

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 4, 2017.

Dated: March 21, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL17-52-000]

#### Republic Transmission, LLC; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on March 15, 2017, pursuant to section 219 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824s (2012), and Rule 207 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207 (2015), Republic Transmission, LLC (Republic) filed a petition for declaratory order authorizing Republic to use specific limited transmission rate incentives and treatments for Republic's development of the Duff-Coleman EHV 345 kV Competitive Transmission Project, all as more fully explained in the petition.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in this proceeding must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. 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. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioner.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on April 14, 2017.

Dated: March 22, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9958-90-Region 3]

### EPA-Mid-Atlantic Region III; Maryland Marine Sanitation Device Standard—Receipt of Petition

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

**ACTION:** Notice—Receipt of petition.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a petition has been received from the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources on behalf of the State of Maryland requesting a determination by the Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Mid-Atlantic Region, that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for the Chester River, Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, Maryland. EPA is requesting comments on this petition and whether EPA should designate the Chester River and its tributaries as a No Discharge Zone as provided in the Clean Water Act. The petition is available upon request from EPA (at the email address below) or at [http://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Documents/FINAL\\_CRA\\_NDZ\\_APPLICATION.pdf](http://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Documents/FINAL_CRA_NDZ_APPLICATION.pdf).

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing to EPA on or before April 27, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to Michael D. Hoffmann, U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency—Mid-Atlantic Region, 1650 Arch Street, Mail Code 3WP10, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029, or emailed to [Hoffmann.michael@epa.gov](mailto:Hoffmann.michael@epa.gov). Only written comment will be considered.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael D. Hoffmann, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Mid-Atlantic Region. Telephone: (215) 814-2716, Fax number: (215) 814-2301; email address: [Hoffmann.michael@epa.gov](mailto:Hoffmann.michael@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that a petition has been received from the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources on behalf of the State of Maryland requesting a determination by the Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mid-Atlantic Region pursuant to Section 312(f)(3) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1322(f)(3), that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels is reasonably available for the entirety of the Chester River and its tributaries. EPA is requesting comments on this petition and whether EPA should designate the Chester River as a No Discharge Zone as provided in that provision of the Clean Water Act. The petition is available upon request from EPA (at the address above) or at [http://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Documents/FINAL\\_CRA\\_NDZ\\_APPLICATION.pdf](http://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Documents/FINAL_CRA_NDZ_APPLICATION.pdf).

The State of Maryland makes this request as part of its application for a No Discharge Zone which will prohibit the discharge of sewage from vessels into the Chester River and its tributaries. The delineation of the proposed No Discharge Zone of the Chester River and its tributaries from the Chesapeake Bay will begin at 39°8'54.48" N., 76°16'37.11" W. and extend down to 39°2'23.56" N., 76°18'8.89" W. From there it will continue east throughout any navigable waters including all tributaries and bays. Included within this zone are Lankford Bay, Corsica River, Southeast Creek, and many smaller tributaries.

The State of Maryland has certified that there are nineteen stationary and four mobile pumpout stations located at 17 marinas or docks throughout the Chester River. Sixteen of the nineteen stationary units also have a method to empty portable toilets. All of the pumpout stations noted were funded with grants administered by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and all comply with local and state sanitary permitting requirements. A list of the facilities, phone numbers, locations, and hours of operation can be found below.