

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP21–28–000]

**Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application and Establishing Intervention Deadline**

Take notice that on January 13, 2021, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street Omaha, NE 68124–1000, filed an application under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization to: (1) Establish a buffer zone around the storage facility; (2) designate five geological formations as gas-containing vertical buffer zones; and (3) to recognize the inclusion of the Lower Eau Claire formation into the geologically continuous Mt. Simon A zone of the Mt. Simon gas storage reservoir, all at the Redfield storage facility located in Dallas County, Iowa. Northern seeks authorization for the establishment of a buffer zone approximately one-half mile around the mapped gas extent consisting of approximately 4,847 acres. Northern also seeks authority to establish five geological formations that are currently non-storage formations as buffer formations: The Prairie Du Chien formation; the Franconia formation; the Decorah-Platteville formation; the Fort Atkinson formation; and the Gower 2 formation. The proposed changes will not change the certificated physical parameters, including the certificated storage capacity, of the Field. No new aboveground facilities will be required for the authorities sought herein, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call

toll-free, (886) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to Michael T. Loeffler, Certificates and External Affairs, Northern Natural Gas Company, P.O. Box 3330, Omaha, NE 68103–0330, by phone at (402) 398–7103, or by email at [mike.loeffler@nngco.com](mailto:mike.loeffler@nngco.com).

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,<sup>1</sup> within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental review 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 environmental assessment (EA) for this proposal. The filing of an 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 FEIS or EA.

**Public Participation**

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: You can file comments on the project, and you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding. There is no fee or cost for filing comments or intervening. The deadline for filing a motion to intervene is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on [February 16, 2021].

**Comments**

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. Comments may include statements of support or objections to the project as a whole or specific aspects of the project. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before [February 16, 2021].

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the Project docket number CP21–28–000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)

under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://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." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address below.<sup>2</sup> Your written comments must reference the Project docket number (CP21–28–000).

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments (options 1 and 2 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

Persons who comment on the environmental review of this project will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list and will receive notification when the environmental documents (EA or EIS) are issued for this project and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process.

The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. However, the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding. For instructions on how to intervene, see below.

**Interventions**

Any person, which includes individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities,<sup>3</sup> has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission

<sup>2</sup> Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

<sup>3</sup> 18 CFR 385.102(d).

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 157.9.

in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure<sup>4</sup> and the regulations under the NGA<sup>5</sup> by the intervention deadline for the project, which is [February 16, 2021]. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as the your interest in the proceeding. [For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene.] For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to-intervene.asp>.

There are two ways to submit your motion to intervene. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP21–28–000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your motion to intervene by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Intervention." The eFiling feature includes a document-less intervention option; for more information, visit <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/document-less-intervention.pdf>; or

(2) You can file a paper copy of your motion to intervene, along with three copies, by mailing the documents to the address below.<sup>6</sup> Your motion to intervene must reference the Project docket number CP21–28–000.

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The Commission encourages electronic filing of motions to intervene (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

Motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail or email at: P.O. Box 3330, Omaha, NE 68103–0330 or [mike.loeffler@nngco.com](mailto:mike.loeffler@nngco.com). Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the

service list at the eService link on FERC Online. Service can be via email with a link to the document.

All timely, unopposed<sup>7</sup> motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1).<sup>8</sup> Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.<sup>9</sup> A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

#### Tracking the Proceeding

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project will be available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary" link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. 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. For more information and to register, go to [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/subscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/subscription.asp).

*Intervention Deadline:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on [February 16, 2021].

Dated: January 26, 2021.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20–26–000]

#### Notice of Request for Extension of Time; Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc.

Take notice that on January 21, 2021, Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc.<sup>1</sup> (Eastern GTS) requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) grant an extension of time, until August 22, 2021, to abandon, reconfigure, and relocate storage wells and related pipelines within its jurisdictional Bridgeport Storage Field in Harrison County, West Virginia (Project),<sup>2</sup> as deemed authorized, effective February 22, 2020. Under the applicable regulations, the Project was to be completed and made available for service by February 22, 2021, *i.e.*, within one year of authorization.<sup>3</sup>

Eastern GTS states that, primarily due to delays related to the COVID–19 pandemic, as well as weather related delays, Eastern GTS will be unable to complete all construction activities necessary to complete the Project within the authorized one-year timeframe. Accordingly, Eastern GTS requests a six-month extension of time, until August 22, 2021, to complete construction of the Project.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on Columbia's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10).<sup>4</sup>

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on

<sup>1</sup> As of November 1, 2020, Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company acquired certain companies of Dominion Energy, including Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc. and has changed its name to Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc.

<sup>2</sup> Prior Notice of Blanket Certificate Activity, Docket No. CP20–26–000 (filed December 16, 2019).

<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 157.205, a prior notice application is deemed to be authorized the day after the intervention period lapses if no protests are filed.

<sup>4</sup> Only motions to intervene from entities that were party to the underlying proceeding will be accepted. *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC 61,144, at P 39 (2020).

<sup>4</sup> 18 CFR 385.214.

<sup>5</sup> 18 CFR 157.10.

<sup>6</sup> Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

<sup>7</sup> The applicant has 15 days from the submittal of a motion to intervene to file a written objection to the intervention.

<sup>8</sup> 18 CFR 385.214(c)(1).

<sup>9</sup> 18 CFR 385.214(b)(3) and (d).