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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP24-494-000]

Black Bayou Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Black Bayou Gas Storage Project

On July 17, 2024, Black Bayou Gas Storage, LLC filed an application in Docket No. CP24-494-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline and storage facilities in Cameron Parish and Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. The proposed project is known as the Black Bayou Gas Storage Project (Project), and would create four salt storage caverns, with a total working gas capacity of 34.7 billion cubic feet (Bcf), 1.6 Bcf of peak daily natural gas injection capability, and 2.0 Bcf of peak daily natural gas deliverability, with an ability to cycle between injection and withdrawal services on short notice.

On July 31, 2024, 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 The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA February 14, 2025
90-day Federal Authorization Decision
Deadline² May 15, 2025

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

The Project would include the following facilities in Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes, Louisiana:

- four underground salt dome natural gas storage caverns;
- a central operations site inside the natural gas storage area, to include:
 - a 44,000-horsepower natural gas-powered reciprocating compressor station;
 - a brine leaching plant;
 - an electrical supply facility;
- nine freshwater wells;
- nine saltwater disposal wells on three pads;
- associated freshwater and brine piping and valve settings;
- two 27.1-mile-long, 24-inch-diameter, looped bi-directional header pipelines;³
- ten metering and regulation stations;
- five mainline valve sites; and
- permanent and temporary access roads.

¹ In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1726746869. 40 CFR 1501.5(c)(4) (2024).

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.

³ A pipeline loop is a segment of pipe constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity.

Background

On August 28, 2024, the Commission issued a "Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Black Bayou Gas Storage Project and Notice of Public Scoping Session" (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 Sierra Club, Fishermen Involved in Sustaining our Heritage (FISH), For a Better Bayou, Habitat Recovery Project, Healthy Gulf, Micah Six Eight Mission, Vessel Project of Louisiana, Restore Explicit Symmetry To Our Ravaged Earth (RESTORE), Louisiana Oil & Gas Association, Teamsters National Pipeline Labor Management Cooperation Trust, The Laborers' International Union of North America, Cameron Parish Police Jury, and Black Bayou Land Company, LLC. The primary issues raised by the commenters are impacts on fisheries, surface and groundwater pollution, pollution that will deter engagement in outdoor activities, air pollution, visual impacts, noise, traffic, destabilization of salt domes, positive and negatives economic impacts, and cumulative impacts on public health. 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" excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP24-494), 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 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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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15364-000]

Desert Bloom Energy Storage, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On June 14, 2024, Desert Bloom Energy Storage, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Desert Bloom Energy Storage Project (Desert Bloom Project or project) to be located near the city of Las Vegas in Clark County, Nevada. The proposed project would occupy federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would be a closed-loop pumped storage project that would consist of the following: (1) a new upper reservoir with a maximum elevation of 4,810 feet above mean sea level (MSL), and a storage capacity of 4,900 acre-feet; (2) a new lower reservoir with a maximum elevation of 3,320 feet MSL, and a storage capacity of 4,900

acre-feet; (3) a 21-foot-diameter, 4,300-foot-long concrete and steel penstock; (4) a powerhouse with approximate dimensions of 200 feet by 100 feet and 150 feet high, and containing two vertical single-stage reversible Francis-type pump/turbine units with a total installed capacity of 450 megawatts; (5) a 132-kilovolt, 3.5-mile-long transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The water used to initially fill the reservoirs and supplement evaporative losses will either be hauled or piped in from a yet-to-be-determined source. The estimated annual generation of the Desert Bloom Project would be 1,170 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Jonathan Blum, Desert Bloom Energy Storage, LLC; 10000 West Charleston Blvd., Suite 230, Las Vegas, Nevada 89135; (702) 910-3329.

FERC Contact: Lee Baker; email: everard.baker@ferc.gov; phone: (202) 502-8554.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/.aspx>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Acting Secretary Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Acting Secretary Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-15364-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-15364) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Pending Approval for Other Use of Phosphogypsum

AGENCY: Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (the EPA or the Agency) seeks public comment on its pending approval of a request for a "Small-scale Road Pilot Project on Private Land in Florida" submitted by Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC in March 2022, and updated by the "Revised Request for Approval of Use of Phosphogypsum in Small-scale Pilot Project", submitted in August 2023. The Agency's review found that Mosaic's request is complete per the requirements of EPA's National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants under the Clean Air Act, and that the potential radiological risks from conducting the pilot project meet the regulatory requirement that the project is at least as protective of public health as maintaining the phosphogypsum in a stack. On October 9, 2024 the EPA issued a pending approval of the request subject to certain conditions. The EPA is soliciting public comments on the pending approval.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before November 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-