

issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000. Southern Star requests authorization to increase the maximum operating pressure on Southern Star's Blue Mountain Chisholm Trail Lateral (also referred to herein as Line VP-079) pipeline in Grady County, Oklahoma to its designed maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of 1460 psig, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is open to the public for inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Cindy Thompson, Manager, Regulatory, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc., 4700 Highway 56, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301 or phone (270) 852-4655, or by email at Cindy.C.Thompson@sscgp.com.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be

authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

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 final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or 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 FEIS or EA.

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 commenters 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 commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenter 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 an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: June 21, 2018.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceedings and Refund Effective Date

- Docket Nos. EL18-155-000.
- Docket Nos. EL18-156-000.
- Docket Nos. EL18-157-000.
- Docket Nos. EL18-158-000.
- Docket Nos. EL18-159-000.
- Docket Nos. EL18-160-000.
- Docket Nos. EL18-161-000.
- Docket Nos. EL18-162-000.
- Docket Nos. EL18-163-000.
- Docket Nos. EL18-164-000.
- Docket Nos. EL18-165-000.
- Docket Nos. EL18-166-000.
- Docket Nos. EL18-167-000 (not consolidated).

- Ameren Illinois Company
- Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois
- American Transmission Company, LLC
- GridLiance West Transco LLC
- International Transmission Company
- ITC Midwest, LLC
- Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation
- Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation
- Public Service Company of Colorado
- Southern California Edison Company
- TransCanyon DCR, LLC
- Southwestern Public Service Company
- Virginia Electric and Power Company

On June 21, 2018, the Commission issued an order in Docket Nos. EL18-155-000, EL18-156-000, EL18-157-000, EL18-158-000, EL18-159-000, EL18-160-000, EL18-161-000, EL18-162-000, EL18-163-000, EL18-164-000, EL18-165-000, EL18-166-000, and EL18-167-000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e (2012), instituting investigations into whether the transmission formula rates of Ameren

Illinois Company, Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois, American Transmission Company, LLC, GridLiance West Transco LLC, International Transmission Company, ITC Midwest, LLC, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation, Public Service Company of Colorado, Southern California Edison Company, TransCanyon DCR, LLC, Southwestern

Public Service Company, and Virginia Electric and Power Company (collectively, Respondents) may be unjust, unreasonable, or unduly discriminatory or preferential. *Ameren Illinois Company, et al.*, 163 FERC 61,200 (2018).

The refund effective date in Docket Nos. EL18-155-000, EL18-156-000, EL18-157-000, EL18-158-000, EL18-159-000, EL18-160-000, EL18-161-000, EL18-162-000, EL18-163-000,

EL18-164-000, EL18-165-000, EL18-166-000, and EL18-167-000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any interested person desiring to be heard in the proceeding associated with a particular Respondent must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, in the docket number identified in the caption of this notice, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214 (2017), within 21 days of the date of issuance of the order.

Dated: June 21, 2018.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5596-019]

Town of Bedford; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 5596-019.

c. *Date Filed:* April 30, 2018.

d. *Submitted By:* Town of Bedford.

e. *Name of Project:* Bedford Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the James River, in Amherst and Bedford Counties, Virginia. The project does not occupy federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Applicant Contact:* M. Scott Salmon, Electrical Department, Town of Bedford, 877 Monroe Street, Bedford, Virginia 24523, (540) 587-6022; or Jot Splenda at (919) 866-4417; email—jsplenda@louisberger.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Allyson Conner at (202) 502-6082; or email at allyson.conner@ferc.gov.

j. The Town of Bedford filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on April 30, 2018. The Town of Bedford provided public notice of its request on May 23, 2018. In a letter dated June 21, 2018, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing

approved the Town of Bedford's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR part 402. We are also initiating consultation with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. The Town of Bedford filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

m. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

n. The Town of Bedford states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 5596. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by April 30, 2021.

o. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: June 21, 2018.

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: RP18-900-000.
Applicants: Midcontinent Express Pipeline LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Removal of Expiring Newfield Agreements to be effective 8/1/2018.

Filed Date: 6/20/18.

Accession Number: 20180620-5017.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/2/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18-901-000.
Applicants: El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Agreement Update (Pioneer July-Sept 2018) to be effective 7/1/2018.

Filed Date: 6/20/18.

Accession Number: 20180620-5091.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/2/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18-902-000.
Applicants: El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Tariff Merger Filing—June 18 to be effective 7/21/2018.

Filed Date: 6/20/18.

Accession Number: 20180620-5093.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/2/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18-903-000.
Applicants: Dauphin Island Gathering Partners.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Filing 6-21-2018 to be effective 6/21/2018.

Filed Date: 6/20/18.

Accession Number: 20180620-5117.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/2/18.

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