

*Applicants:* Battery Utility of Ohio, LLC.

*Description:* Notice of Change in Status of Battery Utility of Ohio, LLC.

*Filed Date:* 6/20/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180620–5118.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/11/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17–469–002.

*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

*Description:* Compliance filing: Midwest Energy Formula Rate Revisions Compliance Filing to be effective 1/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 6/21/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180621–5025.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/12/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18–1703–001.

*Applicants:* Entergy Arkansas, Inc., Entergy Mississippi, Inc., Entergy New Orleans, LLC, Entergy Texas, Inc., Entergy Louisiana, LLC.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Entergy OpCos Reactive Power Update Errata (ER18–1703) to be effective 6/1/2018.

*Filed Date:* 6/21/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180621–5075.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/12/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18–1811–000.

*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 1276R17 KCPL NITSA NOA to be effective 9/1/2018.

*Filed Date:* 6/21/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180621–5033.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/12/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18–1812–000.

*Applicants:* Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2018–06–21 SA 3126/3127 ATC–WEPCo Project Commitment Agrmts Juneautown to be effective 8/21/2018.

*Filed Date:* 6/21/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180621–5054.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/12/18.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric securities filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ES18–41–000.

*Applicants:* Northern Pass Transmission LLC.

*Description:* Application for Authority to Issue Debt Securities of Northern Pass Transmission LLC.

*Filed Date:* 6/20/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180620–5131.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/11/18.

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 other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: June 21, 2018.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18–502–000]

#### Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on June 11, 2018, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line, LP (Panhandle), P.O. Box 4967, Houston, Texas 77210–4967, filed a prior notice application pursuant to sections 157.205, and 157.208(f)(2) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Panhandle's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83–83–000. Panhandle requests authorization to decrease the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of a segment of its State Line Lateral located in Johnson County, Kansas and Jackson County, Missouri, due to the recent compliance testing results in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation regulations, 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Blair Lichtenwalter, Senior Director of Certificates, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP, 1300 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002 or phone (713)

989–1205, or by email at [blair.lichtenwalter@energytransfer.com](mailto:blair.lichtenwalter@energytransfer.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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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0559; FRL-9978-62]

### Final Strategic Plan To Promote the Development and Implementation of Alternative Test Methods Supporting the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Notice of Availability

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by TSCA, which was amended by the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act in June 2016, EPA is announcing the availability of a document entitled: *Strategic Plan to Promote the Development and Implementation of Alternative Test Methods Supporting the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)*. EPA is also making available a response to comments document that addresses comments received on the draft Strategic Plan.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

*For technical information contact:* Louis Scarano, Risk Assessment Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: 202-564-2851, email address: [scarano.louis@epa.gov](mailto:scarano.louis@epa.gov). In addition, progress on this activity will be periodically updated at the following page on the OPPT website at <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca>.

*For general information contact:* The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; email address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## I. General Information

### A. Does this action apply to me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities may include:

- Basic Chemical Manufacturers (NAICS code 3251);
- Resin, Synthetic Rubber, and Artificial Synthetic Fibers and Filament Manufacturers (NAICS code 3252);
- Pesticide, Fertilizer, and Other Agricultural Chemical Manufacturers (NAICS code 3255);
- Paint, Coating, and Adhesive Manufacturers (NAICS code 3255);
- Other Chemical Product and Preparation Manufacturers (NAICS code 3259); and Petroleum Refineries (NAICS code 32411);
- Animal Welfare Groups;
- Environmental non-governmental organizations;
- Toxicity testing laboratories (contract labs);
- Academic/non-profit groups involved in developing and using alternative toxicity test methods.

### B. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0559, is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics Docket (OPPT Docket), Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. 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 OPPT Docket is (202) 566-0280. Please review the visitor instructions and additional information about the docket available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

### C. What is the Agency's authority for this action?

On June 22, 2016, the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st

Century Act amended TSCA (15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*), the nation's primary chemicals management law. Along with new requirements and deadlines for actions related to the regulation of new and existing chemicals in the U.S., the new law includes changes to TSCA section 4 (*Testing of Chemical Substances and Mixtures*). Specifically, a new TSCA section 4(h) has been added entitled *Reduction of Testing on Vertebrates*. TSCA section 4(h)(2)(A) states that EPA shall “. . . , not later than 2 years after June 22, 2016, develop a strategic plan to promote the development and implementation of alternative test methods and strategies to reduce, refine, or replace vertebrate animal testing and provide information of equivalent or better scientific quality and relevance for assessing risks of injury to health or the environment. . . .” (15 U.S.C. 2603(h)(2)(A)).

### D. What action is the Agency taking?

In fulfillment of the requirements in TSCA section 4(h)(2)(A), EPA has prepared a final Strategic Plan to “promote the development and implementation of alternative test methods and strategies to reduce, refine or replace vertebrate animal testing and provide information of equivalent or better scientific quality and relevance for assessing risks of injury to health or the environment of chemical substances or mixtures . . .”. The Strategic Plan is being made available in both the docket and on the EPA website.

In addition, making available a response to comments document that addresses comments on the draft Strategic Plan received through May 11, 2018. The response to comment document is available in the docket. (<http://www.regulations.gov>; docket ID number HQ-OPPT-2017-0559)

## II. Background

OPPT hosted a public meeting on November 2, 2017, in which a conceptual approach to this final Strategic Plan was presented. Meeting materials and public comments received through January 10, 2018, can be found in the docket (<http://www.regulations.gov>; docket ID number HQ-OPPT-2017-0559).

A draft Strategic Plan was published on March 12, 2018, along with a response to comments document that addressed the comments received through January 10, 2018. OPPT hosted a second public meeting on April 10, 2018, to receive input from the public on the draft Strategic Plan. A docket was made available with the meeting materials and allowed for comments to