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**Oral public comments:** Individuals may submit a request to make an oral public comment at the September 17, 2024 meeting. Advance copy of oral public comments must be sent via email at [whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dacipad@mail.mil](mailto:whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dacipad@mail.mil) with the subject line “DAC-IPAD: Request to Speak <insert the issue and question>” no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered for oral public comment but will be provided to the Chair of the DAC-IPAD for consideration. All submitted oral comments become government property and may be published as part of the meeting record. Registration for oral public comment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes or less per person. After the maximum number of speakers is exceeded, individuals registered to provide oral comment will be placed on a wait list and notified should an opening become available. Should time expire for oral public comments those not presented will be provided to the Chair of the DAC-IPAD for consideration. You will be notified via email no later than September 17, 2024 if you have been identified to provide in-person public comment.

Dated: August 16, 2024.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Pacific Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low Frequency Active Sonar Training and Testing

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy (DoN), Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality, the Department of the Navy (Navy) announces its intent to prepare the Pacific Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low Frequency Active Sonar Training and Testing (PAC SURTASS LFA) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas EIS (SEIS/OEIS). The PAC SURTASS LFA SEIS/OEIS will include an analysis of training activities, as well as research, development, testing, and evaluation activities (hereafter referred to as “testing”) that will be conducted in the PAC SURTASS LFA Study Area. The Navy is initiating a 30-day public scoping process to receive comments on the scope of the SEIS/OEIS including identification of potential alternatives and environmental concerns, information and analyses relevant to the Proposed Action, and issues the public would like to see addressed in the SEIS/OEIS.

**DATES:** The 30-day public scoping period begins on August 21, 2024 and extends to September 19, 2024. Comments must be postmarked or submitted electronically via the website no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on September 19, 2024 for consideration in the Draft SEIS/OEIS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Pacific Fleet Command, Attn: Ms. Heather Paynter, Environmental Public Affairs Specialist, by telephone (808-471-3769) or email ([CPF-Environmental-PA@us.navy.mil](mailto:CPF-Environmental-PA@us.navy.mil)), or visit the project website: <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/surtass-lfa/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** SEIS-007-17-USN-1723661233. Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet is the Navy’s lead action proponent, with Naval Sea Systems Command acting as an additional Navy action proponent.

In continuance of the Navy’s commitment to responsible stewardship of the marine environment and building upon analyses and information included

in the Navy’s 2001 Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/OEIS, 2007 Final SEIS, 2012 Final SEIS/Supplemental OEIS (SOEIS), 2015 Final SEIS/SOEIS, and 2019 Final SEIS/SOEIS, the Navy intends to prepare an updated supplemental assessment of the environmental effects associated with the continued employment of SURTASS LFA sonar systems. The SEIS/OEIS and associated analysis will be used to support consultations associated with expiring regulatory permits and authorizations in 2026.

The PAC SURTASS LFA Study Area (hereafter referred to as the (“Study Area”)) is comprised of the western North Pacific and Indian Oceans. For the purposes of analyzing the impacts of SURTASS LFA sonar systems on marine mammals, fifteen representative locations were considered for acoustic modeling.

The Navy proposes to continue employing up to four SURTASS LFA sonar systems onboard U.S. Navy surveillance ships for routine training and testing in the Study Area with certain geographical restrictions and other preventive measures designed to mitigate adverse effects on the marine environment. As part of the SEIS/OEIS analyses, the Navy will continue to assess potential impacts of SURTASS LFA sonar systems to offshore biologically important areas (OBIA). Effectiveness of the mitigation measures that are the foundation of the Navy’s operation of SURTASS LFA sonar will also be re-assessed in the context of new technologies and methodologies as well as operational practicability.

The Navy has identified two preliminary action alternatives to carry forward for analysis in the SEIS/OEIS along with the No Action Alternative. Alternative 1 reflects the minimum number of SURTASS LFA sonar transmission hours per year needed to meet the Navy’s purpose and need, while Alternative 2 reflects the number of hours accounting for the possible need to deploy two additional SURTASS LFA-equipped vessels (increase from four vessels to six). As required by NEPA for the purpose of establishing a baseline for analysis, a No Action Alternative will be evaluated which represents a scenario where training and testing with SURTASS LFA sonar would not be conducted in the Study Area.

