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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:* RP23-1040-000.  
*Applicants:* Equitrans, L.P.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Agreement—9/20/2023 to be effective 9/20/2023.

*Filed Date:* 9/20/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230920-5010.

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

*Docket Numbers:* RP23-1041-000.

*Applicants:* Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: 9.20.23 Negotiated Rates—Equinor Natural Gas LLC R-7120-19 to be effective 11/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 9/20/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230920-5041.

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

*Docket Numbers:* RP23-1042-000.

*Applicants:* Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: 9.20.23 Negotiated Rates—Equinor Natural Gas LLC R-7120-20 to be effective 11/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 9/20/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230920-5043.

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

*Docket Numbers:* RP23-1043-000.

*Applicants:* Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: 9.20.23 Negotiated Rates—Vitol Inc. R-7495-19 to be effective 11/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 9/20/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230920-5044.

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

*Docket Numbers:* RP23-1044-000.

*Applicants:* Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: 9.20.23 Negotiated Rates—Vitol Inc. R-7495-20 to be effective 11/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 9/20/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230920-5045.

*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/fercensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

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### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL23-98-000]

#### Stony Creek Wind Farm, LLC; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On September 18, 2023, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL23-98-000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e, instituting an investigation into whether Stony Creek Wind Farm, LLC's Rate Schedule is unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential, or otherwise unlawful. *Stony Creek Wind Farm, LLC*, 184 FERC ¶ 61,163 (2023).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL23-98-000, 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. EL23-98-000 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 (<https://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 and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFile" link at <https://www.ferc.gov>.

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.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0445; FRL-11370-01-OCSPP]

### Pesticides; Concept for a Framework To Assess the Risk to the Effectiveness of Human and Animal Drugs Posed by Certain Antibacterial or Antifungal Pesticides; Notice of Availability and Request for Comment

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of and soliciting public comment on the concept for developing a framework to improve assessments of potential risks to human and animal health where the use of certain pesticides could potentially result in antimicrobial resistance (AMR) that compromises the effectiveness of medically important antibacterial and antifungal drugs. EPA is also seeking feedback on research gaps and other information to help inform the risk assessment and mitigation processes. The concept document was developed in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health and Human

Services (HHS), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and offices within the White House Executive Office of the President. A pesticide must be registered with the EPA under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) before it can be legally sold or distributed in the United States. During the registration process, EPA considers whether the pesticide will cause unreasonable adverse effects on people or the environment. Because resistance is considered an adverse effect under FIFRA, the U.S.

government is working to develop a structured and coordinated approach to assess and manage these risks. EPA is seeking public comment on a concept document for a proposed framework and on potential solutions, research, or mitigation approaches to reduce the spread of AMR. The agencies will consider feedback in developing a proposed framework that will also be shared for public review and comment.

**DATES:** Submit your comments on or before November 13, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0445, through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Additional instructions on commenting and visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Jennings, Immediate Office (7501M), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1201 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20004; telephone number: (706) 355-8574; email address: [jennings.susan@epa.gov](mailto:jennings.susan@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Executive Summary

###### A. What is the Agency's authority for taking this action?

This action is being taken under the authority of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*).

###### B. What action is the Agency taking?

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use of certain pesticides could potentially result in antimicrobial resistance that compromises the effectiveness of medically important antibacterial and antifungal drugs. EPA is also seeking feedback on research gaps and other information to help inform the risk assessment and mitigation processes. The concept document was developed in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and offices within the White House Executive Office of the President. A pesticide must be registered with the EPA under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) before it can be legally sold or distributed in the United States. During the registration process, EPA considers whether the pesticide will cause unreasonable adverse effects on people or the environment. Because resistance is considered an adverse effect under FIFRA, the U.S. government is working to develop a structured and coordinated approach to assess and manage these risks. EPA is seeking public comment on a concept document for a proposed framework and on potential solutions, research, or mitigation approaches to reduce the spread of AMR. The agencies will consider feedback in developing a proposed framework that will also be shared for public review and comment.

###### C. Why is the Agency taking this action?

In the United States, more than 2.8 million antimicrobial-resistant infections occur each year, resulting in more than 35,000 annual deaths. Some antibacterial and antifungal pesticides used in agriculture as well as some pesticides used in other settings, belong to the same class as or share mechanisms of action with medically important antimicrobial drugs used in human and veterinary medicine. Recent evidence indicates that the use of some antifungal pesticides can select for resistant organisms that pose a potential risk to human and animal health. As new pesticides and uses are proposed, the potential exists for these pesticides to select for pathogenic bacteria or fungi that are resistant to medically important antimicrobial drugs, including both FDA-approved drugs and those still undergoing clinical trials.

###### D. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general, although this action may be of particular interest to those persons who may be interested in assessments of potential risks to human and animal health where the use of certain pesticides could potentially result in