

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. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioner.

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Comments: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on November 7, 2017.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-471-000]

Paiute Pipeline Company; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the 2018 Expansion Project

On July 5, 2017, Paiute Pipeline Company (Paiute) filed an application in Docket No. CP17-471-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Sections 7(b) and (c) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon and construct certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the 2018 Expansion Project (Project), and would provide 4,604 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of new

transportation capacity, and shift an additional 1,031 Dth/d of current transportation capacity to a delivery point further downstream.

On July 19, 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—November 27, 2017.
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline—February 25, 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 Project would involve construction and replacement of approximately 8.46 miles of pipeline to upsize or loop four segments of Paiute's Carson and South Tahoe Laterals in Douglas and Lyon Counties and Carson City, Nevada. For the two segments where pipeline would be replaced, portions of the existing pipeline would be abandoned in-place and by removal.

Background

On January 26, 2017, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned 2018 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. PF17-2 and 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. In response to the NOI, the Commission received a total of four comment letters from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Nevada State Clearinghouse, the Teamsters National Pipeline Training Fund, and one individual. The scoping comments pertained to permitting and consultation processes, information on union pipeline contractors, potential effects on the Carson River and other state of Nevada properties, air quality (dust), and stormwater drainage.

The Bureau of Land Management and the Consolidated Municipality of Carson City, Nevada 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.*, CP17-471), 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-464-000]

Rover Pipeline LLC; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Majorsville Compressor Station Amendment

On May 17, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) received a variance request from Rover Pipeline LLC (Rover) under Docket No. CP15-93-000 requesting to increase the approved delivery capacity at Rover's Majorsville Compressor Station by 100 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d). The request requires the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and was processed as an amended application rather than a variance.

On June 16, 2017, the Commission issued its Notice of Application for the Majorsville Compressor Station Amendment, now being considered in Docket No. CP17-464-000. 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—November 1, 2017.
90-day Federal Authorization Decision
Deadline—January 30, 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

Rover proposes to install a third 3,550 horsepower natural gas compressor unit at the Majorsville Compressor Station¹ and a new equipment run at the Majorsville Meter Station in Marshall County, West Virginia. The new unit 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 MMcf/d to 400 MMcf/d. Rover would house the new unit (and the previously approved units) by expanding the length of the currently under construction compressor building. Rover has not proposed to expand the station boundary beyond the previously approved limits.

Background

On August 4, 2017, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Majorsville Compressor Station Amendment and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). The NOI was sent to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; environmental and public interest groups; and other interested parties. It was also sent to all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are within 0.5 mile of the Majorsville Compressor Station. In

¹ 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.

response to the NOI, the Commission received comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The primary issues raised by the EPA are purpose and need, alternatives, and air quality and noise.

The EPA is currently participating as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF17-6-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Buckeye Xpress Project; Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Sessions

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 planned Buckeye Xpress Project

(Buckeye Project) involving construction and operation of facilities by Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) in Vinton, Jackson, Gallia, and Lawrence Counties, Ohio. 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 November 16, 2017.

If you sent comments on this Project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on August 1, 2017, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. PF17-6-000 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 planned Project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled *An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?* is available for viewing on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.