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Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Bela Patel, Senior Regulatory Analyst, (713) 215-2659, P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit five copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone

will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentors will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the eFiling link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit original and five copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on November 20, 2017.

Dated: October 30, 2017.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

#### Filings Instituting Proceedings

*Docket Numbers:* RP18-24-001.

*Applicants:* Viking Gas Transmission Company.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Amendment to RP18-24-000 Update Non-Conforming Agreements—November 2017 to be effective 11/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 10/24/17.

*Accession Number:* 20171024-5117.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 11/6/17.

*Docket Numbers:* RP18-54-000.

*Applicants:* Equitrans, L.P.

*Description:* Compliance filing Notice Regarding Non-Jurisdictional Gathering Facilities (PEB-25 and PEB-824).

*Filed Date:* 10/24/17.

*Accession Number:* 20171024-5002.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 11/6/17.

*Docket Numbers:* RP18-55-000.

*Applicants:* Big Sandy Pipeline, LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates Oct 2017 Cleanup Filing to be effective 12/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 10/24/17.

*Accession Number:* 20171024-5003.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 11/6/17.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated October 26, 2017

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-9035-9]

### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7146 or <http://www2.epa.gov/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)

Filed 10/23/2017 Through 10/27/2017 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: <https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-nepa-public/action/eis/search>.

*EIS No. 20170213, Final, FHWA, DE, US*

113 North/South Study Millsboro-South Area, Contact: Ryan O'Donoghue (302) 734-2745

*EIS No. 20170214, Draft, USAF, WA, KC-46A Main Operating Base #4 (MOB 4) Beddown, Comment Period Ends: 12/18/2017, Contact: Capt Matthew Smith (210) 925-3175*

*EIS No. 20170215, Final, FRA, TX, Texas-Oklahoma Passenger Rail Study Service-Level FEIS/ROD, Review Period Ends: 12/03/2017, Contact: Kevin Wright (202) 493-0845*

*EIS No. 20170216, Final, FEMA, NAT, National Flood Insurance Program Nationwide Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, Review Period Ends: 12/03/2017, Contact: Bret Gates (202) 646-4133*

*EIS No. 20170217, Final, USACE, TX, Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir Fannin County Texas, Review Period Ends: 12/09/2017, Contact: Andrew Commer (918) 669-7400*

*EIS No. 20170218, Draft, NMFS, WA, 10 Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery Programs in the Duwamish-Green River Basin, Comment Period Ends: 12/20/2017, Contact: Steve Leider (360) 753-4650*

#### Amended Notices

*EIS No. 20170210, Final, USFS, WY, Upper Green River Area Rangeland Project, Review Period Ends: 12/11/2017, Contact: Dave Booth (307) 367-4326*

Revision to FR Notice Published 10/27/2017; Correcting Lead Agency from USFWS to USFS.

Dated: October 31, 2017.

**Kelly Knight,**  
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-OAR-2016-0596; FRL-9970-36-OAR]  
RIN 2060-AT22

**Response to December 9, 2013, Clean Air Act Section 176A Petition From Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final action on petition.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is denying a Clean Air Act (CAA) petition filed on December 9, 2013, by the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. The petition requested that the EPA expand the Ozone Transport Region (OTR) by adding the states of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia and the areas of Virginia not already in the OTR in order to address the interstate transport of air pollution with respect to the 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). As a result of this denial, the geographic scope and requirements of the OTR will remain unchanged. However, the EPA and states will continue to implement programs to address interstate transport of ozone pollution with respect to the 2008 ozone.

**DATES:** This final action is effective on November 3, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** The EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2016-0596. All documents in the docket are listed and publicly available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, *i.e.*, Confidential Business Information or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in the docket or in hard copy at the Docket, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Office of Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center is (202) 566-1742.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Gobeail McKinley, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Policy Division, Mail code C539-01, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5246; email at [mckinley.gobeail@epa.gov](mailto:mckinley.gobeail@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. General Information

Throughout this document, wherever "we," "us," or "our" is used, we mean the U.S. EPA.

##### A. How is this action organized?

The information in this **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this preamble is organized as follows:

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##### B. Where can I get a copy of this document and other related information?

In addition to being available in the docket, an electronic copy of this action will be posted at <https://www.epa.gov/ozone-pollution/2008-ozone-national-ambient-air-quality-standards-naaqs-section-176a-petitions>.

##### C. What acronyms, abbreviations and units are used in this preamble?

APA Administrative Procedure Act  
CAA or Act Clean Air Act  
CFR Code of Federal Regulations  
D.C. Circuit United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit  
EGU Electric Generating Unit  
EPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
FIP Federal Implementation Plan  
FR **Federal Register**  
NAAQS National Ambient Air Quality Standards