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**Andrew Hirshfeld,**

*Commissioner for Patents, Performing the Functions and Duties of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP21-838-000]

**Occidental Permian Ltd., OXY USA WTP LP v. El Paso Natural Gas Company, LLC; Notice of Complaint**

Take notice that on May 24, 2021, pursuant to Section 5 of the Natural Gas Act<sup>1</sup> and Rule 206 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206 (2021), Occidental Permian Ltd. and OXY USA WTP LP (Complainants) filed a formal complaint against El Paso Natural Gas Company, LLC (Respondent), alleging that the Respondent's failure to waive and imposition of Critical Operating Condition charges and penalties for the period February 15, 2021 through February 17, 2021 is unjust and unreasonable, unreasonably punitive, and inconsistent with Commission policy and precedent, all as more fully explained in its complaint.

The Complainants certify that copies of the complaint were served on the contacts listed for Respondent in the Commission's list of Corporate Officials.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. The Respondent's answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent's answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainant.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using

the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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://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. 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.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 14, 2021.

Dated: May 26, 2021.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Combined Notice of Filings**

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

*Docket Number:* PR21-47-000.

*Applicants:* Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc.

*Description:* Tariff filing per 284.123(b), (e)/: CMD Rates Effective May 1 2021 to be effective 5/1/2021.

*Filed Date:* 5/24/2021.

*Accession Number:* 202105245095.

*Comments/Protests Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/14/2021.

*Docket Number:* PR21-48-000.

*Applicants:* Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.

*Description:* Tariff filing per 284.123(b), (e)/: COH Rates Effective April 29 2021 to be effective 4/29/2021.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 717d.

*Filed Date:* 5/24/2021.  
*Accession Number:* 202105245145.  
*Comments/Protests Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/14/2021.

*Docket Numbers:* RP21–821–001.  
*Applicants:* Venice Gathering System, L.L.C.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Errata to be effective 7/1/2021.

*Filed Date:* 5/25/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210525–5019.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/7/21.

*Docket Numbers:* RP21–839–000.

*Applicants:* Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates—Gulfport Amendment 911377 to be effective 5/1/2021.

*Filed Date:* 5/25/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210525–5000.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/7/21.

*Docket Numbers:* RP21–840–000.

*Applicants:* Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: EGTS—West Loop Project (CP19–26) Transportation Service & Negotiated Rate to be effective 7/1/2021.

*Filed Date:* 5/25/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210525–5029.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/7/21.

*Docket Numbers:* RP21–841–000.

*Applicants:* Carolina Gas Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: CGT—Fuel Waiver to be effective 6/24/2021.

*Filed Date:* 5/25/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210525–5053.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/7/21.

*Docket Numbers:* RP21–842–000.

*Applicants:* El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Agreement Update (Pioneer Jul–Sep 2021) to be effective 7/1/2021.

*Filed Date:* 5/25/21.

*Accession Number:* 20210525–5078.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/7/21.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests,

service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: May 26, 2021.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD20–9–000]

#### Hybrid Resources; Notice Inviting Comments

On January 19, 2021, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) directed each Regional Transmission Organization and Independent System Operator (RTO/ISO) to submit informational reports by July 19, 2021 regarding hybrid resource issues, with public comments due 30 days thereafter (August 18, 2021).<sup>1</sup> Concurrently with the issuance of this notice, the Commission is issuing a staff white paper on Hybrid Resources. The white paper discusses the Hybrid Resources technical conference held by the Commission in July 2020 in this proceeding, as well as the information learned in post-technical conference comments.<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to this notice, all interested persons are invited to submit comments on the white paper, including information pertaining to non-RTO/ISO regions. We encourage commenters to jointly respond to both the white paper and RTO/ISO informational reports where applicable to avoid duplicate comments. Comments on both the RTO/ISO informational reports and the white paper are due August 18, 2021, 30 days after the RTO/ISO hybrid resource informational reports are filed.

For more information about this Notice, please contact:

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Dated: May 26, 2021.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5411–004]

#### Port Townsend Paper Corporation; Notice of Application for Surrender of Conduit Exemption, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Application for surrender of conduit exemption.

b. *Project No.:* P–5411–004.

c. *Date Filed:* October 26, 2018.

d. *Applicant:* Port Townsend Paper Corporation.

e. *Name of Project:* Port Townsend Mill Hydro-Turbine Generator Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Port Townsend Mill water supply line in Jefferson County, Washington.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. 2705, 2708.

h. *Exemptee Contact:* Michael Craft, General Manager, Port Townsend Paper Corporation, 100 Mill Hill Road, Port Townsend, WA 98368; Telephone: (360) 379–2065; Email: [Michael.craft@ptpc.com](mailto:Michael.craft@ptpc.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Marybeth Gay, (202) 502–6125, [Marybeth.gay@ferc.gov](mailto:Marybeth.gay@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for Filing Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests:* June 25, 2021.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions

<sup>1</sup> *Hybrid Resources*, 174 FERC ¶ 61,034 (2021).

<sup>2</sup> See *Hybrid Resources*, Notice Inviting Post-Technical Conference Comments, Docket No. AD20–9–000 (Aug. 10, 2020).