Implementing One Federal Decision

Memorandum of Understanding

Infrastructure Project pursuant to the inspection.

Commission and open to public application which is on file with the rates for the Southgate Project facilities, a separate rate zone and initial recourse $468,459,509. Mountain Valley requests cost of the Southgate Project to be (Dth/d). Mountain Valley estimates the North Carolina. The Project is designed with Public Service Company of receiving facilities, and appurtenant County, Virginia, and (iii) associated Compressor Station in Pittsylvania the 28,915 horsepower Lambert inch and 16-inch-diameter pipeline, (ii) (i) Approximately 73 miles of new 24-inch and 16-inch-diameter pipeline, (ii) the 28,915 horsepower Lambert Compressor Station in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and (iii) associated valves, piping, pig launching and receiving facilities, and appurtenant facilities. The proposed Southgate Project facilities commence near the City of Chatham, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia and terminate at a delivery point with Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. (PSNC) near the City of Graham in Alamance County, North Carolina. The Project is designed to create 375,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d). Mountain Valley estimates the cost of the Southgate Project to be $468,459,509. Mountain Valley requests a separate rate zone and initial recourse rates for the Southgate Project facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Commission staff has determined that this project qualifies as a Major Infrastructure Project pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding Implementing One Federal Decision Under Executive Order 13807 (MOU) signed on April 10, 2018. Major Infrastructure Projects are defined as projects for which multiple authorizations by Federal agencies will be required and the lead Federal agency has determined that it will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.

The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission’s website 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.


On May 15, 2018, the Commission staff granted Mountain Valley’s request to utilize the Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF18–4–000 to staff activities involved in the Southgate Project. Now, as of the filing of the November 6, 2018 application, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP19–14–000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

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 impact statement (EIS) 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 EIS for this proposal. The filing of the final EIS 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.

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 3 copies of filings made with the Commission and must provide 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 and will be notified of any 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 and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission’s final order. As of the February 27, 2018 date of the Commission’s order in Docket No. CP16–4–001, the Commission will apply its revised practice concerning out-of-time motions to intervene in any new Natural Gas Act section 3 or section
7 proceeding. Persons desiring to become a party to a certificate proceeding are to intervene in a timely manner. If seeking to intervene out-of-time, the movant is required to “show good cause why the time limitation should be waived,” and should provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d)(1) of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations.

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 3 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 December 10, 2018.

Dated: November 19, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14887–000]

Southeast Oklahoma Power Corporation; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

1. On July 31, 2018, Southeast Oklahoma Power Corporation, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Southeast Oklahoma Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project (project) to be located on the Kiamichi River, near the town of Whitesboro, in LeFlore County, Oklahoma. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners’ express permission.

2. The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) A 2,165-foot-long, 302-foot-high concrete-faced rockfill upper dam with a 196.85-foot-long emergency spillway with a 600-foot-long, 30-foot-wide channel; (2) an upper reservoir with a surface area of 488.52 acres and a storage capacity of 43,633 acre-feet; (3) a 98.4-foot-long, 39.4-foot-high concrete upper intake/outlet structure; (4) a 6,370-foot-long, 27.8-foot-diameter steel and concrete headrace tunnel; (5) a 545-foot-long, 90-foot-wide, 185.4-foot-high underground concrete pumping station/powerhouse containing four pump/generating units with a total capacity of 1,200 megawatts; (6) a 7,439-foot-long, 27.8-foot-diameter tailrace tunnel; (7) a 98.4-foot-long, 39.4-foot-high concrete lower intake/outlet structure; (8) a 9,957-foot-long, 52.5-foot-high earthen lower dam with a 33-foot-long, 13-foot-high emergency spillway with a 1,640-foot-long tunnel to the Kiamichi River; (9) a lower reservoir with a surface area of 727 acres, and a storage capacity of 37,965 acre-feet; (10) two 20-inch-diameter, 675-foot-long pipes with 110 kilowatt pumps from the lower reservoir to the regulating reservoir; (11) a regulating reservoir with a surface area of 40 acres, and a storage capacity of 1,216 acre-feet; (12) two 20-inch-diameter, 690-foot-long pipes with two 110 kilowatt pumps from the Kiamichi River to the regulating reservoir; (13) a 40-foot-long, 40-foot-wide funnel shaped intake structure on the Kiamichi River, located 1.5-foot above the bottom of the Kiamichi River tapering down to 10-foot-long, 10-foot-wide section where it connects to the two pipes; and (14) a 124-mile-long transmission line to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas grid.

The proposed project would relocate State Road 248 (Post Oak Road) and 583rd Street because the lower reservoir would otherwise inundate them. The proposed project would have an estimated average annual generation of 4,368,000 megawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. John Bobenic, Southeast Oklahoma Power Corporation, c/o Daytona Power Corp, 1800, 421–7 Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta Canada T2P 4K9; phone: (403) 433–4933.

FERC Contact: Michael Spencer, (202) 502–6093, michael.spencer@ferc.gov.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission’s eFiling system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eFiling.asp. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eComment.asp. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERConlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–14887–000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the “eLibrary” link of Commission’s website at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. Enter the docket number (P–14887) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: November 16, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18–525–000]

Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP—Willis Lateral Project

On July 13, 2018, Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP (Gulf South) filed an application in Docket No. CP18–525–000 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 Willis Lateral Project (Project), and would provide about 200 million cubic feet of natural gas per day to Entergy Texas, Inc.’s Montgomery County Power Station Project near Willis, Texas.

On July 26, 2018, 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).