

2026, in the above referenced docket. Pursuant to sections 284.123(b)(2) and 284.123(g) of the Commission's regulations, Bay Gas filed a rate petition to revise rates for firm and interruptible interstate transportation services provided under section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978. Bay Gas states that the instant rate petition complies with its commitment to file a petition for rate approval on or before July 30, 2026, as stipulated in an amendment filing in Docket No. PR21–58–000. Bay Gas also states that in compliance with an agreement with Commission staff in Docket No. PR21–58–000, it has incorporated Original Cost of plant into the cost of service for its proposed rates. Bay Gas argues that it qualifies for an exemption to the Commission's straight-fixed variable (SFV) rate design policy due to its long-standing rate design that was the result of a settlement in March 1999 which has been carried forward since without change.

2. Commission staff is concerned that Bay Gas has not adequately demonstrated that the proposed firm and interruptible transportation rates are fair and equitable and comply with the underlying principles of SFV rate design. For instance, Bay Gas' proposed rate design does not properly account for variable costs. Bay Gas utilizes a 3400 horsepower Salco compressor station situated between its Whistler Spur Facilities and Mainline Facilities and has various measuring and regulating station equipment throughout its system. Operating these types of plant usually incurs variable costs. However, Bay Gas' proposed transportation rates do not have a usage or commodity charge, and propose a minimum rate of zero. In particular, Commission staff questions the allocation of Total Transmission plant costs for Compressor Station Equipment in Schedule 5 and the lack of compressor station expenses under Transmission Expenses in Schedule 8. Without properly understanding the impact of variable costs on its transmission system, we are unable to determine whether the proposed section 311 transportation rates are fair and equitable.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP26–1271–000.

Applicants: Cheyenne Plains Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.

Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Agreement Filing (Various) to be effective 11/1/2026.

Filed Date: 9/23/26.

Accession Number: 20260923–5120.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/5/26.

Docket Numbers: RP26–1272–000.

Applicants: Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC.

Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: Leidy South—Ellisburg—NFGS Fuel Retention to be effective 11/1/2026.

Filed Date: 9/24/26.

Accession Number: 20260924–5000.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/26.

Docket Numbers: RP26–1273–000.

Applicants: NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates—DTE 860002 and 860003 to be effective 11/1/2026.

Filed Date: 9/24/26.

Accession Number: 20260924–5003.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/26.

Docket Numbers: RP26–1274–000.

Applicants: Talos Exploration, LLC, Walter Oil & Gas Corporation.

Description: Joint Petition for Limited Waiver of Capacity Release Regulations, *et al.*, Request for Expedited Action and Request for Shortened Comment Period of Talos Exploration LLC, *et al.*

Filed Date: 9/24/26.

Accession Number: 20260924–5054.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/6/26.

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/fercensearch.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.

Dated: September 24, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26–578–000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC; Notice of Application and Establishing Intervention Deadline

Take notice that on September 9, 2026, Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (FGT), 1300 Main St., Houston, Texas 77002, filed an application under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization for its Phase IX Project (Project). The Project consists of increasing the certificated capacity and increase throughput at certain compressor stations, and construct, modify, install, own, and operate certain natural gas transmission facilities to provide transportation services in the states of Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi. The Project is designed to provide 526,750 million British thermal units per day. FGT estimates the total cost of the Project to be \$1,220,215,365 and proposes new Rate-Schedule FTS–4 at initial incremental negotiated rates, and to roll project fuel into its existing system fuel treatment, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

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.reference.room@ferc.gov.

Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to Iain Russell, Senior Manager of Certificates, Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC, 1300 Main St., Houston, Texas 77002, by phone at (713) 989-2615, by fax at (713) 989-1205, or by email at iain.russell@energytransfer.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental review 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 environmental impact statement (FEIS) or environmental assessment (EA) for this proposal. The filing of an EA 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 or EA.

