DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15–138–000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Atlantic Sunrise Expansion Project

On March 31, 2015, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), a subsidiary of Williams Partners L.P. (Williams), filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) in Docket No. CP15–138–000 requesting authorization pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and part 157 of the FERC's regulations to construct, operate, and maintain expansions of its existing interstate natural gas pipeline system in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. The proposed project, referred to as the Atlantic Sunrise Expansion Project (Project), would provide 1,700,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas transportation service from various receipt points in Pennsylvania to various delivery points along Transco's existing interstate pipeline system.

FERC issued its Notice of Application for the Project on April 8, 2015. Among other things, the notice alerted other agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on the request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Project. This notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for completion of the final EIS for the Project.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of Notice of Availability of the final EIS: October 21, 2016

90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline: January 19, 2017

If a schedule change becomes necessary, an additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project’s progress.

Project Description

The Project includes about 197.7 miles of pipeline composed of the following facilities:

1. 183.7 miles of new 30- and 42-inch-diameter greenfield pipeline;
2. 11.5 miles of new 36- and 42-inch-diameter pipeline looping;
3. 2.5 miles of 30-inch-diameter replacements; and
4. associated equipment and facilities.

The Project’s aboveground facilities consist of two new compressor stations; additional compression and related modifications to three existing compressor stations; two new meter stations and three new regulator stations; and minor modifications at existing aboveground facilities at various locations to allow for bidirectional flow and the installation of supplemental odorization, odor detection, and/or odor masking/deodorization equipment.

Background

On April 4, 2014, the Commission staff granted Transco’s request to use the FERC’s pre-filing environmental review process and assigned the Project Docket No. PF14–8–000. On July 18, 2014, the Commission issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Planned Atlantic Sunrise Expansion Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings (NOI). The NOI was sent to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; affected property owners; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. Major issues raised

1 A “greenfield” pipeline crosses land previously untouched by natural gas infrastructure rather than using existing rights-of-way.
2 “Looping” is the practice of installing a pipeline in parallel to another pipeline to increase the capacity along an existing stretch of right-of-way, often beyond what can be achieved by one pipeline or pipeline expansion.
during scoping include potential impacts on forested areas, groundwater, and threatened and endangered species; socioeconomic impacts; land use and recreational impacts; air quality; safety; potential cumulative impacts; and potential alternative routes. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS.

Additional information about the Project may be obtained by contacting the Environmental Project Manager, Joanne Wachholder, by telephone at (202) 502–8056 or by electronic mail at joanne.wachholder@ferc.gov.

Dated: March 9, 2016.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr., Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Request for Nominations for the Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Request for nominations for the mobile sources technical review subcommittee.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations from a diverse range of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to its Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee (MSTRS). Vacancies are anticipated to be filled by Spring, 2017. Sources in addition to this Federal Register document may also be utilized in the solicitation of nominees.

DATES: Nominations must be postmarked or emailed by April 8, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations to: Courtney McCubbin, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (6406A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460. You may also email nominations with subject line MSTRS2016 to mccubbin.courtney@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Courtney McCubbin, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA; telephone: (202) 564–2436; email: mccubbin.courtney@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The MSTRS is a federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92–463. The MSTRS provides the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) with independent advice, counsel and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of programs related to mobile source air pollution and its control.

Through its expert members from diverse stakeholder groups and from its various workgroups, the subcommittee reviews and addresses a wide range of developments, issues and research areas such as emissions modeling, emission standards and standard setting, air toxics, innovative and incentive-based transportation policies, onboard diagnostics, heavy-duty engines, diesel retrofit, fuel quality and greenhouse gases. The Subcommittee’s Web site is at: http://www.epa.gov/caaac/mobile-sources-technical-review-subcommittee-mstrs-caaac.

Members are appointed by the EPA Administrator for three year terms with the possibility of reappointment to a second term. The MSTRS usually meets two times annually and the average workload for the members is approximately 5 to 10 hours per month. EPA provides reimbursement for travel and other incidental expenses associated with official government business for members who qualify.

EPA is seeking nominations from representatives of nonfederal interests such as:

• Future transportation options and shared mobility interests
• Mobile source emission modeling interests
• Transportation and supply chain shippers
• Marine and inland port interests
• Environmental advocacy groups
• Community and/or environmental justice interests
• State and local government interests

In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, EPA encourages nominations of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups.

In selecting members, we will consider technical expertise, coverage of broad stakeholder perspectives, diversity and the needs of the subcommittee.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate nominees:

• The background and experiences that would help members contribute to the diversity of perspectives on the committee (e.g., geographic, economic, social, cultural, educational, and other considerations);

• Experience working with environments and sustainability issues;

• Experience working for environmental advocacy groups;

• Experience working for environmental and/or community groups;

• Experience working with supply chain logistics and goods movement;

• Experience working with the possibility of reappointment to a second term. The MSTRS usually meets two times annually and the average workload for the members is approximately 5 to 10 hours per month. EPA provides reimbursement for travel and other incidental expenses associated with official government business for members who qualify.

EPA is seeking nominations from representatives of nonfederal interests such as:

• Experience working with future transportation options and shared mobility;

• Experience working with the modeling of mobile source emissions;

• Experience working with producers of passenger cars, engines and trucks, engine and equipment manufacturing;

• Experience working with fuel or renewable fuel producers;

• Experience working with oil refiners, distributors and retailers of mobile source fuels;

• Experience working with clean energy producers;

• Experience working with agricultural producers (corn and other crop products), distillers, processors and shippers of biofuels;

• Experience working with emission control manufacturers, catalyst and filter manufacturers;

• Experience working for State and local environmental agencies or State Air Pollution Control Agencies;

• Experience working for environmental advocacy groups;

• Experience working for environmental and/or community groups;

• Experience working with supply chain logistics and goods movement;

• Experience working with marine port interests;

• Experience in working at the national level on local governments issues;

• Demonstrated experience with environmental and sustainability issues;

• Executive management level experience with membership in broad-based networks;

• Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication and consensus-building skills;

• Ability to volunteer time to attend meetings two times a year, participate in teleconference and webinar meetings, attend listening sessions with the Administrator or other senior-level officials, develop policy recommendations to the Administrator, and prepare reports and advice letters.

Nominations must include a resume and a short biography describing the professional and educational qualifications of the nominee, as well as the nominee’s current business address, email address, and daytime telephone number. Interested candidates may self-nominate.

To help the Agency in evaluating the effectiveness of its outreach efforts, please tell us how you learned of this opportunity.

Please be aware that EPA’s policy is that, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, members generally are appointed to three-year terms.