Swarts Complex that are within the area that an incumbent coal mining company has designated for expansion of its mining operations over an approximate ten and a half year period commencing in December 2018. These Swarts Complex facilities are located in Greene County, Pennsylvania, as more fully described 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 "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at