Expansion Project (Project), and would involve construction of approximately 40 miles of pipeline and appurtenant facilities located in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware to provide 61,162 dekatherms per day of additional firm transportation service.

On January 11, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice 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


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

The facilities to be constructed and operated under Section 7(c) include: (1) Six pipeline loop segments totaling 22.7 miles; (2) one 10-inch-diameter 16.9-mile-long mainline extension; (3) upgrades to an existing Meter and Regulator Station in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; (4) installation of an additional 3,750 horsepower compressor unit at the existing Daleville Compressor Station in Chester County, Pennsylvania; and (5) the addition of two pressure control stations in Sussex County, Delaware.

Background

On August 1, 2016, the Commission issued a Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 2017 Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues (NOI). The NOI was issued during the pre-filing review of the Project in Docket no. PF16–7 and was sent to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners; and other interested individuals and groups in the Project area. In response to the Notice of Intent, the Commission received comments from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, West Sadsbury Township, the Chester Water Authority, the Maryland Historical Trust, the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control—Division of Fish and Wildlife, the Franklin Township Historical Commission, and the National Park Service. The primary concerns raised were regarding wetland and waterbody impacts; potential damage to water mains; impacts on the White Clay Creek National Wild and Scenic River; potential impacts on bog turtles and their habitat; and potential impacts on historic, scenic, or cultural resources. Five private landowners filed comments expressing questions or concerns regarding the right-of-way acquisition process, overall public safety and pipeline reliability, restoration efforts, and the procedures to be used should future roadway widening occur where the pipeline is installed under the highway.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service are cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA.

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/docs-filing/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., CP17–28), 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 makings.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2787–007]

Green Mountain Power; Ottauquechee Hydro Company, Inc.; Notice of Transfer of Exemption

1. By letter filed February 21, 2017 and supplemented on March 2, 2017, Enel Green Power North America, Inc. informed the Commission that the exemption from licensing for the Ottauquechee Woolen Mill Project No. 2787, originally issued August 13, 1982 1 has been transferred to the Green Mountain Power, effective January 29, 2017. The project is located on the Ottauquechee River in Windsor County, Vermont. The transfer of an exemption does not require Commission approval.

2. Green Mountain Power is now the exemptee of the Ottauquechee Woolen Mill Project No. 2787. All correspondence should be forwarded to: Green Mountain Power, 163 Acorn Lane, Colchester, VT 05446.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability


Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs), Filed 03/06/2017 Through 03/10/2017. Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA’s comment letters on EISs are available at: http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html.

EIS No. 20170032, Draft, USFS, OR, Ringo Project, Comment Period Ends: 05/01/2017, Contact: Lillian Cross, 541–433–3200.


EIS No. 20170034, Draft, USFS, CA, Trinity Post Fire Hazard Reduction and Salvage, Comment Period Ends: 05/01/2017, Contact: Thomas Hall, 530–628–1200.


Amended Notices


Revision to FR Notice Published 11/10/2016; Reopening Comment Period to End 04/17/2017.

EIS No. 20170002, Draft, DOE, CA, Remediation of Area IV and the Northern Buffer Zone of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory, Comment Period Ends: 04/13/2017, Contact: Stephie Jennings, 1–805–842–3864.

Revision to FR Notice Published 01/13/2017; Extending the Comment Period from 03/14/2017 to 04/13/2017.


Revision to FR Notice Published 01/13/2017; Extending the Comment Period from 03/14/2017 to 04/28/2017.

EIS No. 20170031, Draft, USFS, ID, Big Creek Hot Springs Geothermal Leasing, Comment Period Ends: 05/01/2017, Contact: Julie Hopkins, 208–756–5279.

Revision to FR Notice Published 03/10/2017; Reestablish the Comment Period to End 05/01/2017.

Dated: March 14, 2017.

Dawn Roberts,
Management Analyst, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

BY EMAIL: Submit comments by email to frcomments@restorethegulf.gov. Email submission of comments ensures timely receipt and enables the Council to make them available to the public. In general, the Council will make such comments available for public inspection and copying on its Web site, www.restorethegulf.gov, without change, including any business or personal information provided, such as names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers. All comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, will be part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should only submit information that you wish to make publicly available.

BY MAIL: Send comments to Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council, 500 Poydras Street, Suite 1117, New Orleans, LA 70130.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Please send questions by email to frcomments@restorethegulf.gov or contact John Ettinger at (504) 444–3522.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Deepwater Horizon oil spill led to passage of the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act) (33 U.S.C. 1321(t) and note), which dedicates 80 percent of all Clean Water Act administrative and civil penalties related to the oil spill to the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund (Trust Fund). The RESTORE Act also created the Council, an independent Federal entity comprised of the five Gulf Coast states and six Federal agencies. Among other responsibilities, the Council administers a portion of the Trust Fund known as the Council-Selected Restoration Component in order to “undertake projects and programs, using the best available science, that would restore and protect the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, coastal wetlands, and economy of the Gulf Coast.” Additional information on the Council can be found here: https://www.restorethegulf.gov.

On December 9, 2015, the Council approved the FPL, which includes projects and programs approved for funding under the Council-Selected Restoration Component, along with other activities the Council identified as priorities for potential future funding. Activities approved for funding in the FPL are included in “Category 1;” the priorities for potential future funding