

*Docket Numbers:* RP16–1249–000.

*Applicants:* Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing; Imbalance Calculations to be effective 11/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 9/23/16.

*Accession Number:* 20160923–5198.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 10/5/16.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and § 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

#### Filings in Existing Proceedings

*Docket Numbers:* RP16–618–001.

*Applicants:* Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* Compliance filing Capacity Release Bidding Exemption—Compliance Filing to be effective 9/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 9/23/16.

*Accession Number:* 20160923–5153.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 10/5/16.

*Docket Numbers:* RP16–1178–001.

*Applicants:* Equitrans, L.P.

*Description:* Compliance filing Ohio Valley Connector Errata Filing to be effective 12/31/9998.

*Filed Date:* 9/26/16.

*Accession Number:* 20160926–5085.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 10/11/16.

Any person desiring to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: September 26, 2016.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OAR–2010–0505; FRL–9953–57–OAR]

### Clarification of Reconsideration of the Oil and Natural Gas Sector: New Source Performance Standards; Final Action

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of supplemental action denying petitions for reconsideration.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing notice that it has clarified the scope of its July 29, 2016, response to petitions for reconsideration of the 2012 final rule titled “Oil and Natural Gas Sector: New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants Reviews” and the subsequent amendments published in the **Federal Register** on September 23, 2013, and December 31, 2014. The EPA has sent a letter to each of the petitioners clarifying that the July 29, 2016, action denied the above mentioned petitions only with respect to the issues related to the new source performance standards (NSPS), and was not intended to include denial of reconsideration of any issue relative to the 2012 action on the national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (“2012 NESHAP”). The letters further state that, to the extent the July 29, 2016, action may be construed to have denied reconsideration of issues relative to the 2012 NESHAP, the follow-up letters supersede that previous action on NESHAP-related matters.

**DATES:** Effective October 4, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Lisa Thompson, Sector Policies and Programs Division (E143–05), Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711; telephone number: (919) 541–9775; fax number: (919) 541–3470; email address: [thompson.lisa@epa.gov](mailto:thompson.lisa@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Where can I get a copy of this document and other related information?

A copy of this **Federal Register** notice, the supplemental letters, and the revised supporting document describing the full basis for the July 29, 2016, action are available in the docket the EPA established under Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2010–0505. In addition, following signature, all relevant documents will be available on the

World Wide Web (WWW) at the following address: <https://www3.epa.gov/airquality/oilandgas/actions.html>.

#### II. Description of Action

On August 16, 2012, the EPA published the final rule titled “Oil and Natural Gas Sector: New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants Reviews.” See 77 FR 49490. The rule contains final actions on two different national standards for the oil and natural gas sector: (1) NSPS, promulgated under section 111 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and (2) NESHAP, promulgated under section 112 of the CAA. The 2012 rule was followed by a series of reconsideration actions and amendments to the 2012 NSPS. 78 FR 58416 (September 23, 2013); 79 FR 79018 (December 31, 2014); 80 FR 48262 (August 12, 2015); and 81 FR 35824 (June 3, 2016) (“2016 Final Rule”). The EPA received administrative petitions for reconsideration of the 2012 rules (on both the NSPS and the NESHAP), as well as for reconsideration of the 2013 and 2014 NSPS amendments. On July 29, 2016, the Administrator took final action denying these petitions with respect to NSPS issues not otherwise addressed in prior reconsideration actions. That action was announced in a **Federal Register** notice published on August 10, 2016 (81 FR 52778). Although several of the reconsideration petitions identified in the July 29, 2016, action also include NESHAP issues, and one petition pertains only to the 2012 NESHAP,<sup>1</sup> the EPA did not address the substance of any NESHAP related issues in that action.

The EPA is providing notice that it has issued a supplemental letter to clarify the scope of its July 29, 2016, action. The supplemental letter further clarifies that the July 29, 2016, action was not intended to include denial of reconsideration of any issue relative to the 2012 NESHAP and that the EPA continues to evaluate reconsideration issues relative to the 2012 NESHAP. The letter also states that, to the extent the July 29, 2016, letter may be construed to have denied reconsideration of issues relative to the 2012 NESHAP, the

<sup>1</sup> Petition for Reconsideration of Oil and Natural Gas Sector: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants Reviews; Final Rule, 77 FR 49490 (August 16, 2012), 40 CFR part 63, subparts HH and HHH, submitted by Earthjustice on behalf of California Communities Against Toxics, California Safe Schools, Clean Air Council, Coalition For A Safe Environment, Desert Citizens Against Pollution, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Sierra Club (October 15, 2012).

supplemental letter supersedes that action on NESHAP-related issues.

Enclosed with the supplemental letter is a revised document titled "Denial of Petitions for Reconsideration of Certain Issues: Oil and Natural Gas New Source Performance Standards (40 CFR part 60, subpart OOOO)." The document sets forth the EPA's reasons for denying the above mentioned petitions with respect to NSPS issues not otherwise addressed in previous reconsideration actions. The NSPS reconsideration denial supporting document that accompanied the July 29, 2016 letters has been revised to remove two erroneous references: (1) Replaced No. 4591 with No. 4575 as the Petitioner for Issue 26; and (2) removed No. 4591 from the list of NSPS Petitioners in Appendix A.

Dated: September 26, 2016.

**Janet G. McCabe,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OECA-2007-0468; ER-FRL-9029-4]

### Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Final Rule at 40 CFR Part 8: Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica (Renewal)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), "Final Rule at 40 CFR part 8: Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica" (EPA ICR No. 1808.07, OMB Control No. 2020-0007) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through March 31, 2017. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before Monday, December 5, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OECA-2007-0468 online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method) or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie Roemele, Office of Federal Activities, Mail Code 2252A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-5632; fax number: (202) 564-0072; email address: [roemele.julie@epa.gov](mailto:roemele.julie@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Supporting documents which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments and information to enable it to: (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses. EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval. At that time, EPA

will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

**Abstract:** The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) regulations at 40 CFR part 8, Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica (Rule), were promulgated pursuant to the Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act of 1996 (Act), 16 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 2403a, which implements the Protocol on Environmental Protection (Protocol) to the Antarctic Treaty of 1959 (Treaty). The Rule provides for assessment of the environmental impacts of nongovernmental activities in Antarctica, including tourism, for which the United States is required to give advance notice under Paragraph 5 of Article VII of the Treaty, and for coordination of the review of information regarding environmental impact assessments received from other Parties under the Protocol. The requirements of the Rule apply to operators of nongovernmental expeditions organized or proceeding from the territory of the United States to Antarctica and include commercial and non-commercial expeditions. Expeditions may include ship-based tours; yacht, skiing or mountaineering expeditions; privately funded research expeditions; and other nongovernmental activities. The Rule does not apply to individual U.S. citizens or groups of citizens planning travel to Antarctica on an expedition for which they are not acting as an operator. (Operators, for example, typically acquire use of vessels or aircraft, hire expedition staff, plan itineraries, and undertake other organizational responsibilities.) The rule provides nongovernmental operators with the specific requirements they need to meet in order to comply with the requirements of Article 8 and Annex I to the Protocol. The provisions of the Rule are intended to ensure that potential environmental effects of nongovernmental activities undertaken in Antarctica are appropriately identified and considered by the operator during the planning process and that to the extent practicable appropriate environmental safeguards which would mitigate or prevent adverse impacts on the Antarctic environment are identified by the operator.

**Environmental Documentation.** Persons subject to the Rule must prepare environmental documentation to support the operator's determination regarding the level of environmental impact of the proposed expedition.