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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melyssa P. Noe, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management (OREM), P.O. Box 4067, EM-94, Oak Ridge, TN 37831; Phone (865) 241-3315; or E-Mail: [Melyssa.Noel@orem.doe.gov](mailto:Melyssa.Noel@orem.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and recommendations concerning the following EM site-specific issues: clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste and nuclear materials management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship. The Board may also be asked to provide advice and recommendations on other EM program components. The Board also provides an avenue to fulfill public participation requirements outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Federal Facility Agreements, Consent Orders, Consent Decrees and Settlement Agreements.

*Tentative Agenda:* (agenda topics are subject to change; please email [orssab@orem.doe.gov](mailto:orssab@orem.doe.gov) for the most current agenda).

- OREM Presentation to the Board
- Discussion
- Public Comment Period
- Board Business

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public and public comment can be given orally or in writing. Fifteen minutes are allocated during the meeting for public comment and those wishing to make oral comment will be given a minimum of two minutes to speak. Written comments received at least two working days prior to the meeting will be provided to the members and included in the meeting minutes. Written comments received within two working days after the meeting will be included in the minutes. For additional information on public comment and to submit written comment, please email [orssab@orem.doe.gov](mailto:orssab@orem.doe.gov). The EM SSAB, Oak Ridge, welcomes the attendance of the public at its meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special

needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Melyssa P. Noe at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

*Meeting conduct:* The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Questioning of board members or presenters by the public is not permitted.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available at the following website: <https://www.energy.gov/orem/listings/oak-ridge-site-specific-advisory-board-meetings>.

*Signing Authority:* This document of the Department of Energy was signed on April 9, 2026, by David Borak, Committee Management Officer, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 9, 2026.

**Treana V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP23-29-002]

#### Saguaro Connector Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on April 1, 2026, Saguaro Connector Pipeline, LLC (Saguaro) requested that the Commission grant an extension of time, until February 15, 2030, to construct and place into service its Border Facility Project (Project) involving the construction of an approximately 1,000 foot-long, 48-inch-diameter pipeline from the United States-Mexico border at the center of the Rio Grande River to a point approximately 1,000 feet inland from the river, about 18 miles southwest of Sierra Blanca in Hudspeth County, Texas as authorized in the Order Issuing

Presidential Permit and Granting Authorization Under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (Order).<sup>1</sup> The Order required Saguaro to complete construction of the Project and make it available for service within three years of the date of the Order, or by February 15, 2027.

Saguaro states that since the issuance of the Order, the Project has been delayed and construction of the facilities has not yet commenced, due in large part to the uncertainty of the pending litigation, commercial negotiations, and a delay in the commencement of service of the downstream LNG terminal on the Mexican side of the border. Saguaro reiterates that the Project is part of an overall package of investment to supply a to-be-constructed LNG terminal in Mexico with access to supplies from the Waha Hub. Saguaro states that it prudently hesitated to proceed with a final investment decision and construction plans while the appeals process was ongoing. However, now that there is certainty regarding the section 3 authorization and Presidential Permit in place, Saguaro has been in negotiations with the original shipper as well as new shippers interested in utilizing the Project. Given the current interest in the Project after nearly a year and a half of pending litigation, Saguaro needs additional time to discuss its financing options with interested shippers.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on Saguaro's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file 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 Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.10).

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for NGA facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension

<sup>1</sup> *Saguaro Connector Pipeline, LLC*, 186 FERC ¶ 61,114 (Authorization Order) (errata notice issued February 20, 2024), *reh'g denied*, 187 FERC ¶ 62,050, *modified on reh'g*, 188 FERC ¶ 61,029 (2024), *petition for review denied sub nom. Sierra Club, et al. v. FERC*, 145 F.4th 74 (D.C. Cir. 2025) (Appeals Opinion).

requests that are contested,<sup>2</sup> the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.<sup>3</sup> The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the extension.<sup>4</sup> The Commission will not consider arguments that re-litigate the issuance of the certificate order, including whether the Commission properly found the project to be in the public convenience and necessity and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the certificate complied with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).<sup>5</sup> At the time a pipeline requests an extension of time, orders on certificates of public convenience and necessity are final and the Commission will not re-litigate their issuance.<sup>6</sup> The Director of the Office of Energy Projects, or his or her designee, will act on all of those extension requests that are uncontested.

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.

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments in lieu of paper using the "eFile" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>.

<sup>2</sup> Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 CFR 385.2201(c)(1).

<sup>3</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at P 40.

<sup>5</sup> Similarly, the Commission will not re-litigate the issuance of an NGA section 3 authorization, including whether a proposed project is not inconsistent with the public interest and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the permit order complied with NEPA.

<sup>6</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

[www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy which must reference the Project docket number.

*To file via USPS:* Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

*To file via any other courier:* Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 23, 2026.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: April 8, 2026.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2716-051]

#### Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia, Allegheny Generating Company, and Bath County Energy, LLC: Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On December 30, 2024, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia, Allegheny Generating Company, and Bath County Energy, LLC (Dominion) filed a relicense application for the 2,484-megawatt Bath County Pumped Storage Project No. 2716 (project). The project is located on Back Creek and Little Back Creek in Bath, Highland, Augusta, and Rockbridge counties, Virginia. The project includes a 278-acre upper reservoir impounded by a 2,250-foot-long, 460-foot-high, earth and rock-fill dam; (2) a primarily underground powerhouse housing six Francis reversible pump-turbines; and (3) a 555-acre lower reservoir impounded by a 2,100-foot-long, 135-foot-high, earth and rock-fill dam. The current project boundary encompasses 3,451 acres of land, including 1,122 acres of federal land in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on January 15, 2026, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA Notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the project.<sup>1</sup>

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing decision.

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](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA.	November 20, 2026.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Andy Bernick at (202) 502-8660 or email at [andrew.bernick@ferc.gov](mailto:andrew.bernick@ferc.gov).

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: April 7, 2026.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-74-000]

#### Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Viola Project

On January 21, 2026, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) filed an application in Docket No. CP26-74-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

<sup>1</sup> For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1774339686.