

environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA.³ Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

Consultations Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.⁴ We will define the project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPO as the project develops. On natural gas facility projects, the APE at a minimum encompasses all areas subject to ground disturbance (examples include construction right-of-way, contractor/pipe storage yards, compressor stations, and access roads). Our EA for this project will document our findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes: Federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities

³ The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.6.

⁴ The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

Copies of the EA will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (appendix 2).

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an "intervenor" which is an official party to the Commission's proceeding. Intervenors play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are in the "Document-less Intervention Guide" under the "e-filing" link on the Commission's Web site. Motions to intervene are more fully described at <http://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC Web site at www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, CP16-18). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx along with other related information.

Dated: January 14, 2016.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP16-38-000; PF15-21-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on December 30, 2015, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), 5151 San Felipe, Suite 2500, Houston, TX 77056, filed an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations requesting authority to construct and operate its WB Xpress Project which would include: (i) The construction of approximately 29.2 miles of various diameter pipeline, (ii) modifications to seven existing compressor stations, (iii) construction of two new compressor stations, and (iv) uprating the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) on various segments of Columbia's existing Line WB and Line VB natural gas transmission systems. The WB Xpress Project facilities are designed to expand the capacity of Columbia's existing system to transport up to approximately 1.3 million dekatherms per day (MMdth/d) of natural gas. Facilities to be constructed or uprated are located in Clay, Kanawha, Grant, Upshur, Randolph, Pendleton, Braxton, and Hardy Counties, West Virginia and in Clark, Fauquier, Fairfax, Loudoun, Shenandoah, and Warren Counties, Virginia. The cost to construct the project facilities is approximately 780 million dollars.

The filing may 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 TYY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application should be directed to Michael D. Walker, Manager, FERC Certificates, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, P.O. Box 1273 Charleston, West Virginia 25325, phone: (304) 357-2443, Fax: (304) 357-2770, or email mdwalker@cpg.com or Brittany Carns, Community Relations & Stakeholder Outreach Manager at the

same address or via phone: (304) 359–2771 or email: brittany.carns@cpg.com.

On April 16, 2015 the Commission granted Columbia's request to utilize the Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF15–21–000 to staff activities involved in the WB Xpress Project. Now, as of the filing of the December 30 application, the Pre-Filing Process for this Project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP16–38–000 as noted in the caption of this Notice.

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 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 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 5 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 www.ferc.gov. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 7 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on February 4, 2016.

Dated: January 14, 2016.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy 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 corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC16–60–000.

Applicants: Aspirity Energy Mid-States, LLC, Aspirity Energy Northeast, LLC.

Description: Application of Aspirity Energy Northeast, LLC, et al. for Authorization under Section 203 of the FPA and Requests for Expedited Consideration and Confidential Treatment.

Filed Date: 1/13/16.

Accession Number: 20160113–5289.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/3/16.

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

Docket Numbers: EG16–38–000.

Applicants: Innovative Solar 43, LLC.
Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator (EWG) of Innovative Solar 43, LLC.

Filed Date: 1/13/16.

Accession Number: 20160113–5225.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/3/16.

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

Docket Numbers: ER10–1818–012; ER10–1819–014; ER10–1820–017; ER10–1817–013.

Applicants: Public Service Company of Colorado, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation, Southwestern Public Service Company.

Description: Triennial Market Power Analysis and Notice of Change in Status of Public Service Company of Colorado, et al.

Filed Date: 1/14/16.

Accession Number: 20160114–5292.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/14/16.

Docket Numbers: ER14–1656–007.

Applicants: CSOLAR IV West, LLC.

Description: Notification of Change in Status of CSOLAR IV West, LLC.

Filed Date: 1/14/16.

Accession Number: 20160114–5268.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/16.

Docket Numbers: ER15–2679–002.

Applicants: Latigo Wind Park, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Latigo Wind Park, LLC MBR Tariff to be effective 11/15/2015.

Filed Date: 1/14/16.

Accession Number: 20160114–5273.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/16.

Docket Numbers: ER15–2680–002.

Applicants: Sandstone Solar LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Sandstone Solar LLC MBR Tariff to be effective 11/1/2015.

Filed Date: 1/14/16.

Accession Number: 20160114–5272.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 2/4/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16–452–003.

Applicants: RE Tranquillity LLC.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Additional Amendment to Application