Water Quality Certification

FGT stated that a water quality certificate under section 401 of the Clean Water Act is required for the project from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. When available, FGT should submit to the Commission a copy of the request for certification for the Commission authorization, including the date the request was submitted to the certifying agency, and either (1) a copy of the certifying agency's decision or (2) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file comments on the project, you can protest the filing, and you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding. There is no fee or cost for filing comments or intervening. The deadline for filing a motion to intervene is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 14, 2026. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

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

Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. Comments may include statements of support or objections, to the project as a whole or specific aspects of the project. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be.

Protests

Pursuant to sections 157.10(a)(4)² and 385.211³ of the Commission's regulations under the NGA, any person⁴ may file a protest to the application. Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 385.2001⁵ of the Commission's regulations. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

To ensure that your comments or protests are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 14, 2026.

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments or protests to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the Project docket number CP26-578-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments or protests electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the

Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. 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; first select "General" and then select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments or protests by mailing them to the following address below. Your written comments must reference the Project docket number (CP26-578-000).

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.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments (options 1 and 2 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Persons who comment on the environmental review of this project will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, and will receive notification when the environmental documents (EA or EIS) are issued for this project and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process.

The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. *However, the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding.* To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding. For instructions on how to intervene, see below.

Interventions

Any person, which includes individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities,⁶ has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure⁷ and the regulations under

¹ 18 CFR 157.9.

² 18 CFR 157.10(a)(4).

³ 18 CFR 385.211.

⁴ Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

⁵ 18 CFR 385.2001.

⁶ 18 CFR 385.102(d).

⁷ 18 CFR 385.214.

the NGA⁸ by the intervention deadline for the project, which is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 14, 2026. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

There are two ways to submit your motion to intervene. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP26–578–000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your motion to intervene by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. 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; first select "General" and then select "Intervention." The eFiling feature includes a document-less intervention option; for more information, visit <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/document-less-intervention.pdf>; or

(2) You can file a paper copy of your motion to intervene, along with three copies, by mailing the documents to the address below. Your motion to intervene must reference the Project docket number CP26–578–000.

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.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of motions to intervene (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail at: Iain Russell, Senior Manager of Certificates, Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC, 1300 Main St., Houston, Texas 77002 or by email (with a link to the document) at iain.russell@energytransfer.com. Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other

parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online. Service can be via email with a link to the document.

All timely, unopposed⁹ motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1).¹⁰ Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely, and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.¹¹ A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

Tracking the Proceeding

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project will be available from OPP at (202) 502–6595 or on the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. For more information and to register, go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Intervention Deadline: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 14, 2026.

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Secretary.

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⁹ The applicant has 15 days from the submittal of a motion to intervene to file a written objection to the intervention.

¹⁰ 18 CFR 385.214(c)(1).

¹¹ 18 CFR 385.214(b)(3) and (d).

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2742–040]

Copper Valley Electric Association, Inc.; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing; and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests; and Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Solomon Gulch Hydroelectric Project

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 2742–040.

c. *Date Filed:* May 27, 2026.

d. *Submitted By:* Copper Valley Electric Association, Inc. (CVEA).

e. *Name of Project:* Solomon Gulch Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On Solomon Lake and Solomon Gulch Creek, in the Chugach Census Area, in Valdez, Alaska. The project occupies 440 acres of federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r)

h. *Applicant Contact:* Coreen Palacios, Copper Valley Electric, P.O. Box 45, Mile 187 Glenn Highway, Glenallen, AK 99588; at (907) 822–8301; or email at CPalacios@cvea.org.

i. *FERC Contact:* Lauren Townson at (202) 502–8572; or email at Lauren.Townson@ferc.gov.

j. The staff for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document that will discuss the environmental effects of relicensing the Solomon Gulch Hydroelectric Project. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether to issue a new license for the project.

k. This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. This notice is intended to advise all participants as to the potential scope of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document and to seek additional information pertinent to this analysis. Commission staff do not intend to issue a separate scoping document.

As part of the NEPA review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental effects

⁸ 18 CFR 157.10.