

efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. If this information is not collected, vital feedback from customers and stakeholders on the Commission's services will be unavailable.

The Commission will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- The collections are voluntary;
- The collections are low burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden hours per respondent) and are low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;
- The collections are non-controversial and do not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;
- The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program soon;
- Personal identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained;
- Information gathered is intended to be used only internally for general

service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the Commission (if released, the Commission must indicate the qualitative nature of the information);

- Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions; and
- Information gathered will yield qualitative information; the collections will not be designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance provides useful information, but it does not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: the target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design

(including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study.

As a general matter, this information collection will not result in any new system of records containing privacy information and will not ask questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

**Current Surveys:**

- Landowner Helpline Survey
- Dispute Resolution Case Survey
- Electronic Hearing Process Survey

*Type of Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals and households; Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit organizations; State, Local, or Tribal government.

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

**ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN FOR GENERIC CLEARANCE FOR FERC-153**

	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden minutes per response	Total burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)
Generic Clearance .....	27,000	1	27,000	10 minutes .....	4,500 hours <sup>2</sup>

*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.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice

communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP23-214-000]

**Columbia Gas Transmission, L.L.C.; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Greenwood and North Greenwood Storage Fields Abandonment Project**

On April 21, 2023, Columbia Gas Transmission, L.L.C. (Columbia) filed an application in Docket No. CP23-214-000 requesting an Authorization pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Greenwood and North Greenwood Storage Fields Abandonment Project (Project) and would authorize Columbia to abandon

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 4,500 hours = 270,000 minutes

all active pipelines, facilities, and appurtenances at the Greenwood and North Greenwood Storage Fields. According to Columbia, the abandonment of these facilities would reduce future integrity risks at the fields and the overall safety risk to its system.

On May 5, 2023, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.<sup>1</sup>

#### Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—October 27, 2023  
90-day Federal Authorization Decision  
Deadline<sup>2</sup>—January 25, 2024

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

#### Project Description

Columbia proposes to abandon its Greenwood and North Greenwood Storage Fields, including all active associated pipelines, facilities, and appurtenances, in Steuben County, New York. The Project would consist of the abandonment of eight wells, three miles of storage lines, one compressor station, and associated appurtenances. Abandonment of the proposed facilities would temporarily disturb about 25.8 acres of land. This includes about 15.5 acres of existing easements, 3.8 acres of existing access roads, 3.6 acres of existing facility space, and 2.8 acres of temporary workspaces.

#### Background

On May 15, 2023, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Greenwood and North Greenwood*

*Storage Fields Abandonment Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The primary issues raised by the commenter are facilities abandonment procedures, air quality, threatened and endangered species, and state permits. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

#### Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP23-214), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL23-70-000]

#### Bluegrass Solar, LLC; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On June 13, 2023, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL23-70-000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e, instituting an investigation into whether Bluegrass Solar, LLC's Rate Schedule<sup>1</sup> is unjust, unreasonable, unduly, discriminatory, or preferential, or otherwise unlawful. *Bluegrass Solar, LLC*, 183 FERC ¶ 61,177 (2023).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL23-70-000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any interested person desiring to be heard in Docket No. EL23-70-000 must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214 (2022), within 21 days of the date of issuance of the order.

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 FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests

<sup>1</sup> Bluegrass Solar, LLC, Rate Schedule Tariff, Rate Schedule FERC No. 1, Reactive Power Compensation (3.0.0).

<sup>1</sup> 40 CFR 1501.10 (2020)

<sup>2</sup> The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.