

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Electricity Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Office of Electricity, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Electricity Advisory Committee (EAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES:

Tuesday October 17, 2023; 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. EST.

Wednesday October 18, 2023; 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Headquarters in Arlington, VA, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1, Arlington, VA 22203. Members of the public are encouraged to participate virtually, however, limited physical space is available for members of the public to attend onsite. To register to attend either in-person or virtually, please visit the meeting website: <https://www.energy.gov/oe/october-17-18-2023-electricity-advisory-committee-meeting>. Please note, you must register for each day you would like to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jayne Faith, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Electricity, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585; Telephone: (202) 586–2983 or Email: Jayne.Faith@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Committee: The EAC was established in accordance with the provisions of FACA, as amended, to provide advice to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in implementing the Energy Policy Act of 2005, executing certain sections of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and modernizing the nation's electricity delivery infrastructure. The EAC is composed of individuals of diverse backgrounds selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues that pertain to the electric sector.

Tentative Agenda

October 17, 2023

12:45 p.m.–1:00 p.m. WebEx Attendee Sign-On

1:00 p.m.–1:15 p.m. Welcome, Introductions, Developments since June Meeting

1:15 p.m.–1:45 p.m. Update from the Office of Electricity

1:45 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Update on FERC Activities

2:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m. Break
2:45 p.m.–3:45 p.m. Presentation of EAC Reliability Work Product and Vote
3:45 p.m.–4:45 p.m. Moderated Discussion on Reliability
4:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Wrap-up and Adjourn Day 1 of October EAC Meeting

October 18, 2023

8:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m. WebEx Attendee Sign-On

8:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m. Opening Remarks

8:45 a.m.–9:45 a.m. Moderated Discussion on Energy Storage

9:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Update from the Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security and Emergency Response Activities

11:00 a.m.–11:10 a.m. Energy Storage Subcommittee Update

11:10 a.m.–11:20 a.m. Smart Grid Subcommittee Update

11:20 a.m.–11:30 a.m. GRNS Subcommittee Update

11:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Public Comments

11:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Wrap-up and Adjourn October Meeting of the EAC

The meeting agenda and times may change to accommodate EAC business. For EAC agenda updates, see the EAC website at: <https://www.energy.gov/oe/october-17-18-2023-electricity-advisory-committee-meeting>.

Public Participation: The EAC welcomes the attendance of the public at its meetings. Individuals who wish to offer public comments at the EAC meeting may do so on October 18, 2023, but must register in advance by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on October 17, 2023, by sending a written request identified by “*Electricity Advisory Committee October 2023 Meeting*,” to Ms. Jayne Faith at Jayne.Faith@hq.doe.gov. Approximately 15 minutes will be reserved for public comments. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but is not expected to exceed three minutes. Anyone who is not able to attend the meeting, or for whom the allotted public comments time is insufficient to address pertinent issues with the EAC, is invited to send a written statement identified by “*Electricity Advisory Committee October 2023 Meeting*,” to Ms. Jayne Faith at Jayne.Faith@hq.doe.gov.

Minutes: The minutes of the EAC meeting will be posted on the EAC web page at <https://www.energy.gov/oe/october-17-18-2023-electricity-advisory-committee-meeting>. They can also be obtained by contacting Ms. Jayne Faith at the address above.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 19, 2023.

LaTanya Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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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 and Oil Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP23–1039–000.

Applicants: Venture Global Gator Express, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing;

Baseline new to be effective 10/31/2023.

Filed Date: 9/18/23.

Accession Number: 20230918–5072.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/2/23.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) 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.

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

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.

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Dated: September 18, 2023.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER23–2874–000]

NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation; 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 NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation'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 October 9, 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.

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 or call toll-free, (886) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

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Dated: September 18, 2023.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP22–489–001]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on September 11, 2023, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) grant an extension of time (2023 Extension of Time Request), until October 13, 2023, to install and operate an approximately 1.57-mile expansion of its 36-inch-diameter MNM80105 Ventura Interconnect to Farmington E-Line in Freeborn and Steele counties, Minnesota, in the Prior Notice Request for Authorization Under Blanket Certificate (Prior Notice) under Docket

No. CP22–489–000. On July 25, 2022, the Commission issued a Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization, which established a 60-day comment period, ending on September 23, 2022, to file protests. No protests were filed during the comment period, and accordingly the project was authorized on September 24, 2022 and by Rule should have been completed within one year.

In its 2023 Extension of Time Request, Northern states that it delayed construction until May 22, 2023, to avoid construction during the winter and spring load restrictions on State and local roads. Northern expected to complete the Project within the one-year time frame. However, during construction, Northern's contractor experienced multiple delays with the horizontal directional drilling (HDD) activities due to drill rig availability and an increased duration for the pilot and reaming activities. Additionally, construction for the associated tie-in facilities was longer than expected due to a change in tie-in plans at the Albert Lea compressor station as described in weekly report 16. The proposed tie-in location on the D-line was not suitable for in-service welding, resulting in additional excavation, backfill, fabrication and pressure testing. Northern currently estimates completing commissioning and testing of the new line the week of October 2, 2023.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on Northern's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10).

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for Natural Gas Act facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension requests that are contested,¹ the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.² The Commission will

¹ Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 CFR 385.2201(c)(1) (2019).

² *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).