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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25-539-000; Docket No. CP25-539-001]

Rockies Express Pipeline LLC; Cheyenne Connector, LLC; East Cheyenne Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Critical Energy Reliability Link Project, as Amended

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) is in the process of preparing an environmental document that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Critical Energy Reliability Link Project involving construction and operation of facilities, and related activities, proposed by Rockies Express Pipeline LLC (REX), Cheyenne Connector, LLC, and East Cheyenne Gas Storage, LLC (collectively the Applicants) in Weld, Adams, Arapahoe, Elbert, and El Paso counties, Colorado. However, on May 15, 2026, REX filed changes to the project, adding and modifying facilities and affecting new landowners. Accordingly, this notice announces the opening of an additional scoping period the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project, as amended in Docket No. CP25-539-001. The environmental mailing list for this notice has been updated to account for the proposed amended facilities.

As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This gathering of public input is referred to as “scoping.” The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues. Additional information about the Commission’s

NEPA process is described below in the NEPA Process and Environmental Document section of this notice. The Commission will use staff’s environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 17, 2026. Comments may be submitted in written form. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the environmental document. Commission staff will consider all written comments during the preparation of the environmental document.

This notice is being sent to the Commission’s current environmental mailing list for this project, as amended. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, the Natural Gas Act conveys the right of eminent domain to the company. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with state law. The Commission does not subsequently grant, exercise, or oversee the exercise of that eminent domain authority. The courts have exclusive authority to handle eminent domain cases; the Commission has no jurisdiction over these matters.

The Applicants provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC

entitled “An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?” which addresses typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission’s proceedings. This fact sheet along with other landowner topics of interest are available for viewing on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) under the Natural Gas, Landowner Topics link.

Public Participation

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. Using eComment is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project.

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “eRegister.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; a comment on a particular project is considered a “Comment on a Filing.”

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP25-539-000 or -001) on your letter. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Additionally, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which makes it easy to stay informed of all issuances and submittals regarding the dockets/projects to which you subscribe. These instant email notifications are the fastest way to receive notification and provide a link to the document files which can reduce the amount of time you spend

researching proceedings. 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, the public is encouraged to contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Summary of the Proposed Project

On August 15, 2025, REX, Cheyenne Connector, LLC, and East Cheyenne Gas Storage, LLC jointly filed a Natural Gas Act sections 7(c)/7(b) application in Docket No. CP25-539-000 proposing construction of the following in Weld, Adams, Arapahoe, Elbert, and El Paso Counties, Colorado:

- approximately 160 miles of 24-inch-diameter natural gas pipelines consisting of a 152.7-mile-long “Lateral,” a 7.0-mile-long “Horizon Spur,” and a 0.3-mile-long “Cheyenne Connector Interconnect Piping”;
- a 6,200-horsepower compressor station (“LaSalle Compressor Station”); and
- other appurtenant facilities including 3 meter stations and 14 mainline valves.

On May 15, 2026, REX amended its Project with a supplemental filing, assigned Docket No. CP25-539-001, in which REX proposes to:

- in El Paso County, add 2.7 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline (“Williams Creek Spur”) and one associated meter station (“Williams Creek Meter Station”); and
- in Weld, Adams, Arapahoe, Elbert, and El Paso counties, make a total of 61 modifications to the original project proposal, which would:
 - adjust the Lateral’s centerline and increase the Lateral’s length by 1.1 miles to a total length of approximately 153.8 miles;
 - modify, eliminate, add, or relocate several temporary workspaces and access roads; and
 - modify other workspace and aboveground facility footprints that would result in a net 20.4-acre increase in project construction land requirements.

The Critical Energy Reliability Link Project would provide up to 100,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of firm natural gas transportation service and 50,000 Dth/d of no-notice service to Colorado Springs Utilities in Colorado Springs. The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.¹

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities, as amended, would disturb about 2,268 acres of land for the aboveground facilities and the pipelines. Following construction, the Applicants would maintain about 1,068 acres for permanent operation of the project’s facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and revert to former uses. About 69.8 percent of the proposed pipeline route parallels existing pipeline, utility, or road rights-of-way.

