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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-464-000]

#### Rover Pipeline LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Majorsville Compressor Station Amendment and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Amendment to the Rover Pipeline Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Rover Pipeline, LLC (Rover) in Marshall County, West Virginia. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in

Washington, DC on or before September 4, 2017.

If you sent comments on this amendment to the Commission before the opening of this docket on May 17, 2017, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP17-464-000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

#### Public Participation

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on *eRegister*. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing" as the filing type; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP17-464-000 with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Rover proposes to install a third 3,550 horsepower natural gas compressor unit at the Majorsville Compressor Station<sup>1</sup> and a new equipment run at the Majorsville Meter Station in Marshall County, West Virginia. The new unit

<sup>1</sup> The Majorsville Compressor Station was approved by the Commission on February 2, 2017 in docket no. CP15-93-000 as a component of the Rover Pipeline Project and is currently under construction.

would bring the Majorsville Compressor Station to a total of 10,650 horsepower. The proposal would increase the point capacity of the Majorsville Compressor Station and the Majorsville Meter Station from 300 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) to 400 MMcf/d. Rover would house the new unit (and the previously approved units) in a larger compressor building. Rover has not proposed to expand the station boundary beyond the previously approved limits. The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would occur at Rover's previously approved and under construction Majorsville Compressor Station. Following construction, Rover would maintain about the project's facilities as part of operations associated with the Rover Pipeline Project.

#### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us<sup>3</sup> to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as scoping. The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. We will consider all filed comments during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA we will discuss the environmental impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project. We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

The EA will present our independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in the public record through eLibrary. Depending on the comments

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the link called eLibrary or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

<sup>3</sup> We, us, and our refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.

received during the scoping process, we may also publish and distribute the EA to the public for an allotted comment period. We will consider all comments on the EA before making our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure we have the opportunity to consider and address your comments, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section, beginning on page 2.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA.<sup>4</sup> 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.

#### Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; environmental and public interest groups; and other interested parties. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are within 0.5 mile of the Majorsville Compressor Station, 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 interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If we publish and distribute the EA, copies 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. Intervenor's 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](http://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.*, CP17-464). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto: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](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

Finally, any public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at [www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx](http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx) along with other related information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket Nos. CP17-56-000; CP17-57-000]

#### Texas Eastern Transmission, L.P., Brazoria Interconnector Gas Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Stratton Ridge Expansion Project

On February 3, 2017, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) and Brazoria Interconnector Gas Pipeline, LLC (BIG Pipeline) filed jointly an

application in Docket Nos. CP17-56-000 and CP17-57-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Stratton Ridge Expansion Project (Project), and is designed to provide the capacity necessary for Texas Eastern to transport up to 322,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas on a firm basis from Texas Eastern's existing interconnections to a delivery point on the BIG Pipeline near Stratton Ridge, Texas.

On February 16, 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

Issuance of EA—October 5, 2017  
90-day Federal Authorization Decision  
Deadline—January 3, 2018

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 Stratton Ridge Project would consist of:

- A new Angleton Compressor Station, consisting of a 12,500 horsepower electric motor-driven compressor in Brazoria County, Texas;
- a new 0.5 mile, 30-inch-diameter pipeline lateral in Brazoria County, Texas to interconnect with the BIG intrastate pipeline system;
- installation of Clean Burn Equipment at the Mont Belvieu Compressor Station in Chambers County, Texas; and
- installation of minor auxiliary and support facilities (*e.g.* launcher and receiver modification, valves, piping modification) at existing Texas Eastern facilities in San Jacinto, Lavaca, Waller, and Shelby Counties, Texas.

#### Background

On March 24, 2017, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Stratton Ridge Project and*

<sup>4</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.6.