of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—January 24, 2017 90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline—April 24, 2017

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

Project Description

Texas Eastern proposes to excavate and elevate sections of its Lines 10 (30inch-diameter), 15 (30-inch-diameter), 25 (36-inch-diameter) and 30 (36-inchdiameter) to minimize and monitor potential strains on the pipelines due to anticipated longwall mining activities of Marshall Coal. Concurrent with pipeline elevation, portions of two of the lines, Lines 10 and 15, will be replaced with new pipe to accommodate a minimum US Department of Transportation Class 2 design. The sections of Lines 25 and 30 will be removed and Texas Eastern will perform maintenance activities on them. The four mainline sections will be returned to natural gas service while remaining elevated using sandbags and skids during the longwall mining activities and potential ground subsidence. Once the mining-induced subsidence and the 2017-2018 heating season have both ended, the two sections of Lines 10 and 15 located within wetlands will be removed and the four elevated pipeline sections will be re-installed belowground, hydrostatically tested, and placed back into service.

Background

On September 30, 2016, the Commission issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Marshall County Mine Panel 17W Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues (NOI). The NOI was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. The Commission did

not receive any comments in response to the NOI.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. 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/docsfiling/esubscription.asp.

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 (www.ferc.gov). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP16–501), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC Web site also provides access to the texts of formal

documents issued by the Commission,

such as orders, notices, and rule

Dated: December 6, 2016.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 4253-002]

River Street Associates; Contoocook Hydro, LLC; Notice of Transfer of Exemption

- 1. By letter filed November 23, 2016, Contoocook Hydro, LLC informed the Commission that the exemption from licensing for the River Street Project No. 4253, originally issued May 4, 1982 ¹ has been transferred to Contoocook Hydro, LLC. The project is located on the Nubanusit River in Hillsborough County, New Hampshire. The transfer of an exemption does not require
- Commission approval.
 2. Contoocook Hydro, LLC is now the exemptee of the River Street Project No.

4253. All correspondence should be forwarded to: Ms. Lori Barg, President, Contoocook Hydro, LLC, 581 Quaker Street, Henniker, NH 03242, Phone: 802–454–8458, Email: Lori@communityhydro.biz.

Dated: December 2, 2016.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. EF16-5-001]

Western Area Power Administration; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on December 5, 2016, Western Area Power Administration submitted a tariff filing per: RMR_WACM_LAP_CRSP_174Refile-20161205 to be effective 10/1/2016.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of 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.

This filing is accessible on-line at http://www.ferc.gov, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call

¹19 FERC 62,193, Order Granting Exemption from Licensing of a Small Hydroelectric Project of 5Megawatts or Less (1982).