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For assistance with any of the Commission’s online systems, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8258.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15249–000]

#### Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications; Lewis Ridge Pumped Storage, LLC

On November 22, 2021, Lewis Ridge Pumped Storage, LLC., filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of a pumped storage hydropower project located in Bell County, Kentucky. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners’ express permission.

The proposed Lewis Ridge Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project would

consist of the following: (1) A 5,700-foot-long, 77-foot-high zoned rockfill embankment ring dike; (2) an upper reservoir with a surface area of 30 acres and a storage capacity of 2,300 acre-feet; (3) a 4,987-foot-long, 20-foot-diameter power tunnel; (4) a 120-foot-high, 30-foot-diameter steel surge tower; (5) a 420-foot-long, 80-foot-wide powerhouse containing four 54-megawatt (MW) reversible pump-turbines with a total capacity of 216 MW; (6) a 1,700-foot-long, 3.5-foot-diameter pipeline from a concrete pump station on the Cumberland River for fill/refill water; (7) a 1,400-foot-long, 100-foot-high zoned rockfill dam with a 5,900-foot-long, 10-foot-high zoned rockfill embankment ring dike surrounding (8) a 23 acre lower reservoir with a storage capacity of 2,300 acre-feet; and (9) a 1.3-mile-long, 161 kilovolt overhead transmission line. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of 605,000 megawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Nate Sandvig, Lewis Ridge Pumped Storage, LLC., 220 NW 8th Ave., Portland, OR 97209; phone: (503) 309–2496, email: [nathan@ryedevelopment.com](mailto:nathan@ryedevelopment.com).

*FERC Contact:* Michael Spencer; phone: (202) 502–6093, or by email at [michael.spencer@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.spencer@ferc.gov).

*Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications:* 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission’s eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCONline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. 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 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.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the “eLibrary” link of the Commission’s website at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>. Enter the docket number (P–15249) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF22–1–000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Planned Southside Reliability Enhancement Project and Notice of Public Virtual Scoping Session

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Southside Reliability Enhancement Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) in Mecklenburg and Pittsylvania Counties, Virginia, and Davidson, Hertford, and Iredell Counties, North Carolina. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This gathering of public input is referred to as “scoping.” The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues.

Additional information about the Commission's NEPA process is described below in the *NEPA Process and Environmental Document* section of this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 14, 2022. Comments may be submitted in written or oral form. Further details on how to submit written or oral comments are provided in the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the environmental document. Commission staff will consider all written or verbal comments during the preparation of the environmental document.

If you submitted comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on October 1, 2021, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. PF22-1-000 to ensure they are considered.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, the Natural Gas Act conveys the right of eminent domain to the company. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with state law. The Commission does not subsequently grant, exercise, or oversee the exercise of that eminent domain authority. The courts have exclusive authority to handle eminent domain cases; the

Commission has no jurisdiction over these matters.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" addresses typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. This fact sheet along with other landowner topics of interest are available for viewing on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the links to Natural Gas Questions or Landowner Topics.

#### Public Participation

There are four methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to FERC Online. Using eComment is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is also located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to FERC Online. 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; a comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing;"

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (PF22-1-000) on your letter. 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; or

(4) In lieu of sending written comments, the Commission invites you to attend a virtual public scoping session its staff will conduct by telephone, scheduled as follows:  
*Date:* Wednesday, January 5, 2022  
*Time:* 6-8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

*Dial-in Number:* 888-604-9359

*Participant passcode:* 8998724

The primary goal of the scoping session is to have you identify the specific environmental issues and concerns that should be considered in the environmental document. Individual oral comments will be taken on a one-on-one basis with a court reporter present on the line. This format is designed to receive the maximum amount of oral comments, in a convenient way during the timeframe allotted, and is in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

There will not be a formal presentation by Commission staff. The scoping session is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. You may call at any time after 6 p.m. at which time you will be placed on mute and hold. Calls will be answered in the order they are received. Once answered, you will have the opportunity to provide your comment directly to a court reporter with FERC staff or representative present on the line. A time limit of five minutes will be implemented for each commentor.

Transcripts of all comments received during the scoping session will be publicly available on FERC's eLibrary system (see the last page of this notice for instructions on using eLibrary).

It is important to note that the Commission provides equal consideration to all comments received, whether filed in written form or provided verbally at a virtual scoping session. Although there will not be a formal presentation, Commission staff may answer questions about the environmental review process during individual's time with the court reporter.

Additionally, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription, which makes it easy to stay informed of all issuances and submittals regarding the dockets/projects to which you subscribe. These instant email notifications are the fastest way to receive notification and provide a link to the document files which can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

#### Summary of the Planned Project

Transco plans to modify two existing compressor stations and three existing meter stations and construct and operate one new 30,500 horsepower (hp) compressor station in North Carolina and Virginia. The general location of the planned project facilities is shown in

appendix 1.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, the Southside Reliability Enhancement Project would consist of the following facilities:

- Installation of a new compressor station (Compressor Station 168) which includes one new 30,500 hp electric motor-driven compressor unit, and installation of new mainline valves on South Virginia Lateral A-Line and B-Line at the new Compressor Station 168 in Mecklenburg County, Virginia;
- Addition of one 16,000 hp electric motor-driven compressor unit at existing Compressor Station 166 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia;
- Installation of piping modifications to allow for flow reversal at existing Compressor Station 155 in Davidson County, North Carolina;
- Replacement of one meter run to increase delivery volumes by 40,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of natural gas at the existing Ahoskie meter and regulatory (M&R) station in Hertford County, North Carolina;
- Installation of new facilities to increase delivery volumes by 120,000 Dth/d at the existing Pleasant Hill M&R station in Northampton County, North Carolina; and
- Upgrade meter and controls and debottleneck piping to increase delivery volumes by 263,400 Dth/d at the existing Iredell M&R station in Iredell County, North Carolina.