Environmental resources that are determined to be potentially affected are carried forward for full analysis. Resources to be evaluated include, but are not limited to, biological resources (including marine mammals, reptiles, fishes, and habitats), sediments and

water quality, air quality, and socioeconomic resources. Some other environmental resources have been analyzed in previous SURTASS LFA NEPA/E.O. 12114 documents and are incorporated by reference moving forward. The SEIS/OEIS will also analyze measures that would avoid, minimize, or mitigate environmental effects. The Navy will conduct all coordination and consultation activities required by the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), Endangered Species Act (ESA), and other laws and regulations determined to be applicable to the project. As part of this process, the Navy will seek the issuance of regulatory permits and authorizations under MMPA and ESA to support at-sea mission readiness activities within the Study Area, beginning in August 2026.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.8, the Navy invited the National Marine Fisheries Service to be a cooperating agency in preparation of the SEIS/OEIS. On August 7, 2024 National Marine Fisheries Service agreed to be a cooperating agency.

The scoping process invites comments on the scope of the SEIS/OEIS including identification of potential alternatives, information and analyses relevant to the Proposed Action, identification of environmental concerns, and issues the public would like to see addressed in the SEIS/OEIS. Federal agencies, state agencies, local agencies, Tribal Organizations, the public, and interested persons are encouraged to provide comments.

Comments must be postmarked or submitted electronically via the website no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on September 19, 2024 for consideration during the development of the Draft SEIS/OEIS. Comments can be submitted electronically via the project website at <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/surtass-lfa/>.

After the scoping period, Navy will coordinate with participating and cooperating agencies to develop a Draft SEIS/OEIS. The Navy intends to release the Draft SEIS/OEIS in the spring of 2025, release the Final SEIS/OEIS in the winter of 2026, and sign a Record of Decision following the 30-day Final SEIS/OEIS wait period.

Dated: August 14, 2024.

**A.J. Gioiello,**

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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 Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

**Filings Instituting Proceedings**

*Docket Numbers:* RP24-972-000.

*Applicants:* Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates—Yankee Gas to Emera Energy eff 8-15-24 to be effective 8/15/2024.

*Filed Date:* 8/15/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240815-5023.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 8/27/24.

*Docket Numbers:* RP24-973-000.

*Applicants:* North Baja Pipeline, LLC.

*Description:* 4(d) Rate Filing: Administrative Housekeeping Filing to be effective 9/15/2024.

*Filed Date:* 8/15/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240815-5054.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 8/27/24.

*Docket Numbers:* RP24-974-000.

*Applicants:* Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates—Yankee Gas to Emera Energy eff 8-16-24 to be effective 8/16/2024.

*Filed Date:* 8/15/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240815-5060.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 8/27/24.

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.

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.

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).

Dated: August 15, 2024.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Combined Notice of Filings #1**

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER10-1511-010; ER10-2231-008.

*Applicants:* Kentucky Utilities Company, Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

*Description:* Supplement to 06/30/2023, Triennial Market Power Analysis for Southeast Region of Louisville Gas and Electric Company et al.

*Filed Date:* 8/9/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240809-5187.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 8/30/24.

*Docket Numbers:* ER24-2052-002.

*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: 4225 Algodon Solar Energy & SPS Facilities Service Agreement to be effective 7/16/2024.

*Filed Date:* 8/14/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240814-5129.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 9/4/24.

*Docket Numbers:* ER24-2477-001.

*Applicants:* American Electric Power Service Corporation, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: American Electric Power Service Corporation submits tariff filing per 35.17(b) Amendment to Attachment 1 of ILDSA SA No. 1679 to be effective 11/1/2024.

*Filed Date:* 8/15/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240815-5044.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 9/5/24.

*Docket Numbers:* ER24-2781-000.

*Applicants:* Midcontinent

Independent System Operator, Inc.  
*Description:* 205(d) Rate Filing: 2024-08-15\_SA 4320 MEC-MEC GIA (J1532) to be effective 8/5/2024.