

pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for the Viola Project (Project) in Sumner County, Kansas. Southern Star proposes to construct a new meter station, flow station, compressor station, and the Line UA natural gas pipeline, in order to flow up to 116,296 dekatherms per day of natural gas. The Viola Project would support and supply the 710-megawatt combined cycle power generation Viola Plant, which is currently under construction in Sumner County, and would be owned and operated by Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. (Evergy).

On February 4, 2026, 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 document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹ The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—October 9, 2026
90-day Federal Authorization Decision
Deadline²—January 7, 2027

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 consist of the facilities and activities detailed below, all in Sumner County, Kansas:

- approximately 19.33 miles of new 16-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline (Line UA), which would connect to Southern Star's existing 20-inch-diameter Line U;
- the new Wellington Compressor Station, consisting of three compressor

units totaling 12,375 horsepower, along with ancillary station equipment;

- a new mainline valve on Line U; and
- the Evergy Meter Setting, a meter station which would connect Line UA to the new Evergy Viola Plant.

Background

On March 4, 2026, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Viola Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping 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. The Commission received a comment regarding concerns over air and noise emissions, as well as potential safety risks of a compressor station and pipeline within 1 mile of a residence. All substantive comments received will be addressed in the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Additional information about the Project is available from the FERC website (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.*, CP26-74), 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 website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
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: RP26-750-000.
Applicants: El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.
Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Agreement Update (WTG April 2026) to be effective 4/8/2026.
Filed Date: 4/8/26.
Accession Number: 0260408-5000.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/20/26.
Docket Numbers: RP26-751-000.
Applicants: Viking Gas Transmission Company.

Description: Compliance filing: Conforming Displacement Agreements—Koch and World Fuel to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 4/8/26.
Accession Number: 0260408-5116.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/20/26.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) 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.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

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.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1774341286.

² The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

Dated: April 8, 2026.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR25-52-003]

Consumers Energy Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

Take notice that on April 20, 2026, the Commission will hold an informal virtual settlement conference at 10 a.m., Eastern Time, in the above-referenced proceeding.

The informal settlement conference is convened pursuant to 18 CFR 284.123(g)(5) (2025). At the conference, Consumers Energy Company should be prepared to address all issues raised by Commission staff protest in Docket No. PR25-52-003, excluding those issues raised by the protest and request for rehearing in Docket No. PR25-52-002, and to provide, as necessary, additional support for its filing.

FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an email to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or 202-502-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

All interested parties and staff are permitted to attend. For further information please contact Nan Zhang at (202) 502-6134 or email at qiannan.zhang@ferc.gov or Vince Mareino at (202) 502-6167 or email at vince.mareino@ferc.gov.

Dated: April 7, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. NJ26-7-000]

Western Area Power Administration: Notice of Filing

Take notice that on March 30, 2026, Western Area Power Administration submits tariff filing per 35.28(e): a revision to its non-jurisdictional Open Access Transmission Tariff to be effective April 1, 2026.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in 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. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's website during normal business hours from FERC Online Support at 202-502-6652 (toll free at 1-866-208-3676) or email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371, TTY (202) 502-8659. Email the Public Reference Room at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov.

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 may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 29, 2026.

Dated: April 8, 2026.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP24-13-000]

MountainWest Overthrust Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Motion To Vacate Certificate in Part

Take notice that on March 11, 2026, MountainWest Overthrust Pipeline, LLC (Overthrust), 650 South Main Street, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101, filed in the above-referenced docket a motion to vacate a portion of the certificate authority granted by the Commission on October 17, 2024.¹ In the Certificate Order, the Commission granted Overthrust a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct the Westbound Compression Expansion Project (Project) located in Lincoln and Sweetwater Counties, Wyoming. The Project created 325,000 dekatherms per day of incremental firm transportation capacity from Overthrust's existing Wamsutter Interconnect to a new Kern River Gas Transmission Company (Kern River) delivery point near Overthrust's existing Roberson Compressor Station.

In its motion, Overthrust states that it has constructed most of the certificated facilities, with the exception of a pig launcher at its existing Cabin 31 Interconnect Pipeline Facility (Cabin 31). On November 13, 2025, Commission staff authorized Overthrust to place the completed facilities into service, noting that Overthrust reported that it would be able to provide the full project capacity without completion of the pig launcher. Overthrust states that, due to a delay in receiving the revised right-of-way grant from the Kemmerer Bureau of Land Management and not yet reaching agreement with a private landowner, Overthrust has not begun construction at Cabin 31. Overthrust explains that these facilities are auxiliary and not necessary to provide the full capacity, but that it will continue efforts to install the Cabin 31 facilities at a later time for future maintenance and safety of the pipeline. Therefore, Overthrust requests that the Commission vacate the portion of the certificate for the project that authorizes the Cabin 31 facilities.

¹ MountainWest Overthrust Pipeline, LLC, 189 FERC ¶ 61,046 (2024) (Certificate Order).