

sections 211 and section 213 of the Federal Power Act as amended and added by the Energy Policy Act 1992. FERC-716 also includes the requirement to file a section 211 request if the negotiations between the transmission requestor and the transmitting utility are unsuccessful. For the initial process, the information is not filed with the Commission. However, the request and response may be analyzed as a part of a section 211 action. The Commission may order

transmission services under the authority of FPA 211.

The Commission's regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 18 CFR 2.20, provide standards by which the Commission determines if and when a valid good faith request for transmission has been made under section 211 of the FPA. By developing the standards, the Commission sought to encourage an open exchange of data with a reasonable degree of specificity and completeness between the party

requesting transmission services and the transmitting utility. As a result, 18 CFR 2.20 identifies 12 components of a good faith estimate and 5 components of a reply to a good faith request.

Type of Respondents: Transmission Requestors and Transmitting Utilities.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*¹ The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

FERC-716 (GOOD FAITH REQUESTS FOR TRANSMISSION SERVICE AND GOOD FAITH RESPONSES BY TRANSMITTING UTILITIES UNDER SECTIONS 211(a) AND 213(a) OF THE FEDERAL POWER ACT (FPA))

	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden and cost per response ² (4)	Total annual burden hours and total annual cost (\$) (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1)
Information exchange between parties	6	1	6	100 hrs.; \$8,300 ...	600 hrs.; \$49,800	\$8,300
Application submitted to FERC if parties' negotiations are unsuccessful.	6	1	6	2.5 hrs.; \$207.50 ..	15 hrs.; \$1,245	207.50
Total			12		615 hrs.; \$51,045	8,507.50

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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP21-116-000]

Gulf States Transmission LLC; Notice of Application and Establishing Intervention Deadline

Take notice that on April 6, 2021, Gulf States Transmission LLC (Gulf States) 1300 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP21-116-000, an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization to abandon by sale to ETC Haynesville LLC (ETCH) the Gulf States interstate pipeline system in its entirety consisting of approximately 10 miles of 12-inch and 20-inch pipelines, meter and regulator stations, receipt and delivery points, and related and appurtenant facilities (collectively referred to as the Pipeline System) located in Harrison County, Texas, and Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Gulf States is also requesting authority to abandon its: (i) NGA Section 7 certificate of public convenience and necessity for the acquisition, construction, and operation of the Pipeline System; (ii) blanket certificate issued under Part 157,

Subpart F of the Commission's regulations; and (iii) Part 284 blanket certificate to provide open access transportation; as well as the cancellation of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, including all rate schedules therein, all as more fully set forth in the application 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 or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

¹ 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. For further explanation of what is included in the information

collection burden, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

² The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours per Response x \$83/hour = Average Cost per

Response. The cost per hour figure is the FERC 2020 average salary plus benefits. Subject matter experts found that industry employment costs closely resemble FERC's regarding the FERC-716 information collection.

Any questions regarding this filing may be directed to Blair Lichtenwalter, Senior Director of Certificates, Gulf States Transmission LLC, 1300 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002; by phone at (713) 989-2605, or by email at blair.lichtenwalter@energytransfer.com.

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ 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 May 6, 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 May 6, 2021.

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the Project docket number CP21-116-000 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 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) 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 below². Your written comments must reference the Project docket number (CP21-116-000).

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. 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,³ 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

in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure⁴ and the regulations under the NGA⁵ by the intervention deadline for the project, which is May 6, 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 CP21-116-000 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) 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.⁶ Your motion to intervene must reference the Project docket number CP21-116-000. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426

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.

Motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail or email at: Gulf States Transmission LLC, 1300 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002; or at blair.lichtenwalter@energytransfer.com. Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the

⁴ 18 CFR 385.214.

⁵ 18 CFR 157.10.

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

³ 18 CFR 385.102(d).

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

¹ 18 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 157.9.

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, unopposed⁷ motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1).⁸ 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.⁹ 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 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/esubscription.asp.

Intervention Deadline: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 6, 2021.