NEPA Process and the Environmental Document

Any environmental document issued by the Commission will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under the relevant general resource areas:

- geology and soils;
- water resources and wetlands;
- vegetation and wildlife;
- threatened and endangered species;
- cultural resources;
- socioeconomic;
- land use and visual resources;
- air quality and noise; and
- reliability and safety.

Commission staff will evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas. Your comments will help Commission staff identify and focus on the issues that might have an effect on the human environment and potentially eliminate others from further study and discussion in the environmental document.

On December 11, 2025, the Commission issued a *Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Critical Energy Reliability Link Project*. However, due to the proposed amended facilities in Docket No. CP25-539-001, the Commission will issue a revised *Notice of Schedule for the EA*. The Commission would consider timely comments on the EA before making its decision regarding the proposed project. The EA will be available in electronic format in the public record through eLibrary² and the Commission’s natural gas environmental documents web page

appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at www.ferc.gov using the link called “eLibrary.” For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

² For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

(<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents>). If eSubscribed, you will receive instant email notification when the environmental document is issued.

With this notice, the Commission is asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document.³ Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation’s implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Commission is using this notice to initiate (as necessary) and continue consultation with the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office, and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project’s potential effects on historic properties.⁴ The environmental document for this project will document findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission’s regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project and includes a mailing address with their comments. Commission staff has updated the environmental mailing list to account for the proposed amended facilities, and

³ Cooperating agency responsibilities are addressed in Section 107(a)(3) of NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4336(a)(3)).

⁴ The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation’s regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

will continue to do so as the analysis proceeds to ensure that Commission notices related to this environmental review are sent to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If you need to make changes to your name/address, or if you would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please complete one of the following steps:

(1) Send an email to GasProjectAddressChange@ferc.gov stating your request. You must include the docket number CP25–539–000 or –001 in your request. If you are requesting a change to your address, please be sure to include your name and the correct address. If you are requesting to delete your address from the mailing list, please include your name and address as it appeared on this notice. This email address is unable to accept comments.

OR

(2) Return the attached “Mailing List Update Form” (appendix 2).

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on “General Search” and enter the docket number in the “Docket Number” field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. Public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission’s calendar located at <https://www.ferc.gov/news-events/events> along with other related information.

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[Project No. 5000–000]

Ampersand Kayuta Lake Hydro, LLC; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

The license for the Kayuta Lake Hydroelectric Project No. 5000 was issued for a period ending May 31, 2026.

Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee(s) under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project’s prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 5000 is issued to the Ampersand Kayuta Lake Hydro, LLC for a period effective June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before May 31, 2027, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that the Pacific Gas and Electric Company is authorized to continue operation of the Kayuta Lake Hydroelectric Project under the terms and conditions of the prior license until

the issuance of a subsequent license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

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.

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Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

Docket Numbers: EG26–259–000.

Applicants: Border Basin, LLC.

Description: Border Basin, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 6/17/26.

Accession Number: 20260617–5063.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 7/8/26.

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

Docket Numbers: ER10–2732–023;

ER19–2096–006; ER10–2736–023;

ER10–2737–023; ER10–2741–023;

ER10–2749–024; ER10–2752–023;

ER12–2492–019; ER12–2493–019;

ER12–2494–019; ER12–2495–019;

ER12–2496–019; ER16–2455–013;

ER16–2456–013; ER16–2457–013;

ER16–2459–013; ER18–1404–009.

Applicants: NS Power Energy Marketing Inc., Emera Energy, Services Subsidiary No. 15 LLC, Emera Energy Services, Subsidiary No. 13 LLC, Emera Energy Services, Subsidiary No. 12 LLC, Emera Energy Services, Subsidiary No. 11 LLC, Emera Energy Services Subsidiary No. 10 LLC, Emera Energy Services Subsidiary No. 9 LLC, Emera Energy Services Subsidiary No. 8 LLC, Emera Energy Services, Subsidiary No. 7 LLC, Emera Energy Services, Subsidiary No. 6 LLC, Emera Energy Services, Subsidiary No. 5 LLC, Emera Energy Services, Subsidiary No. 4 LLC, Emera Energy Services, Subsidiary No. 3 LLC, Emera Energy Services, Subsidiary No. 2 LLC, Emera Energy Services, Subsidiary No. 1 LLC, Emera Energy LNG, LLC, Emera Energy Services, Inc.