DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15–89–000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on February 18, 2015, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), PO Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct its Garden State Expansion Project in two phases. In Phase 1, Transco proposes to: (i) Construct a new meter and regulating station in Burlington County, New Jersey; (ii) uprate an existing electric motor drive to 25,000 horsepower (hp) at Compressor Station 205 in Mercer County, New Jersey; and (iii) construct related appurtenances. In Phase 2, Transco proposes to: (i) Construct a new 30,500 hp, electric-driven compressor station and appurtenances in Burlington County, New Jersey; (ii) uprate two existing electric-driven motors to 16,000 hp each at Compressor Station 205 in Mercer County, New Jersey; and (iii) construct related appurtenances.

Transco states that the Garden State Expansion Project will provide 180,000 dekatherms per day of firm capacity to a new delivery point with New Jersey Natural Gas Company. Transco estimates the cost of the proposed project to be approximately $116 million, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission’s Web site web at 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. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOntlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (888) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions regarding the application may be directed to Marg Camardello, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, PO Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, by telephone at (713) 215–3380.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission’s rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice, the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission’s public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff’s issuance of the EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission’s public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff’s EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission’s review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit seven copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission’s rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission.

Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission’s environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission’s environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties.

However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission’s final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the “eFiling” link at http://www.ferc.gov. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and five copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: March 25, 2015.

Dated: March 4, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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[Project No. 2678–006–CA]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a subsequent license for the Narrows No. 2 Transmission Line Project and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). The project occupies 1.28 acres of public land managed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and provides service from the Yuba County Water Agency’s Narrows No. 2 Powerhouse (a component of FERC Project No. 2246), in Yuba County, to PG&E’s Narrows No. 2 Substation, in Nevada County.

The EA contains staff’s analysis of the potential environmental effects of the project and alternatives and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly
affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission’s Web site at 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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659.

You may also register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/subscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

For further information, contact Jim Fargo at (202) 502–6095.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. PF15–4–000]

Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Coastal Bend Header Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Coastal Bend Header Project (Project) involving construction and operation of facilities by Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP (Gulf South) in southeastern Texas. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether construction and operation of the Project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the Project. Your input during the scoping process will help the Commission staff determine what issues need to be evaluated in the EA. The Commission staff will also use the scoping process to help determine whether preparation of an environmental impact statement is more appropriate for this Project based upon the potential significance of the anticipated levels of impact. Please note that the scoping period will close on April 3, 2015. This is not your only public input opportunity; please refer to the Environmental Review Process flow chart in Appendix 1.

Further details on how to submit written comments are in the Public Participation section of this notice. If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on November 5, 2014, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. PF15–4–000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission’s current environmental mailing list for this Project. State and local government officials are asked to notify their constituents of this planned Project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the Project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, Gulf South could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled “An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need to Know?” is available for viewing on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission’s proceedings.

Summary of the Planned Project

Gulf South plans to construct a new gas pipeline in Wharton and Brazoria Counties, Texas, a new compressor station in Wharton County along the new pipeline, and two new compressor stations and upgrades at two compressor stations along Gulf South’s existing Index 129 pipeline in Fort Bend, Harris, Polk, and Sabine Counties, Texas. The new pipeline would enable delivery of 1.54 billion cubic feet per day (bcf/d) of natural gas to the proposed Freeport Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Export Terminal near Freeport, Texas. The general locations of the planned pipeline facilities are depicted in the figures included in Appendix 2.

Specifically, the Project would include construction and operation of the following facilities:

- 64 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline, called the Coastal Bend Header, commencing at a new interconnect with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC northwest of Hungerford in Wharton County, Texas and terminating at the existing Freeport LNG Stratton Ridge meter site near Clute in Brazoria County, Texas;
- one new 93,500-horsepower (hp) gas-fired compressor station, called the Wilson Compressor Station, in Wharton County, Texas;
- one new 26,000-hp electric motor driven compressor station, called the Brazos Compressor Station, in Fort Bend County, Texas;
- one new 10,000-hp electric motor driven compressor station, called the North Houston Compressor Station, at an existing Gulf South property in Harris County, Texas;
- piping modifications within the fence line at Gulf South’s existing Goodrich Compressor Station along the Index 129 pipeline in Polk County, Texas;
- piping modifications and a new 15,900-hp gas-fired compressor unit within the fence line at Gulf South’s former Magasco Compressor Station along the Index 129 pipeline in Sabine County, Texas; and
- seven interconnects with various interstate and intrastate gas pipelines, including an interconnect with Gulf South’s Index 129 pipeline, which Gulf South plans to construct at a later time under its blanket certificate authority.

Gulf South plans to begin Project construction in spring 2017 if all required permits, certificates, and authorizations are obtained. Gulf South’s planned in-service date for Project facilities is spring 2018.

The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the Federal Register. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at www.ferc.gov using the link called “eLibrary” or from the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502–8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the Additional Information section on page 7 of this notice.