Dated: April 15, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Loveland Area Projects and Western Area Colorado Missouri Balancing Authority—Rate Order No. WAPA-197

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed transmission, energy and generator imbalance, and losses formula rates for use under the Western Energy Imbalance Service (WEIS) Market.

SUMMARY: The Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) of the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) proposes to convert its existing rates for short-term sales for RMR to use under the WEIS Market to new long-term formula rates for use October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2024. The existing formula rates (approved under the WAPA Administrator's short-term rate authority) expire on September 30, 2021. No changes are being proposed to the existing formula rates under the rates for short-term sales Rate Schedules L-NFJDT (joint dispatch transmission), L-AS4 (energy imbalance), L-AS9 (generator imbalance), and L-AS7 (balancing authority real power losses).

DATES: A consultation and comment period will begin April 21, 2021 and end May 21, 2021. RMR will accept written comments at any time during the 30-day consultation and comment period.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests to be informed of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) actions concerning the proposed formula rates submitted by WAPA to FERC for approval should be sent to: Mr. Timothy A. Vigil, Acting Regional Manager, Rocky Mountain Region, Western Area Power Administration, 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, CO 80538-8986, or email: LAPtransadj@wapa.gov. RMR will post information about the proposed formula rates and written comments received to its website at: <https://www.wapa.gov/regions/RM/rates/Pages/2021-Long-Term-Rates---WEIS-Market.aspx>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Sheila D. Cook, Rates Manager, Rocky Mountain Region, Western Area Power Administration, (970) 685-9562 or email: scook@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 9, 2017, FERC approved and confirmed LAP transmission and LAP, WACM, and Colorado River Storage Project ancillary services formula rates under Rate Schedules L-NT1 (network), L-FPT1

(firm point-to-point), L-NFPT1 (non-firm point-to-point), L-UU1 (unreserved use), L-AS1 (scheduling and dispatch), L-AS2 (reactive supply and voltage control (VAR) support), L-AS3 (regulation), L-AS4 (energy imbalance), L-AS5 (spinning reserves), L-AS6 (supplemental reserves), L-AS7 (transmission losses), and L-AS9 (generator imbalance) under Rate Order No. WAPA-174 for a 5-year period through September 30, 2021.¹ On December 29, 2020, WAPA's Administrator approved rates for short-term sales for RMR to use under the WEIS Market, which superseded the previously approved Rate Schedules L-AS4 (energy imbalance), L-AS9 (generator imbalance), and L-AS7 (transmission losses) and which created a new Rate Schedule, L-NFJDT (joint dispatch transmission), for the 8-month period February 1, 2021, through September 30, 2021.

The existing formula rates under the rates for short-term sales provide sufficient revenue to recover annual costs within the cost recovery criteria set forth in Department of Energy (DOE) Order RA 6120.2. RMR proposes that the long-term formula-based rates would take effect October 1, 2021. The proposed formula rates would remain in effect until September 30, 2024, or until WAPA changes the formula rates through another public rate process pursuant to 10 CFR part 903, whichever occurs first. For more information on the proposed rates, please see the customer brochure located on RMR's website at: <https://www.wapa.gov/regions/RM/rates/Pages/2021-Long-Term-Rates---WEIS-Market.aspx>.

Under a separate rate extension process, Rate Order No. WAPA-196, RMR is concurrently proposing to extend the remaining 5-year formula rates under Rate Schedules L-NT1 (network), L-FPT1 (firm point-to-point), L-NFPT1 (non-firm point-to-point), L-UU1 (unreserved use), L-AS1 (scheduling and dispatch), L-AS2 (VAR support), L-AS3 (regulation), L-AS5 (spinning reserves), and L-AS6 (supplemental reserves) for this same 3-year period, October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2024.

This 3-year period would allow RMR time to refine the WEIS Market implementation and investigate the potential expansion of and participation in the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) in the Western Interconnection.

¹ Order Confirming and Approving Rate Schedules on a Final Basis, FERC Docket Nos. EF16-5-000 and EF16-5-001, 158 FERC ¶ 62,181 (2017).

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

⁸ 18 CFR 385.214(c)(1).

⁹ 18 CFR 385.214(b)(3) and (d).