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Please submit a copy of your comments to the Commission via email to DataClearance@FERC.gov. You must specify the Docket No. (IC26–32–000) and the FERC Information Collection number (FERC–555) in your email. If you are unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:

- *Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.
- *All other delivery methods:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Docket: To view comments and issuances in this docket, please visit <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC–555 information collection requirements with no changes to the record keeping requirements.

Title: Preservation of Records for Public Utilities and Licensees, Natural Gas Companies, and Oil Pipeline Companies.

OMB Control No.: 1902–0098.
Abstract: The Commission collects the information to carry out its responsibilities described in sections 301, 304, and 309 of the Federal Power Act (FPA),¹ sections 8, 10, and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),² and in the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA).³

The regulations for preservation of records at 18 CFR parts 125, 225, and 356 establish retention periods and other requirements for applicable records. These requirements apply to the public utilities, licensees, natural gas companies, and oil pipeline companies that are subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction. In general, FERC’s regulations require jurisdictional companies to maintain the following types of records:

- Corporate;
- Information Technology Management;
- General Accounting;

- Personnel and Payroll;
- Transportation;
- Tariffs and Rates;
- Insurance;
- Operations and Maintenance;
- Plant and Depreciation;
- Purchase and Stores;
- Revenue Accounting and Collection;
- Tax;
- Treasury; and
- Miscellaneous.

Regulated entities use these records as the basis for required rate filings and reports to the Commission. The Commission’s audit staff may use the records during compliance reviews, and the Commission’s enforcement staff may use the information during investigations. In addition, the Commission’s staff may use the records for special analyses on subjects such as jurisdictional entities’ responses to extreme weather events.

Types of Respondents: Electric utilities, licensees, natural gas companies, and oil pipeline companies.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*⁴ The Commission estimates the annual burden and cost for the information collection as follows.

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hrs. & cost per response ⁵	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1)
Preservation of Records ⁶	667	1	667	5,218.5 hrs.; \$532,287	3,480,740 hrs.; \$355,035,480	\$532,287
Total			667		3,480,740 hours; \$355,035,480 ..	

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of

automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26–534–000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Permian Basin Expansion Project

On May 28, 2026, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed an application in Docket No. CP26–534–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to

¹ 16 U.S.C. 825, 825c and 825h.

² 15 U.S.C. 717g, 717i, and 717o.

³ 49 U.S.C. 60502.

⁴ Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a federal agency. See 5 CFR 1320 for additional information on the definition of information collection burden.

⁵ FERC estimates that industry hourly costs are similar to the Commission FY 2026 average salary plus benefits of \$213,003 per year (or \$102/hour).

⁶ The estimate of annual burden incorporates an additional 0.5 hr per respondent annual estimated burden approved by the Commission in *Policy Statement on Project-Area Wage Standards in the Labor Cost Component of Cost-of-Service Rates*, 186 FERC ¶ 61,190 at P 20 (2024) (“entities seeking to include project-area wage standards in cost-of-service rates should maintain and preserve records,

including books of account or records for work performed by employees, contractors or subcontractors, sufficient to demonstrate that claimed project-area wages were actually paid.”). The 60-day **Federal Register** Notice correctly stated that there are no proposed changes to the record keeping requirements. However, the additional burden associated with the previously approved Project Area Wages Record Retention was inadvertently omitted from the 60-day **Federal Register** Notice.

Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Permian Basin Expansion Project (Project) and would provide about 361,600 dekatherms per day of firm natural gas transportation service to a new natural gas-fired generation facility located in Gaines County, Texas.

On June 9, 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

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—February 19, 2027
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline²—May 20, 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

Northern proposes to construct and operate approximately 16.2 miles of interstate, natural gas transmission pipeline and associated facilities, and a new compressor station, in Lea County, New Mexico and Gaines County, Texas. Northern also proposes to modify facilities within the fence line of the existing Plains Compressor Station in Yoakum County, Texas.

Background

On July 8, 2026, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed*

Permian Basin Expansion 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. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Laborer's International Union of North America. Generally, the EPA recommended that the environmental document address water quality and quantity, floodplains, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit coverage, impaired waters, tribal coordination, Endangered Species Act, ambient air conditions and air quality, solid and hazardous waste generated, and compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Laborer's International Union stated that the environmental document address their concerns on the shortage of skilled labor in the local area. All substantive comments 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.*, CP26-534), 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14787-004]

Black Canyon Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Seminole Pumped Storage Project, Schedule for Environmental Review, and Request For Comments

The staff of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requires additional environmental analysis to support its decision on a right-of-way (ROW) application for the Seminole Pumped Storage Project No. 14787 (Seminole Project). BLM staff, in cooperation with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) staff, will prepare a supplement (supplemental EIS) to the June 12, 2026 final environmental impact statement for the Seminole Project. The supplemental EIS will supplement discussions of the environmental impacts of the proposed BLM ROW application associated with the Seminole Project. Additionally, the BLM will discuss and analyze amending components of the Rawlins Resource Management Plan (RMP), listed in the Alternatives Considered section of this notice. The Seminole Project would be located at the Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) Seminole Reservoir on the North Platte River in Carbon County, Wyoming, approximately 35 miles northeast of Rawlins, Wyoming.¹ The BLM will use this supplemental EIS in its decision-making process in compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976. The schedule for preparing the supplemental EIS is discussed in the *Schedule for Environmental Review* section of this notice.

As part of the NEPA review process, the BLM and Commission take into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result whenever it considers the issuance of a project. This gathering of public input is referred to

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1785148514.

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.

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EISX-019-20-000-1742297464.