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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP23-200-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Pelto Area Abandonment Project

On April 20, 2023, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) and Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed an application in Docket No. CP23-200-000 requesting an Authorization pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The facilities proposed for abandonment have not been utilized since at least 2020 and Transco and Northern do not anticipate that any additional flow

through these facilities will occur in the future. The proposed project is known as the Pelto Area Abandonment Project (Project).

On May 3, 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.¹

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA December 1, 2023
90-day Federal Authorization Decision
Deadline² February 29, 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

Transco and Northern seek to abandon six pipeline segments with different ownership interests that total about 32.1 miles. Project pipelines in federal waters are within a Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) identified Significant Sediment Resource Area and BOEM requires that Transco and Northern remove those pipelines as part of the proposed abandonment. Similarly, the Louisiana Office of State Lands requires removal of abandoned pipelines within state waters. Transco and Northern propose to abandon by removal a total of 26.5 miles of pipeline in federal waters and abandon by removal a total of 5.6 miles of pipeline within Louisiana state waters. Transco and Northern also propose to abandon the pipeline in-place at active foreign pipeline crossings for a total of approximately 0.20 to 0.41 mile. Additionally, Transco proposes to abandon risers in place from the PL-10 and PL-11 Platforms, abandon risers by

¹ 40 CFR 1501.10 (2020).

² 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.

removal from the SS-70 Platform, and remove metering and associated equipment from the PL-10, PL-11, and SS-91 Platforms in federal waters.

Background

On June 14, 2023, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Pelto Area Abandonment Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to federal and state government agencies and other interested parties. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. The primary issues raised by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are air quality, noise, and environmental justice. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma stated that the Project lies outside of its area of historic interest. 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.

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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). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" (*i.e.*, CP23-200-000), 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. The eLibrary link on the FERC

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER23-2511-000]

Hardy Hills Solar Energy LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Hardy Hills Solar Energy LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is August 21, 2023.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

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delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER23-2512-000]

SR Canadaville, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of SR Canadaville, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

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