The Southside Reliability Enhancement Project would enable Transco to provide 160,000 Dth/d of incremental firm transportation capacity from Transco's Compressor Station 165 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia and 263,400 Dth/d from the Pine Needle storage facility to delivery points in North Carolina. As described by Transco, the total delivery capacity of 423,400 Dth/d would reduce supply constraints when natural gas demand is the highest, support overall reliability and diversification of energy infrastructure in the mid-Atlantic, and benefit the public by promoting competitive markets and increasing the security of natural gas supplies to major delivery points serving the mid-Atlantic.

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the link called "eLibrary". For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice. 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 FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll free, (888) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction and modification of the planned facilities would disturb about 117 acres of land, which includes temporary construction workspace, permanent easement, and permanent access roads. Following construction, Transco would maintain all 117 acres for permanent operation of the project's facilities.

### NEPA Process and the Environmental Document

Any environmental document issued by Commission staff will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the planned project under the relevant general resource areas:

- geology and soils;
- water resources and wetlands;
- vegetation and wildlife;
- threatened and endangered species;
- cultural resources;
- land use;
- socioeconomic;
- air quality and noise; and
- reliability and safety.

Commission staff have already identified minority and/or low-income environmental justice communities adjacent to the existing compressor stations and M&R stations. Community groups, schools, churches, and businesses within these environmental justice communities, along with known environmental justice organizations, have been included on the Commission's environmental mailing list for the project, as further explained in the *Environmental Mailing List* section of this notice.

Commission staff will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the planned project or portions of the project and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas. Your comments will help Commission staff identify and focus on the issues that might have an effect on the human environment and potentially eliminate others from further study and discussion in the environmental document.

Although no formal application has been filed, Commission staff have already initiated a NEPA review under the Commission's pre-filing process. The purpose of the pre-filing process is to encourage early involvement of interested stakeholders and to identify and resolve issues before the Commission receives an application. As part of the pre-filing review, Commission staff will contact federal and state agencies to discuss their involvement in the scoping process and the preparation of the environmental document.

If a formal application is filed, Commission staff will then determine whether to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EA or the EIS will present Commission staff's independent analysis of the environmental issues. If Commission staff prepares an EA, a *Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment* will be issued. The EA may be issued for an allotted public comment period. The Commission would consider timely comments on the EA before making its determination on the proposed project. If Commission staff prepares an EIS, a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS/ Notice of Schedule* will be issued once an application is filed, which will open an additional public comment period. Staff will then prepare a draft EIS that will be issued for public comment. Commission staff will consider all timely comments received during the comment period on the draft EIS, and revise the document, as necessary, before issuing a final EIS. Any EA or draft and final EIS will be available in electronic format in the public record through eLibrary<sup>2</sup> and the Commission's natural gas environmental documents web page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents>). If eSubscribed, you will receive instant email notification when the environmental document is issued.

With this notice, the Commission is asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues related to this project to formally cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document.<sup>3</sup> Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

### Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Commission is using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Office(s), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian

<sup>2</sup> For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

<sup>3</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.8.

tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.<sup>4</sup> The environmental document for this project will document our findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

#### Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; local community groups, schools, churches, and businesses; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project and includes a mailing address with their comments. Commission staff will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that Commission notices related to this environmental review are sent to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the planned project.

If you need to make changes to your name/address, or if you would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please complete one of the following steps:

(1) Send an email to [GasProjectAddressChange@ferc.gov](mailto:GasProjectAddressChange@ferc.gov) stating your request. You must include the docket number PF22-1-000 in your request. If you are requesting a change to your address, please be sure to include your name and the correct address. If you are requesting to delete your address from the mailing list, please include your name and address as it appeared on this notice. This email address is unable to accept comments.

OR

(2) Return the attached "Mailing List Update Form" (appendix 2).

#### Becoming an Intervenor

Once Transco files its application with the Commission, you may want to become an "intervenor" which is an

official party to the Commission's proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214). Motions to intervene are more fully described at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to.asp>. Please note that the Commission will not accept requests for intervenor status at this time. You must wait until the Commission receives a formal application for the project, after which the Commission will issue a public notice that establishes an intervention deadline.

#### Additional Information

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](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field (*i.e.*, PF22-1). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <https://www.ferc.gov/news-events/events> along with other related information.

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Secretary.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP22-25-000]

#### Venture Global Calcasieu Pass, LLC; Notice of Application To Amend and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on December 3, 2021, Venture Global Calcasieu Pass, LLC (Calcasieu Pass), 1001 19th Street North, Suite 1500, Arlington, VA 22209, filed

in the above referenced docket, an application pursuant to section 3 of the natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 153, Subpart B, of the Commission's regulations for an amendment to the authorizations granted by the Commission on February 21, 2019 in Docket No. CP15-550-000. Those actions authorized Calcasieu Pass to site, construct, and operate a new liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminal and associated facilities (Export Terminal) along the Calcasieu Ship Channel in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. In this amendment Calcasieu Pass proposes to increase the Export Terminal's peak achievable liquefaction capacity from 12.0 million metric tons per annum (MTPA) to 12.4 MTPA of LNG under optimal operating conditions. Calcasieu Pass states that the requested increase in peak liquefaction capacity reflects refinements in the conditions and assumptions concerning the maximum potential operations and does not involve construction of any new facilities nor any modification of the previously authorized facilities, 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 FERC at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this filing should be directed to Calcasieu Pass' outside counsel, Patrick Nevins of Latham & Watkins, LLP, 555 Eleventh Street NW, Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20004, telephone: (202) 637-3363.

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

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 157.9.

<sup>4</sup> The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.