

filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of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 commenters 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

Dated: December 17, 2019.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20-8-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Grand Chenier Xpress Project

On October 28, 2019, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), filed an application in Docket No. CP20-8-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon, construct, and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Grand Chenier Xpress Project (Project), and includes facilities in Acadia, Jefferson Davies, and Cameron Parishes, Louisiana. The Project would provide open access firm transportation service of 400 million cubic feet per day of incremental capacity from ANR's Southeast Head station¹ to the Mermentau River GCX Meter Station.

On November 6, 2019, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA: March 27, 2020.

90-day Federal Authorization

Decision Deadline: June 25, 2020.

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

The Grand Chenier Xpress Project would consist of the following facilities:

- Modifications of ANR's existing Eunice Compressor Station in Acadia Parish, Louisiana, to increase the total certificated horsepower (hp) from 24,000 hp to 39,370 hp, and abandonment of an existing reciprocating compressor in place;
- construction of a new 23,470 hp greenfield compressor station

(Mermentau Compressor Station) in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana;

- modifications of the existing Dresser-Rand compressor unit and installation of 42 feet of above ground piping at the Grand Chenier Compressor Station in Cameron Parish, Louisiana; and

- modifications of the Mermentau River GCX Meter Station under ANR's blanket certificate (CP82-480-000), including the installation of an additional meter run and related appurtenant facilities in order to increase the delivery capability from 700 million cubic feet per day to 1.1 billion cubic feet per day.

Background

On December 5, 2019, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Grand Chenier Xpress Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). The NOI 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. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC website (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.*, CP20-8), 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. 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.

¹ ANR's Head Station is a pooling point where natural gas is aggregated from many receipt points.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC19-35-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-515); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection FERC-515 (Declaration of Intention) and submitting the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due January 29, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by OMB Control No. 1902-0079, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: *oira_submission@omb.gov*, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. IC19-35-000, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>

- *Mail:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at *ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov*, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Brown may be reached by email at *DataClearance@FERC.gov*, telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-515 (Declaration of Intention)

OMB Control No.: 1902-0079

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-515 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: On October 16, 2019, the Commission published a Notice in the **Federal Register** (84 FR 55313) in Docket No. IC19-35-000 requesting public comments. The Commission received no public comments.

The Commission uses the information collected under the requirements of

FERC-515 to implement the statutory provisions of section 23(b) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).¹ section 23(b) authorizes the Commission to make a determination as to whether it has jurisdiction over a proposed water project² not affecting navigable waters³ but across, along, over, or in waters over which Congress has jurisdiction under its authority to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the several States. Section 23(b) requires that any person intending to construct project works on such waters must file a declaration of their intention with the Commission. If the Commission finds the proposed project will have an impact on interstate or foreign commerce, then the entity intending to construct the project must obtain a Commission license or exemption before starting construction.⁴

The information is collected in the form of a written application, containing sufficient details to allow the Commission staff to research the jurisdictional aspects of the project. This research includes examining maps and land ownership records to establish whether or not there is Federal jurisdiction over the lands and waters affected by the project. A finding of non-jurisdictional by the Commission eliminates a substantial paperwork burden for the applicant who might otherwise have to file for a license or exemption application. The Commission implements these filing requirements under 18 CFR part 24.

Type of Respondents: Persons intending to construct project works on certain waters described above.

*Estimate of Annual Burden.*⁵ The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost⁶ for the information collection as:

FERC-515: DECLARATION OF INTENTION

Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours & cost (\$) per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$)	Cost per respondent (\$)
(1)	(2)	(1)*(2) = (3)	(4)	(3)*(4) = (5)	(5)÷(1)
6	1	6	80 hrs.; \$6,400	480 hrs.; \$38,400	\$6,400

Comments: Comments are invited on:
 (1) Whether the collection of

information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the

Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility;

¹ 16 U.S.C. 817.

² Dams or project works (16 U.S.C. 817).

³ See 16 U.S.C. 796 (8) for the definition of Navigable Waters.

⁴ Upon a finding of non-jurisdictional by the Commission, and if the project does not utilize surplus water or waterpower from a government

dam and no public lands or reservations are affected, permission is granted upon compliance with State laws.

⁵ Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a federal agency. See 5 CFR

1320 for additional information on the definition of information collection burden.

⁶ Commission staff considers resources completing the FERC-515 to be compensated at rates similar to FERC employees. Therefore we are using the 2019 FERC average hourly cost (for wages and benefits for one full-time employee) of \$80.00/hour (or \$167,091/year).