

a pipeline requests an extension of time, orders on certificates of public convenience and necessity are final and the Commission will not re-litigate their issuance.<sup>7</sup> The OEP Director, or his or her designee, will act on all of those extension requests that are uncontested.

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the e-File link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and three copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 30, 2020.

Dated: July 15, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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the Commission's environmental analysis for the permit order complied with NEPA.

<sup>7</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20-493-000]

#### Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Application

Take notice that on June 30, 2020, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Tennessee), 1001 Louisiana Street, Suite 1000, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in the above referenced docket an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization to (1) install one 11,107 horsepower (HP) gas-turbine driven compressor unit at its existing Compressor Station 321 in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania; (2) install one 20,500 HP gas-turbine driven compressor unit at its existing Compressor Station 325 in Sussex County, New Jersey; and (3) construct the new 19,000 HP electric-driven Compressor Station 327 in Passaic County, New Jersey (East 300 Upgrade Project). The East 300 Upgrade Project would create 115,000 dekatherms per day of firm transportation service. Tennessee estimates the cost of the project to be approximately \$246.3 million, all as more fully described in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

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Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Ben Carranza, Director, Regulatory, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C., 1001 Louisiana Street, Suite 1000, Houston, Texas 77002, by telephone at (713) 420-5535, or by emailing [ben\\_carranza@kindermorgan.com](mailto:ben_carranza@kindermorgan.com).

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 final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or 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 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 FEIS or EA.

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 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.

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.

As of the February 27, 2018 date of the Commission's order in Docket No. CP16-4-001, the Commission will apply its revised practice concerning out-of-time motions to intervene in any new NGA section 3 or section 7 proceeding.<sup>1</sup> Persons desiring to become a party to a certificate proceeding are to intervene in a timely manner. If seeking to intervene out-of-time, the movant is required to show good cause why the time limitation should be waived, and should provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d)(1) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.<sup>2</sup>

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*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 5, 2020.

Dated: July 15, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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<sup>1</sup> *Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.*, 162 FERC 61,167 at 50 (2018).

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 385.214(d)(1).

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD20-3-000]

#### Billing Procedures for Annual Charges for the Costs of Other Federal Agencies for Administering Part I of the Federal Power Act; Notice Reporting Costs for Other Federal Agencies' Administrative Annual Charges for Fiscal Year 2019

1. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is required to determine the reasonableness of costs incurred by other Federal agencies (OFAs)<sup>1</sup> in connection with their participation in the Commission's proceedings under the Federal Power Act (FPA) Part I<sup>2</sup> when those agencies seek to include such costs in the administrative charges licensees must pay to reimburse the United States for the cost of administering Part I.<sup>3</sup> The Commission's *Order on Remand and Acting on Appeals of Annual Charge Bills*<sup>4</sup> determined which costs are eligible to be included in the administrative annual charges. This order also established a process whereby the Commission would annually request each OFA to submit cost data, using a form<sup>5</sup> specifically designed for this purpose. In addition, the order established requirements for detailed cost accounting reports and other documented analyses to explain the cost assumptions contained in the OFAs' submissions.

2. The Commission has completed its review of the forms and supporting documentation submitted by the U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Agriculture), and the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) for fiscal year (FY) 2019. This notice reports the costs the Commission included in its administrative annual charges for FY 2020.

<sup>1</sup> The OFAs include: The U.S. Department of the Interior (Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of the Solicitor, Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance, Office of Hearings and Appeals, and Office of Policy Analysis); the U.S. Department of Agriculture (U.S. Forest Service); the U.S. Department of Commerce (National Marine Fisheries Service); and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

<sup>2</sup> 16 U.S.C. 791a-823d (2018).

<sup>3</sup> See *id.* 803(e)(1) and 42 U.S.C. 7178 (2018).

<sup>4</sup> 107 FERC 61,277, *order on reh'g*, 109 FERC 61,040 (2004).

<sup>5</sup> Other Federal Agency Cost Submission Form, available at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/forms.asp#ofa>.

## Scope of Eligible Costs

3. The basis for eligible costs that should be included in the OFAs' administrative annual charges is prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Circular A-25—*User Charges* and the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board's Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) Number 4—*Managerial Cost Accounting Concepts and Standards for the Federal Government*. Circular A-25 establishes Federal policy regarding fees assessed for government services and provides specific information on the scope and type of activities subject to user charges. SFFAS Number 4 provides a conceptual framework for federal agencies to determine the full costs of government goods and services.

4. Circular A-25 provides for user charges to be assessed against recipients of special benefits derived from federal activities beyond those received by the general public.<sup>6</sup> With regard to licensees, the special benefit derived from federal activities is the license to operate a hydropower project. The guidance provides for the assessment of sufficient user charges to recover the full costs of services associated with these special benefits.<sup>7</sup> SFFAS Number 4 defines full costs as the costs of resources consumed by a specific governmental unit that contribute directly or indirectly to a provided service.<sup>8</sup> Thus, pursuant to OMB requirements and authoritative accounting guidance, the Commission must base its OFA administrative annual charge on all direct and indirect costs incurred by agencies in administering Part I of the FPA. The special form the Commission designed for this purpose, the Other Federal Agency Cost Submission Form, captures the full range of costs recoverable under the FPA and the referenced accounting guidance.<sup>9</sup>

### Commission Review of OFA Cost Submittals

5. The Commission received cost forms and other supporting documentation from the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce. The Commission completed a review of each OFA's cost submission forms and supporting reports. In its examination of the OFAs' cost data, the

<sup>6</sup> OMB Circular A-25 6.

<sup>7</sup> OMB Circular A-25 6.a.2.

<sup>8</sup> SFFAS Number 4 7.

<sup>9</sup> For the past few years, the form has excluded Other Direct Costs to avoid the possibility of confusion that occurred in earlier years as to whether costs were being entered twice as Other Direct Costs and Overhead.