capacity under a transaction’s existing provisions if it wishes to terminate the transaction, even if the releasing shipper and the replacement shipper are unable to reach agreement on a non-default recall transition.

III. Commission Determination

A. Implementation Date

10. As requested, the Commission finds the timing proposed by the Associations to effectuate a reasonable implementation of Order No. 809. We agree that having all pipelines follow the same schedule will provide for a smoother transition and help shippers by ensuring that they can conduct transactions on all pipelines under the same timetable.

11. We accept the schedules proposed by the Associations as described in full in Appendices A and B to their request for clarification. In general, the new day-ahead nomination timelines will apply as of March 31, 2016 for those nominations that will become effective April 1, 2016. Specifically, the Timely and Evening Nomination Cycle deadlines on March 31, 2016 for the April 1, 2016 Gas Day will be 1:00 p.m. CCT and 6:00 p.m. CCT, respectively. Otherwise, the intraday nomination timelines on March 31, 2016 will follow the existing timelines.

12. With respect to capacity releases, the new biddable release schedule will start at 9:00 a.m. CCT on March 31, 2016, for all releases with contracts to be effective on March 31, 2016, April 1, 2016, or thereafter. Non-biddable releases effective on March 31, 2016 will follow the existing posting schedule for the Intraday 1 and Intraday 2 Nomination Cycles, and will follow the new day-ahead nomination schedule for the Timely and Evening Nomination Cycles.

B. Default Capacity Release Recall Rights

13. The Commission sees value in establishing a default interpretation of capacity release contractual recall provisions to assist parties in effectuating the transition between the two intraday and three intraday nomination schedules. While parties may vary such a default interpretation by agreement, a default may reduce the burden of negotiation on those parties satisfied with the default interpretation. Such a request, however, goes beyond merely clarifying the implementation date adopted in Order No. 809 and should be subject to notice and comment to establish that the default interpretation is reasonable. In particular, the Commission seeks comment on a number of aspects of the proposal. Commenters should address whether the default should apply to all agreements into which the parties have entered before April 1, 2016 (as proposed by the Associations), or only apply to releases entered into by an earlier date, such as the date of issuance of Order No. 809, which put the parties on notice that the nomination schedule would change as of April 1, 2016, and therefore permitted negotiations as to the applicability of recall conditions for releases that are still in effect on April 1, 2016 or thereafter. They also should address whether the default that should apply when the transaction specifies that recalls are permitted only at the Intraday 2 Nomination Cycle is to permit recalls at Intraday 2 and 3 (as proposed by the Associations) or only Intraday 3. Finally, commenters should address the proposal that “the releasing shipper should have the ability to recall capacity under a transaction’s existing provisions if it wishes to terminate the transaction, even if the releasing shipper and the replacement shipper are unable to reach agreement on a non-default recall transition.”

15. Initial comments will be due 20 days from the date of this order and reply comments will be due 30 days from the date of this order. The Commission orders:

(A) The Commission grants the Associations’ requested clarification as to the implementation date of Order No. 809, as discussed in the body of this order.

(B) Initial comments on the Associations’ proposed default recall rights for capacity release transactions are due 20 days from the date of this order with reply comments due 10 days thereafter.

By the Commission.

For example, a non-biddable release for the Timely Nomination Cycle on March 31, 2016 (to become effective April 1, 2016) must submit its notice by 12 a.m. CCT.

Associations’ Supplemental Filing at 3.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15–534–000]

Hiland Partner Holdings, LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on July 17, 2015, Hiland Partner Holdings LLC (Hiland), pursuant to section 7(c) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), filed in Docket No. CP15–534–000, application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (Application) and all authorizations necessary for it to own, operate, and maintain an existing 6.65 miles long and 6-inch in diameter natural gas pipeline (Norse Residue Line) located in Divide County, North Dakota, all as more fully set forth in the Application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the 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 FERConlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Specifically, Hiland requests (i) certificate authorization of Norse Residue Line for the limited purpose of transporting its own natural gas from the Hiland owned Norse processing plant to an interconnect with WBI interstate gas pipeline system; (ii) a Part 157, Subpart F blanket certificate authorizing certain routine construction, operation, and abandonment activities; (iii) waivers of certain regulatory requirements; and (iv) confirmation that the Commission’s assertion of jurisdiction over the Norse Residue Line will not jeopardize the non-jurisdictional status of Hiland’s otherwise non-jurisdictional gathering and processing facilities and operations.

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 final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or 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 FEIS or 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) 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 7 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. 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 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. For assistance, call (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

DATED: July 30, 2015.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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