

verbal comments will be recorded by a Court Reporter and become part of the public record for these proceedings. Transcripts of all comments from the meetings will be publicly available on FERC’s website (www.ferc.gov) through our eLibrary system. It is important to note that written comments mailed to the Commission and those submitted

electronically are reviewed by staff with the same scrutiny and consideration as the verbal comments given at the public comment meetings. Therefore, you do not need to attend a meeting in order for your comments to be considered. The Bureau of Land Management will hold public subsistence hearings and solicit public testimony in two

additional potentially affected communities as a part of its consideration under Section 810(a) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. The Bureau of Land Management will conduct those hearings at the following locations and times:

Date and time (Alaska time)	Subsistence hearing location
Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 6:00–9:00 p.m. .. Thursday, September 19, 2019, 6:00–9:00 p.m	Anaktuvuk Pass Community Center, 3031 Main Street, Anaktuvuk Pass, AK 99721. Kaktovik Community Center, 2051 Barter Avenue, Kaktovik, AK 99747.

As a reminder, the Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208–3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions for your electronic or written comments 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 the 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. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission’s website <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

(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 (CP17–178–000) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: July 26, 2019.
Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP19–489–000]

Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization; El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.

Take notice that on July 16, 2019, El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. (El Paso) Post Office Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208(b), and 157.210 of the Commission’s regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to replace the driver for one of its existing compressors at its existing Waha Compressor Station located in Reeves County, Texas. This project is referred to as El Paso’s Waha Compressor Station Project. The total cost of this Project is approximately \$16.2 million and the target in-service date for the proposed replacement EMD unit is second quarter of 2020, 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 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 FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed Francisco Tarin, Director, Regulatory, El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.; P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944 at (719) 667–7517 or by fax at (719) 520–4697, or David K. Dewey, Vice President Managing Counsel, El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.; P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944 at (719) 520–4227 or by fax at (719) 520–4898.

More specifically, El Paso and Enterprise Field Service, LLC (Enterprise) had a shared interest in the existing compressor unit through an operating agreement; where Enterprise was to operate and maintain the existing gas compressor unit. However, in 2017 the compressor unit stopped working due to mechanical issues. Enterprise averred that the unit had exceeded its useful life and decommissioned the unit. Herein, El Paso is proposing to construct and operate one 10,000 horsepower electric motor drive (EMD) unit in place of the lost horsepower and capacity formerly provided by the decommissioned unit operated by Enterprise.

Any person may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission’s Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. Any person filing to intervene or the Commission’s staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission’s Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

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.

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 commenter's will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list and will be notified of any meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or 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 via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the e-Filing link. Persons unable to file electronically should submit original and 3 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2727-092]

Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment; Black Bear Hydro Partners, LLC

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for the relicensing of the Ellsworth Hydroelectric Project, located on the Union River in Hancock County,

Maine, and has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the project.

The FEA contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the FEA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website 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 Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

For further information, contact Dr. Nicholas Palso at (202) 502-8854, or at nicholas.palso@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP19-14-000]

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC Southgate Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Southgate Project, proposed by Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC (Mountain Valley) in the above-referenced docket. Mountain Valley requests authorization to construct and operate approximately 73 miles of natural gas transmission pipeline, one new compressor station, and accompanying facilities that would provide about 375 million cubic feet per day [MMcf/d] of available capacity for transport from the City of Chatham, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia to a

delivery point with Dominion Energy (formerly PSNC) near the City of Graham in Alamance County, North Carolina.

The draft EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Southgate Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project would result in some adverse environmental impacts. However, if the Project is constructed and operated in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, the mitigation measures discussed in this EIS, and our recommendations, these impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (COE) and the U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) participated as cooperating agencies in preparation of this draft EIS. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis. The COE would use this EIS in their regulatory process, and to satisfy compliance with NEPA and other related federal environmental laws (e.g., the National Historic Preservation Act). Although the cooperating agencies provided input to the conclusions and recommendations presented in the draft EIS, the agencies would present their own conclusions and recommendations in a combined Record of Decision (ROD) for the Project, if required.

The draft EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following project facilities:

- About 73 miles of new 24-inch and 16-inch diameter natural gas pipeline located in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and Rockingham and Alamance Counties, North Carolina;
- one new 28,915 horsepower compressor station (Lambert Compressor Station) in Pittsylvania County, Virginia;
- four interconnects or tie-ins with facilities operated by Mountain Valley, East Tennessee Gas, and Dominion Energy; and
- ancillary facilities including pig launchers and receivers, mainline block valves (MLV), and cathodic protection beds.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability* of the draft EIS to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Indian Tribes;